

# Dairy Fun Facts and Trivia

The average cow produces enough milk each day to fill six one-gallon jugs, about 55 pounds of milk.

It takes more than 21 pounds of whole milk to make one pound of butter.

The fastest growing variety of cheese produced in the U.S. is Hispanic-style soft cheese.

All 50 states in the United States have dairy farms.

The natural yellow color of butter comes mainly from the beta-carotene found in the grass cows eat.

A typical dairy cow weighs 1400 pounds and consumes about 50 pounds of dry matter each day.

Cheddar cheese is the most popular natural cheese in the U.S.

It takes 12 pounds of whole milk to make one gallon of ice cream.

The average cow drinks from 30-50 gallons of water each day – about a bathtub's worth.

Large ice cream producing states include California, Indiana, Texas, Pennsylvania, Illinois, and Minnesota.

Super Bowl Sunday rates as the number one day for pizza consumption.

Cows have an acute sense of smell, and can smell something up to six miles away.

It takes more cows to produce milk annually for Pizza Hut cheese (about 170,000) than there are people living in Green Bay, Wisconsin.

The average buyer purchases cheese 15 times at retail each year.

McDonald's uses approximately four million gallons of low-fat vanilla yogurt each year in its Fruit 'n' Yogurt Parfait.

Vanilla is America's favorite ice cream flavor.

Tank trucks for transporting fluid milk were first introduced in 1914.

Each person in America eats an average of 46 slices of pizza a year.

More ice cream is sold on Sunday than on any other day of the week.

Plastic milk bottles were first introduced in the United States in 1967.

More than 1000 new dairy products are introduced every year.

A cow has four stomachs and 32 teeth.

About 300 varieties of cheese are sold in the U.S.

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