**Ohio Dairy Facts**

**Ohio is home to about 1,550 dairy farms**
- The average herd size is about 165 cows per farm

There are more than 29,000 dairy farms in the United States.

**Ohio ranks nationally**

- 1st in Swiss cheese production
- 2nd in lowfat cottage cheese production
- 4th in hard ice cream production
- 5th in total number of dairy manufacturing plants
- 10th in all cheese production
- 11th in milk production
- 11th in number of dairy cows

**Ohio ranks 11th in milk production**
- Ohio produces about 5.6 billion pounds or 653 million gallons of milk annually.

**Ohio dairy industry economic impact**
- The total economic impact of dairy products produced and sold in Ohio is **$30.6 billion**, which generates **133,200 jobs** for Ohioans.

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

- 94% of dairy farms nationwide are family-owned. In fact, many farms have been in the family for multiple generations.