



Did you know?

June Dairy Month Edition



Fun Facts about Dairy Farms

1. June Dairy Month started in 1937 by a group of chain stores to promote drinking milk and increase demand at a time when cows were turned out on pasture and milk production was at its peak. In 1955, the American Dairy Association took over the promotion of June Dairy Month, which has developed into an annual celebration of the contributions the dairy industry has made to the world over the centuries...actually, millennia.



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



3. A cow produces an average of 6.3 gallons of milk daily. That's more than 2,300 gallons each year and 350,000 glasses of milk in a lifetime.

4. A cow eats 90–100 pounds of food and drinks about 35 gallons of water (the equivalent of a bathtub full) every day.

5. All 50 states in the U.S. have dairy farms.

6. Dairy farmers are paid by the hundredweight (100 pounds), not by the gallon. There are approximately 8.6 pounds of milk per



gallon.

7. 99 percent of all U.S. households purchase milk. The average American consumes almost 25 gallons of milk each year.



8. About 72 percent of the calcium in the U.S. food supply comes from dairy foods. To get the amount of calcium in an 8-ounce glass of milk, you'd have to eat seven oranges or six slices of wheat bread.

9. The natural yellow color of butter comes mainly from the beta-carotene found in the grass cows eat.
10. It takes 10 pounds of milk to make one pound of cheese. It takes 12 pounds of whole milk to make one gallon of ice cream. It takes 21.8 pounds of milk to make one pound of butter.

11. Americans eat more than 300,000 tons of yogurt per year.

12. If Wisconsin were a country, it would rank fourth in the world in terms of total cheese production, behind the U.S., Germany and France, and just ahead of Italy.



