

Washington's Got Milk!

Washington ranks 10th in total milk production in the U.S. There are about 241,000 dairy cows in Washington. Dairy farms are found in 18 Washington counties, but Yakima, Whatcom and Skagit counties produce the most milk.

Did you know that one dairy cow can produce enough milk each year to fill a bath tub more than 40 times? That is enough milk for 60 people to drink in one year.



At the grocery store milk is sold by the pint, quart or gallon, but in the dairy industry, milk is measured by the pound. It takes 21.2 pounds of whole milk to make one pound of butter, and 12 pounds of whole milk to make one gallon of ice cream.

Washington grows hay for dairy cows to eat. Hay is grass or other vegetation that is cut, dried and stored to use as food for cattle, horses, goats, sheep and other animals.

