

2008 U.S. Dairy Statistics

Rank	Value of milk generated per operation*	State	Value of milk per cow	Change in value per cow over 2008	Total milk production (in millions of lbs.)	Annual percentage change in total milk	Total number of cows (in thousands)	Average milk per cow (lbs.)	Total number of licensed dairy herds	Average herd size
1	\$8,602,344	New Mexico	\$4,072	-\$56	7,865	+7.9	338	23,269	160	2,113
2	\$6,378,533	Arizona	\$4,115	-\$327	4,349	+3.3	186	23,382	120	1,550
3	\$3,857,429	Colorado	\$4,219	-\$207	2,935	+8.5	128	22,930	140	914
4	\$3,778,840	Nevada	\$3,499	-\$229	559	+1.1	27	20,704	25	1,080
5	\$3,637,976	California	\$3,758	-\$292	41,203	+1.3	1,844	22,344	1,905	968
6	\$3,325,429	Florida	\$3,880	+\$193	2,060	-2.1	120	17,167	140	857
7	\$3,316,323	Idaho	\$3,836	-\$171	12,315	+6.6	549	22,432	635	865
8	\$2,821,500	Hawaii	\$3,319	-\$133	19	-48	1.7	10,882	2	850
9	\$2,348,943	Texas	\$3,765	+\$26	8,416	+14	418	20,134	670	624
10	\$2,004,992	Washington	\$4,109	-\$353	5,696	+3	244	23,344	500	488
11	\$1,374,940	Oregon	\$3,618	+\$65	2,254	+0.9	114	19,772	300	380
12	\$1,236,369	Utah	\$3,782	-\$69	1,776	+2.5	85	20,894	260	327
13	\$1,073,965	Kansas	\$3,901	+\$64	2,415	+10.4	117	20,641	425	275
14	\$1,048,870	Georgia	\$3,726	+\$38	1,355	-3.1	76	17,829	270	281
15	\$944,480	Wyoming	\$3,373	-\$111	136	+1.5	7	19,386	25	280
16	\$857,313	South Carolina	\$3,810	+\$36	319	-0.9	18	17,722	80	225
17	\$743,375	Montana	\$3,498	+\$39	313	-6	17	18,412	80	213
18	\$700,073	South Dakota	\$3,812	+\$124	1,796	+9.4	90	19,956	490	184
19	\$695,271	Oklahoma	\$3,368	-\$97	1,067	-6.7	64	16,672	310	206
20	\$639,267	North Carolina	\$4,080	+\$89	892	-3.1	47	18,979	300	157
21	\$637,875	Nebraska	\$3,519	+\$94	1,080	+0.5	58	18,621	320	181
22	\$623,638	Michigan	\$4,259	-\$225	7,763	+1.8	350	22,180	2,390	146
23	\$614,277	Alabama	\$3,327	+\$84	184	-6.6	12	15,333	65	185
24	\$514,229	Virginia	\$3,804	+\$70	1,726	-1.5	98	17,612	725	135
25	\$488,840	Connecticut	\$3,859	-\$156	363	-0.5	19	19,105	150	127
26	\$457,700	New Hampshire	\$3,967	-\$93	299	+3.1	15	19,933	130	115
27	\$457,009	Vermont	\$3,591	-\$133	2,578	+1.9	140	18,414	1,100	127
28	\$411,451	New York	\$3,694	-\$109	12,432	+2.7	626	19,859	5,620	111
29	\$395,552	Iowa	\$3,699	-\$137	4,319	+1	216	19,995	2,020	107
30	\$386,692	Illinois	\$3,639	-\$27	1,894	-1.2	102	18,569	960	106
31	\$386,249	Indiana	\$3,862	-\$138	3,291	-2.4	167	19,707	1,670	100
32	\$378,300	Mississippi	\$3,026	-\$121	291	-10	20	14,550	160	125
33	\$378,245	Maine	\$3,782	-\$113	603	+2.7	33	18,273	330	100
34	\$374,000	Delaware	\$3,165	-\$92	110	-2.7	6.5	16,923	55	118
35	\$348,175	Tennessee	\$3,246	+\$27	948	-5.1	59	16,068	550	107
36	\$344,782	Minnesota	\$3,615	-\$111	8,782	+1.5	464	18,927	4,865	95
37	\$343,000	Maryland	\$3,491	-\$133	1,029	-2.1	56	18,375	570	98
38	\$339,800	Alaska	\$2,832	-\$512	7	-18	0.6	12,000	5	120
39	\$336,869	Wisconsin	\$3,694	-\$33	24,472	+1.6	1,252	19,546	13,730	91
40	\$330,165	Louisiana	\$2,540	+\$109	319	-8.6	26	12,269	200	130
41	\$309,345	West Virginia	\$2,836	-\$134	181	-7.2	12	15,083	110	109
42	\$303,255	North Dakota	\$2,974	+\$142	418	-5.9	26	16,077	255	102
43	\$300,777	Ohio	\$3,609	+\$6	5,130	+3	280	18,321	3,360	83
44	\$285,044	Massachusetts	\$3,421	-\$149	254	-0.4	15	16,933	180	83
45	\$277,500	New Jersey	\$3,053	-\$240	165	-1.8	10	16,500	110	91
46	\$275,750	Pennsylvania	\$3,852	-\$207	10,575	-1	549	19,262	7,670	72
47	\$258,700	Arkansas	\$2,587	+\$51	195	-11	15	13,000	150	100
48	\$228,302	Kentucky	\$2,689	-\$117	1,210	-3.2	90	13,444	1,060	85
49	\$200,000	Rhode Island	\$3,636	+\$165	20	+9.9	1.1	18,091	20	55
50	\$172,511	Missouri	\$2,760	-\$146	1,615	-3.8	110	14,682	1,760	63
	\$608,692	United States	\$3,733	-\$148	189,992	+2.3	9,315	20,396	57,127	163

*Value from milk production was calculated using the value of milk production as reported by NASS and the USDA, which included the value of cash receipts from milk marketings, milk used for home consumption and milk fed to calves.

Source: February 2009 USDA Milk Production Report and 2008 Milk Production, Disposition and Income Summary. Statistical ties are represented by the same numerical ranking.