

SOUTH CAROLINA
2014 State Fact Sheet

TOP FIVE MILK PRODUCING COUNTIES DURING 2013 were:

- 1st - Newberry (80.5 million pounds)**
- 2nd - Orangeburg (53.5 million pounds)**
- 3rd - Bamberg (24.3 million pounds)**
- 4th - Edgefield (14.9 million pounds)**
- 5th - Saluda (9.4 million pounds)**
- 6th - Laurens (8.3 million pounds)**

There were an estimated **16,000 Milk Cows** on dairy farms in the state during 2013

In 2013, there were **75 Dairy Farms** in South Carolina

Each dairy cow in **South Carolina** produced an average of **1,919 gallons** of milk in 2013

In **South Carolina**, about **98%** of the milk produced in 2013 was used and consumed in the form of fluid milk dairy foods

Total amount of milk produced in the state during 2013 amounted to **30.7 Million Gallons** (or 264 million pounds of milk)

In 2013, **South Carolina** dairy cows produced an average of **6.3 Gallons** of milk per day, or enough to make 5.4 pounds of butter. to produce this much milk, an average cow consumes 40 gallons of water, 25 pounds of grain and feed concentrates, and 60 pounds of corn silage every day

The average value of a day's milk was about **\$11.37 PER COW** during 2013

In 2013, a dairy cow in **South Carolina** cost about **\$1,495 PER HEAD**. A South Carolina dairy farm typically has a hers of about **200 MILKING COWS**.

South Carolina had **TWO** commercial milk processing plants operating during 2013 that were located in North Charleston and Spartanburg.

In South Carolina, cash receipts for the sale of milk by dairy farmers amounted **\$55.5 MILLION** during 2013

South Carolina ranked **38th** in milk production, **37th** in number of milk cows, **40th** in mild output per cow, and **41st** in the number of licensed dairy operations during 2013 in the United States

