

Texas Dairy Economics

The Texas dairy industry feeds local, state and national economies



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Grade A Dairies



Where are Texas dairy farms?

Check our interactive dairy map at www.milk4texas.org
to find dairy info by county and legislative district.



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In U.S. Milk Production



\$1

spent locally by a dairy farmer is multiplied in the local economy by

2.5



635,000

Dairy Cows



8 gallons/day

Milk Per Cow

16.5 billion pounds Or 1.9 billion gallons

Milk Produced Annually

Texas dairy delivers:

- \$53.8 billion total economic impact
- 258,000 total jobs
- \$14.3 billion in wages
- 3% Texas GDP contribution
- \$1.62 billion paid in local and state taxes
- \$2.8 billion paid in federal taxes
- \$724.3 million in exports

Jobs and income are generated not only by milkproduction, but also when farmers purchase machinery, trucks, fuel and other equipment; buy feed and healthcarefor their animals; and use services such as banking and insurance.

After the milk leaves the farm, it continues to create jobs intransportation, distribution, processing and retail.



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The Texas Association of Dairymen (TAD), a unified voice for the state's dairy industry since 1991, advocates for the interests and benefit of dairy farmers at the Texas Legislature and other governmental and regulatory bodies.