

DAIRY

Milk produced in Texas in 2017 had an estimated value of almost **\$2 billion**, which is **7.4 percent** of the total value of all Texas agriculture commodity projection.

Texas' dairy farmers produce more than 12 billion pounds of milk (about **1.4 billion gallons**) annually.

Texas is the **5th largest** milk producing state.

The average Texas dairy farm's herd has 1,077 cows (eighth nationally).

98% of U.S. dairy farms are still family owned and operated

Texas has 386 Grade A dairies with an estimated 526,000 cows

The Texas dairy industry boosts local, state and national economies

Jobs and income are generated when farmers purchase machinery, trucks, fuel and other equipment; buy feed and healthcare for their animals; and use services such as banking and insurance. And after the milk leaves the farm, it continues to create jobs in transportation, distribution, processing and retail markets.



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