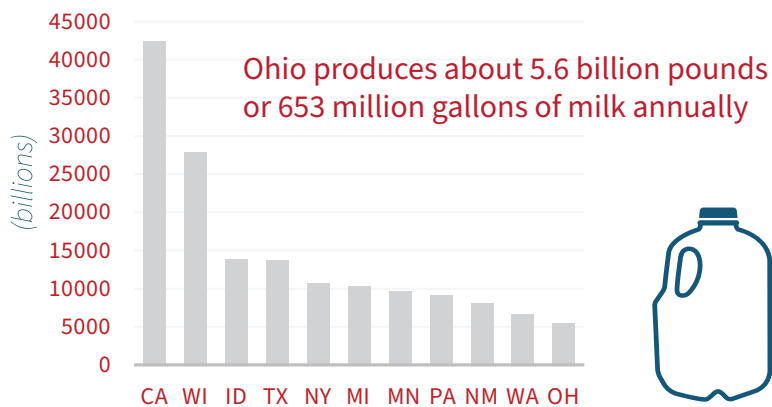# OHIO DAIRY FACTS

OHIO IS HOME TO MORE THAN 1,450 DAIRY FARMS

The average herd size is 173 cows per farm

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

OHIO RANKS 11ᵀᴴ IN MILK PRODUCTION

Ohio produces about 5.6 billion pounds or 653 million gallons of milk annually

(billions)

Bar chart y-axis: 0, 5000, 10000, 15000, 20000, 25000, 30000, 35000, 40000, 45000

Bar chart x-axis: CA, WI, ID, TX, NY, MI, MN, PA, NM, WA, OH

OHIO RANKS NATIONALLY

1st in Swiss cheese production

2nd in lowfat cottage cheese production

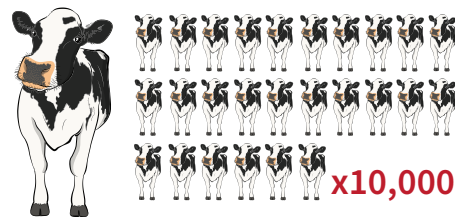**4**th in hard ice cream production

5th in total number of dairy manufacturing plants

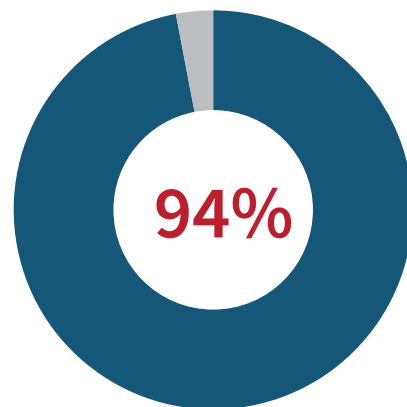**10**th in all cheese production

11th in milk production

11th in number of dairy cows

There are about 251,000 dairy cows in Ohio

x10,000

There are 9.4 million dairy cows nationwide

94% of dairy farms nationwide are family-owned

94%

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

Ohio dairy industry economic impact

The total economic impact of dairy products produced and sold in Ohio is **$35.1 billion**, which generates **136,300 jobs** for Ohioans.

Nationally, the dairy industry creates more than 3.2 million U.S. jobs and has an overall economic impact of $793.8 billion.

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