



Texas Dairy Economics

The Texas dairy industry feeds local, state and national economies



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Grade A Dairies



Where are Texas dairy farms?

Check our interactive dairy map at www.milk4texas.org to find dairy info by county and legislative district.



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In U.S. Milk Production



\$1

spent locally by a dairy farmer is multiplied in the local economy by

2.5



642,000

Dairy Cows



8.2 gallons/day

Milk Per Cow



16.9 billion pounds

Or

1.9 billion gallons

Milk Produced Annually

Texas dairy delivers:

- **\$53.8 billion** total economic impact
- **258,000** total jobs
- **\$14.3 billion** in wages
- **3%** Texas GDP contribution
- **\$1.62 billion** paid in local and state taxes
- **\$2.8 billion** paid in federal taxes
- **\$724.3 million** in exports

Jobs and income are generated not only by milk production, but also when farmers purchase machinery, trucks, fuel and other equipment; buy feed and healthcare for their animals; and use services such as banking and insurance.

After the milk leaves the farm, it continues to create jobs in transportation, distribution, processing and retail.