

## **How much milk is produced by a large dairy farm annually?**

Every farm is different and no cows produce the same amount of milk. A lot of how much milk they produce depends on many factors – the breed of the cow, the quality and quantity of their feed, how comfortable they are, and their genetic makeup – just to name a few. In New York State the average production for a cow is approximately 22,000 lbs. of milk a year. That's approximately 72 pounds a day. To determine how much any farm produces, just add that number to the number of cows a farm owns. A 100-cow dairy would produce on average 2.2 million pounds a year; a 1,000-cow dairy would produce approximately 22 million pounds. Again this is just the average; some farms and cows produce more and some cows/farms produce less.

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