West Virginia is home to about 40 dairy farms

The average herd size is about 140 cows per farm

There are about 5,000 dairy cows in WV

There are 9.4 million dairy cows nationwide

94% of dairy farms nationwide are family owned

In fact, many farms have been in the family for multiple generations.

TOP STATES IN MILK PRODUCTION

WV produces about 75 million lbs or 8.7 million gallons of milk annually

West Virginia dairy industry economic impact

The total economic impact of dairy products produced and sold in West Virginia is 1.67 billion, which generates 10,900 jobs for West Virginians.

Nationally, the dairy industry creates more than 3.3 million U.S. jobs and has an overall economic impact of 752.9 billion.

WEST VIRGINIA RANKS NATIONALLY

38th number of dairy farms

42nd in number of dairy cows

44th in milk production

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