DAIRY FUN FACTS

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Milk is fresh and local all year long!

Farmers work hard 24/7 to provide the best care for their cows - even on holidays!

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Milk helps build strong bones and teeth!

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Cows can smell food up to **6 miles** away!

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October is National

CHEESE

Month

It takes 20 8-oz glasses of milk to make 1 pound of cheese.

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An average dairy cow weighs 1,200 pounds!

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No two cows have the same spots!

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Milk arrives at your school in

as little as 3 days

after leaving the farm.

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1 cow

makes enough milk to fill more than

100 glasses

each day!

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80% of what dairy cows eat can't be eaten by people!

For example:
We eat almonds, and cows eat the almond hulls.

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All cow's milk has the same amount of protein, vitamins and minerals.

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Cow manure is a valuable resource!

Farmers can use manure as a natural fertilizer to grow crops, like corn.

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WEST VIRGINIA DAIRY FACTS

West Virginia is home to about 50 dairy farms

The average herd size is about 120 cows per farm

There are more than 36,000 dairy farms in the United States.

TOP STATES IN MILK PRODUCTION

West Virginia dairy industry economic impact

The total economic impact of dairy products produced and sold in West Virginia is **$1.5 billion**, which generates **9,800 jobs** for West Virginians.

Nationally, the dairy industry creates nearly 3 million U.S. jobs and has an overall economic impact of more than $619 billion.

There are about 6,000 dairy cows in WV

There are 9.33 million dairy cows nationwide

95% of dairy farms nationwide are family owned

In fact, many farms have been in the family for mulitple generations.

WEST VIRGINA RANKS NATIONALLY

38th number of dairy farms

42nd in number of dairy cows

44th in milk production

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