

# Dairy Statistics by State

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To: Members, Raw Milk Policy Working Group  
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Subject: Dairy Statistics by State

As the Raw Milk Policy Working Group reviews information about raw milk laws and regulations in other states, the group may also want to review statistical data on the states' dairy industry and how those states compare with Wisconsin's dairy industry. There are several tables attached for your review.

Table 1  
 Number of Dairy Cows, Dairy Farms and Average Herd Size by State  
 2007

**--This Data is Sorted by the Number of Dairy Cows—**

	STATE	DAIRY COWS	FARMS	AVG. HERD SIZE
1	California	1,840,730	2,165	850.22
2	<b>Wisconsin</b>	1,249,309	14,158	88.24
3	New York	626,455	5,683	110.23
4	Pennsylvania	553,321	8,333	66.40
5	Idaho	536,463	811	661.48
6	Minnesota	459,752	5,148	89.31
7	Texas	404,399	1,293	312.76
8	Michigan	344,233	2,647	130.05
9	New Mexico	326,400	272	1,200.00
10	Ohio	271,938	3,650	74.50
11	Washington	243,132	817	297.59
12	Iowa	215,391	2,390	90.12
13	Arizona	183,744	182	1,009.58
14	Indiana	166,149	2,023	82.13
15	Vermont	139,719	1,219	114.62
16	Colorado	126,944	449	282.73
17	Florida	119,856	422	284.02
18	Oregon	116,788	596	195.95
19	Kansas	115,634	776	149.01
20	Missouri	110,358	2,621	42.11
21	Illinois	99,677	1,217	81.90
22	Virginia	98,917	1,154	85.72
23	Kentucky	90,462	2,277	39.73
24	South Dakota	86,243	656	131.47
25	Utah	85,262	450	189.47
26	Georgia	77,193	639	120.80
27	Oklahoma	66,023	981	67.30
28	Tennessee	61,131	1,230	49.70
29	Maryland	57,172	663	86.23
30	Nebraska	54,410	493	110.37
31	North Carolina	47,589	463	102.78
32	Maine	32,527	479	67.91
33	Louisiana	28,338	298	95.09
34	Nevada	27,660	56	493.93
35	North Dakota	26,479	402	65.87

36	Mississippi	22,560	177	127.46
37	Connecticut	20,685	269	76.90
38	South Carolina	17,830	106	168.21
39	Montana	17,458	385	45.35
40	Arkansas	16,718	339	49.32
41	Massachusetts	15,050	310	48.55
42	New Hampshire	14,611	225	64.94
43	Alabama	12,962	157	82.56
44	West Virginia	11,744	370	31.74
45	New Jersey	9,790	152	64.41
46	Wyoming	6,644	122	54.46
47	Delaware	6,526	83	78.63
48	Hawaii	2,296	15	153.07
49	Rhode Island	1,325	39	33.97
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Table 3  
Milk Production by State  
2007  
(Million Pounds)

	STATE	MILK PRODUCTION (MILLION POUNDS)
1	California	40,683
2	<b>Wisconsin</b>	<b>24,080</b>
3	New York	12,103
4	Idaho	11,549
5	Pennsylvania	10,682
6	Minnesota	8,656
7	Michigan	7,625
8	Texas	7,384
9	New Mexico	7,290
10	Washington	5,531
11	Ohio	4,980
12	Iowa	4,278
13	Arizona	4,210
14	Indiana	3,371
15	Colorado	2,706
16	Vermont	2,531
17	Oregon	2,233
18	Kansas	2,187
19	Florida	2,104
20	Illinois	1,917
21	Virginia	1,753
22	Utah	1,732
23	Missouri	1,678
24	South Dakota	1,641
25	Georgia	1,399
26	Kentucky	1,250
27	Oklahoma	1,144
28	Nebraska	1,075
29	Maryland	1,051
30	Tennessee	999
31	North Carolina	921
32	Maine	587
33	Nevada	553
34	North Dakota	444
35	Connecticut	365
36	Louisiana	349
37	Montana	333
38	Mississippi	324

39	South Carolina	322
40	New Hampshire	290
41	Massachusetts	255
42	Arkansas	220
43	Alabama	197
44	West Virginia	195
45	New Jersey	168
46	Wyoming	134
47	Delaware	113
48	Hawaii	36
49	Rhode Island	18
50	Alaska	9

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Table 4

Cash Receipts at Farm for Milk  
Top Milk Producing States  
2007

(Dollars in Thousands)

<b>STATE</b>	<b>Cash Receipts at the Farm Milk</b>	<b>Total Cash Receipts All Commodities</b>	<b>Percent Total Cash Receipts Milk</b>
California	\$7,336,603	\$36,354,601	20.2%
<b>Wisconsin</b>	<b>4,597,365</b>	<b>9,002,347</b>	51.1%
New York	2,377,987	4,390,176	54.2%
Idaho	2,050,204	5,746,592	35.7%
Pennsylvania	2,219,162	5,808,100	38.2%
Minnesota	1,692,100	12,821,539	13.2%
Michigan	1,497,200	5,853,968	25.6%
Texas	1,449,723	18,703,068	7.8%
New Mexico	1,353,788	3,077,114	44.0%
Washington	1,059,264	7,405,072	14.3%
Ohio	985,050	6,690,782	14.7%
Iowa	813,278	19,173,161	4.2%

Source: Farm Income, Annual Cash Receipts 2000-08, Economic Research Service, USDA.



Table 5

Value of Cheese  
Top Producing States  
2007

<b>STATE</b>	<b>TOTAL VALUE</b>
Wisconsin	\$ 4,751,742,990
California	\$ 4,128,482,640
Idaho	\$ 1,404,571,300
New York	\$ 1,453,950,620
Minnesota	\$ 1,208,471,220
New Mexico	\$ 1,132,369,120
Pennsylvania	\$ 823,202,930
South Dakota	\$ 399,665,590
Ohio	\$ 386,987,340
Vermont	\$ 320,457,720
Iowa	\$ 281,230,310
Utah	\$ 196,775,460
Illinois	\$ 151,225,080

Source: National Agriculture Statistics Service, USDA. NASS collects statistics for these 13 cheese producing states only.