

Vermont Dairy Data ~~July 17, 2017~~

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Rec'd 9/26/2017

Category	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017 Q1	2017 Q2	2017 Q3
Ave. Milk Price	\$12.16	\$16.07	\$19.99	\$17.98	\$19.60	\$23.63	\$16.49	\$15.25	\$17.11	\$16.13	\$17.36
Class III price	\$11.36	\$14.41	\$18.37	\$17.44	\$17.99	\$22.34	\$15.80	\$14.87	\$15.64	\$15.74	\$15.45
MILC Payment - USDA	\$1.15	\$0.02	\$0.00	\$0.7281	\$0.2586	\$0.00	Margin progra m	\$8.01	\$10.82	\$8.97	n/a
# of VT Cow Dairy Farms	1,051	1,015	996	972	939	880	853	838	815	805	786
Milk Production USDA	2.46b lbs.	2.52b lbs.	2.54b lbs.	2.56 b lbs.	2.615 b lbs.	2.672 billion	2.666 Billion	2.724 billion	227 million/ mo.	232 million/ mo.	231 million/ mo.
Ave. # of cows in VT USDA	135,000	137,000	134,000	133,000	133,000	132,000	132,000	130,000	129,000	129,000	129,000
Ave. # of cows/ farm	128	133	135	138	142	150	155	155	158	160	164
Certified Organic Cow Dairy Farms	200	203	204	205	198	184	184	203	203	203	202
Off-Farm Dairy Processors	27	26	27	29	36	58	64	78	79	76	77
On-Farm Dairy Processors	37	40	53	54	59	62	71	67	68	66	67
Total Dairy Processors	64	66	80	83	95	120	135	145	147	142	144

**Greatest Milk Volume 2.70 billion in 2002.** Greatest - Cow numbers 154,000 in 2002. Total Dairy Processors in 2002= 58

## Vermont Dairy Cow Operations by County

County	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	% change prior month	% change since Jan.	Ave.#
Addison	118	118	118	118	116	117	114	114	115				0.88%	-2.54%	116
Bennington	13	13	13	14	14	14	13	13	13				0.00%	0.00%	13
Caledonia	62	62	62	62	62	63	63	63	62				-1.59%	0.00%	62
Chittenden	56	56	56	55	53	53	52	53	52				-1.89%	-7.14%	54
Essex	17	17	17	16	16	16	16	16	16				0.00%	-5.88%	16
Franklin	142	142	140	141	142	143	140	140	141				0.71%	-0.70%	141
Grand Isle	15	15	15	15	15	15	14	14	14				0.00%	-6.67%	15
Lamoille	29	28	28	28	28	29	28	27	28				3.70%	-3.45%	28
Orange	75	76	76	75	73	73	74	72	71				-1.39%	-5.33%	74
Orleans	129	129	129	129	127	127	125	127	127				0.00%	-1.55%	128
Rutland	66	66	66	63	62	59	59	57	56				-1.75%	-15.15%	62
Washington	39	38	38	38	39	39	38	37	38				2.70%	-2.56%	38
Windham	23	23	23	23	23	23	22	21	22				4.76%	-4.35%	23
Windsor	32	32	32	33	33	32	32	30	29				-3.33%	-9.38%	32
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>816</b>	<b>815</b>	<b>813</b>	<b>810</b>	<b>803</b>	<b>803</b>	<b>790</b>	<b>784</b>	<b>784</b>				<b>0.00%</b>	<b>-3.92%</b>	<b>802</b>

**Average number of dairy farms in 2011 – 996, 2012 – 972, 2013 -939, 2014 -880, 2015 – 853, 2016 -838**

## Dairy Cow Farms By Size – Milking cows

	LFO – over 700	MFO – 200 – 699	SFO –under 200	Total
2011	18	148	830	996 yr ave.
2012	17	145	810	972
2013	17	142	780	939
2014	25	129	726	880
2015	26	127	700	853
2016	27	138	673	838

Estimated that 470 of the SFO group will need to be certified at 50 cows or more.