

# Value of milk per operation – 2017 State rankings

Rank	Value of milk generated per average operation*	State	Value of milk per cow	Annual change in value of milk per cow against 5-year average	Total milk production (in millions of lbs.)	Total number of cows (in thousands)	Total number of licensed dairy herds	Average herd size	Value of milk per lb. (in cents)	Top 100 counties					
										Rank	State	County	Rank	State	County
1	\$8,923,707	New Mexico	\$4,069	-\$347	8,212	329	150	2,193	0.163	1	CA	Tulare	51	WI	Calumet
2	\$8,366,700	Arizona	\$4,122	-\$281	5,010	203	100	2,030	0.167	2	CA	Merced	52	ID	Lincoln
3	\$6,345,550	Nevada	\$3,966	-\$436	709	32	20	1,600	0.179	3	CA	Kings	53	NY	St Lawrence
4	\$6,318,408	Colorado	\$4,739	-\$172	4,189	160	120	1,333	0.181	4	CA	Kern	54	MI	Ottawa
5	\$5,562,500	Hawaii	\$4,837	\$301	39	2	2	1,150	0.286	5	CA	Stanislaus	55	VT	Franklin
6	\$5,544,840	Texas	\$4,340	-\$88	12,054	511	400	1,278	0.184	6	ID	Gooding	56	TX	Hartley
7	\$4,933,027	Idaho	\$4,193	-\$260	14,627	600	510	1,176	0.172	7	AZ	Maricopa	57	OR	Morrow
8	\$4,878,545	Florida	\$4,328	-\$289	2,496	124	110	1,127	0.215	8	CA	Fresno	58	TX	Lamb
9	\$4,724,223	California	\$3,755	-\$304	39,798	1,749	1,390	1,258	0.165	9	ID	Cassia	59	VT	Addison
10	\$2,639,404	Washington	\$4,335	-\$314	6,526	274	450	609	0.182	10	WA	Yakima	60	FL	Okeechobee
11	\$2,473,800	Wyoming	\$4,123	-\$175	138	6	10	600	0.179	11	CO	Weld	61	OH	Wayne
12	\$2,187,484	South Dakota	\$4,207	-\$216	2,618	117	225	520	0.188	12	PA	Lancaster	62	NM	Lea
13	\$2,178,083	Utah	\$4,127	-\$216	2,215	95	180	528	0.177	13	CA	San Joaquin	63	MI	Sanilac
14	\$2,177,139	Oregon	\$4,038	-\$203	2,529	124	230	539	0.198	14	AZ	Pinal	64	KS	Hamilton
15	\$2,037,324	Kansas	\$3,887	-\$315	3,496	152	290	524	0.169	15	NM	Chaves	65	NY	Jefferson
16	\$1,942,222	Georgia	\$4,162	-\$248	1,840	84	180	467	0.190	16	ID	Jerome	66	NY	Genesee
17	\$1,695,535	Nebraska	\$4,380	-\$113	1,444	60	155	387	0.182	17	ID	Twin Falls	67	WI	Sheboygan
18	\$1,052,505	Michigan	\$4,314	-\$344	11,231	427	1,750	244	0.164	18	NM	Curry	68	WA	Grant
19	\$941,979	North Carolina	\$3,977	-\$259	952	45	190	237	0.188	19	CA	Madera	69	WI	Lafayette
20	\$873,600	Oklahoma	\$3,584	-\$173	728	39	160	244	0.192	20	NM	Roosevelt	70	MN	Stevens
21	\$786,283	South Carolina	\$3,145	-\$423	247	15	60	250	0.191	21	WI	Clark	71	NY	Onondaga
22	\$780,110	Iowa	\$4,294	-\$155	5,172	218	1,200	182	0.181	22	WI	Fond Du Lac	72	IN	Newton
23	\$775,385	Montana	\$3,877	\$57	288	13	65	200	0.175	23	MN	Stearns	73	IN	Jasper
24	\$759,000	North Dakota	\$3,795	-\$80	345	16	80	200	0.176	24	WI	Manitowoc	74	ID	Elmore
25	\$714,000	Connecticut	\$4,134	-\$132	420	19	110	173	0.187	25	WI	Dane	75	ID	Owyhee
26	\$705,353	Indiana	\$4,036	-\$231	4,264	187	1,070	175	0.177	26	TX	Parmer	76	WA	Franklin
27	\$622,117	Vermont	\$3,955	-\$172	2,728	129	820	157	0.187	27	WI	Marathon	77	NY	Livingston
28	\$604,451	New York	\$4,356	-\$225	14,912	623	4,490	139	0.182	28	WI	Kewaunee	78	NY	Lewis
29	\$603,732	Wisconsin	\$4,294	-\$116	30,320	1,278	9,090	141	0.181	29	NY	Wyoming	79	MI	Missaukee
30	\$575,699	Virginia	\$3,871	-\$220	1,736	87	585	149	0.194	30	WI	Brown	80	PA	Lebanon
31	\$560,329	Illinois	\$3,796	-\$105	1,929	93	630	148	0.183	31	TX	Castro	81	NY	Ontario
32	\$546,976	Minnesota	\$3,834	-\$149	9,864	458	3,210	143	0.178	32	NY	Cayuga	82	TX	Dallam
33	\$544,433	Delaware	\$3,267	-\$453	93	5	30	167	0.176	33	MI	Huron	83	OR	Tillamook
34	\$498,960	Maine	\$4,158	-\$197	630	30	250	120	0.198	34	TX	Erath	84	MN	Morrison
35	\$485,100	Tennessee	\$3,274	-\$92	693	40	270	148	0.189	35	IA	Sioux	85	ID	Ada
36	\$472,971	Alabama	\$2,759	-\$108	89	6	35	171	0.186	36	CA	San Bernardino	86	VA	Rockingham
37	\$461,618	New Hampshire	\$3,906	-\$277	273	13	110	118	0.186	37	MI	Clinton	87	MN	Winona
38	\$432,245	Ohio	\$3,912	-\$166	5,591	263	2,380	111	0.184	38	WI	Grant	88	TX	Comanche
39	\$424,085	Maryland	\$3,534	-\$332	953	48	400	120	0.178	39	CA	Riverside	89	WI	Waupaca
40	\$395,945	New Jersey	\$3,630	\$42	119	6	55	109	0.183	40	WI	Dodge	90	KS	Gray
41	\$369,900	Mississippi	\$2,877	-\$133	137	9	70	129	0.189	41	WA	Whatcom	91	WI	Oconto
42	\$327,915	Kentucky	\$3,513	\$57	1,041	56	600	93	0.189	42	TX	Moore	92	TX	Hale
43	\$319,000	Alaska	\$2,127	-\$304	3	0	2	150	0.220	43	MI	Gratiot	93	WI	Chippewa
44	\$314,947	Louisiana	\$2,493	-\$263	160	12	95	126	0.187	44	WI	Shawano	94	PA	Berks
45	\$309,660	Pennsylvania	\$3,875	-\$247	10,938	525	6,570	80	0.186	45	TX	Deaf Smith	95	NY	Oneida
46	\$304,800	West Virginia	\$2,858	-\$118	127	8	75	107	0.180	46	WI	Outagamie	96	WI	Trempealeau
47	\$283,343	Massachusetts	\$3,306	-\$372	211	12	140	86	0.188	47	CO	Morgan	97	WI	Green
48	\$268,600	Arkansas	\$2,462	-\$128	79	6	55	109	0.187	48	PA	Franklin	98	WI	St Croix
49	\$241,800	Rhode Island	\$3,023	-\$688	13	1	10	80	0.186	49	ID	Canyon	99	PA	Chester
50	\$222,962	Missouri	\$2,728	-\$258	1,240	85	1,040	82	0.187	50	NM	Dona Ana	100	IA	Dubuque
	\$490,567	<b>East</b>	\$4,007	-\$206	46,478	2,166	17,690	122	0.187						
	\$681,317	<b>Midwest</b>	\$4,131	-\$173	71,923	3,091	18,740	165	0.178						
	\$3,465,449	<b>Northwest</b>	\$4,268	-\$245	30,515	1,272	1,567	812	0.178						
	\$5,057,446	<b>Southwest</b>	\$3,922	-\$263	66,550	2,865	2,222	1,290	0.169						
	\$947,662	<b>United States</b>	\$4,058	-\$218	215,466	9,392	40,219	234	0.177						

Source: May 2017 California & Federal Milk Marketing Data, USDA  
 Note: This data represents only one month of federally marketed milk production. It may not accurately reflect a county's annual milk production and does not account for milk depooled due to price.

Northwest Midwest  
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Source: February 2018 USDA Milk Production Report and 2017 Milk Production, Disposition and Income Summary.