

OHIO DAIRY FACTS

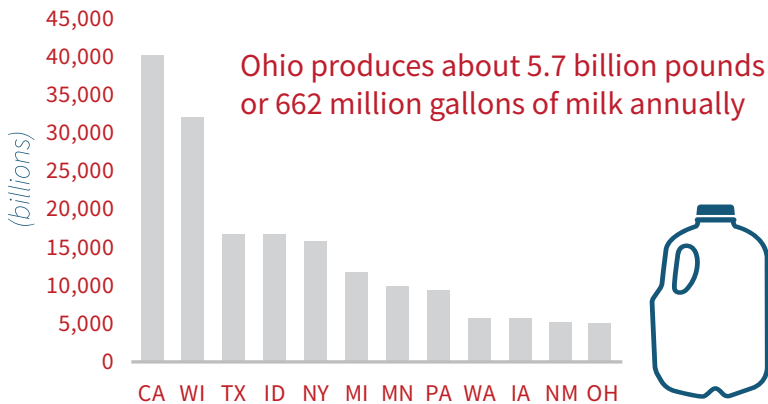
OHIO IS HOME TO ABOUT 1,300 DAIRY FARMS

The average herd size is about 185 cows per farm



There are about 24,800 dairy farms in the United States

OHIO RANKS 12TH IN MILK PRODUCTION

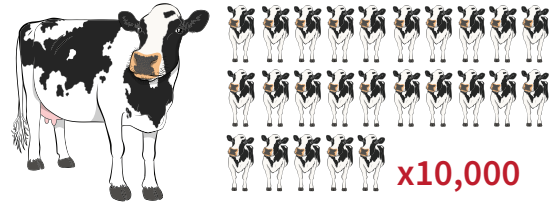


OHIO RANKS NATIONALLY

- 1st** in Swiss cheese production
- 3rd** in hard ice cream production
- 5th** in total number of dairy manufacturing plants
- 9th** in all cheese production
- 11th** in number of dairy cows
- 12th** in milk production

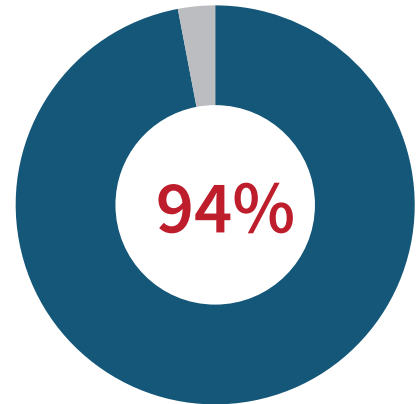
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There are about 253,000 dairy cows in Ohio



There are 9.5 million dairy cows nationwide

94% of dairy farms nationwide are family-owned



Many farms have been in the family for multiple generations

Ohio dairy industry economic impact

The total economic impact of dairy products produced and sold in Ohio is **\$33.64 billion**, which generates **129,600 jobs** for Ohioans.

Nationally, the dairy industry creates more than 3.05 million U.S. jobs and has an overall economic impact of \$779.45 billion.



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