

# GEORGIA DAIRY INDUSTRY

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Georgia currently has **112** dairy farms and is home to over **81,000** dairy cows.

A typical Georgia dairy farm has **623** cows.

Georgia ranks **23rd** in milk production in the United States.

From 2008 to 2020, Georgia increased milk production by **26.6** percent.

The total amount of milk produced in the state during 2019 amounted to **206 million** gallons (or **1.8 billion** pounds of milk).

According to USDA, a dairy cow in Georgia provides an average of **2,544 gallons** of milk per year. That's an average of almost **7 gallons** of milk per day.

Georgia has three commercial milk processing plants located in **Atlanta**, **Lawrenceville**, and **Baconton**. There are **3** on-farm milk processors.

Each Georgia dairy cow has an economic impact of **\$12,666\*** and Georgia's dairy industry contributes **\$1.03 Billion** to Georgia's economy each year.

Georgia dairy farms follow **federal** and **state** environmental regulations to protect the health of their family, their community, their cows and the environment.

## TOP 6 DAIRY COUNTIES IN GA BASED ON FARM GATE VALUE:

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| 1. Burke  | 4. Sumter |
| 2. Macon  | 5. Morgan |
| 3. Brooks | 6. Putnam |



Data: 2019 Annual Farm Gate Value Report, IMPLAN data and software (IMPLAN, LLC, Huntersville, NC) and calculations by University of Georgia/CAED authors.\*2020 preliminary estimate, including farm-level production plus fluid milk manufacturing, downstream effects (aka indirect effects), plus any spending from households employed in these industries (aka induced effects).