

GEORGIA DAIRY INDUSTRY

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Georgia currently has **172** dairy farms and is home to over 77,300 dairy cows.

A typical Georgia dairy farm has **433** cows.

Georgia ranks **23rd** in milk production in the United States.

From 2007 to 2017, Georgia increased milk production by **20.3** percent.

The total amount of milk produced in the state during 2017 amounted to **220 million** gallons (or **1.9 billion** pounds of milk).

Each dairy cow in Georgia provides an average of **2,533 gallons** of milk per year. That's an average of **8.3 gallons** of milk per day and enough milk to make **7.1 pounds** of cheese or **3.4 pounds** of butter each day.

Georgia has three commercial milk processing plants located in **Atlanta**, **Braselton**, and **Lawrenceville**.

Each Georgia dairy cow has an economic impact of **\$11,084** and Georgia's dairy industry contributes **\$926 million** to Georgia's economy each year.

Georgia dairy farms follow **federal** and **state** environmental regulations to protect the health of their family, their community, their cows and the environment.

TOP 6 DAIRY COUNTIES IN 2017

1. Macon	4. Sumter
2. Brooks	5. Putnam
3. Burke	6. Morgan

Data compiled from GA Dept. of Agriculture and US Department of Agriculture