

Vermont Dairy Data – December 20, 2018

Category	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	1st Q 2018	2nd Q 2018	3rd Q 2018	4th Q 2018
Ave. Milk Price	\$16.07	\$19.99	\$17.98	\$19.60	\$23.63	\$16.49	\$15.25	\$16.78	\$14.56	\$15.45	\$15.70	\$16.26
Class III price	\$14.41	\$18.37	\$17.44	\$17.99	\$22.34	\$15.80	\$14.87	\$15.92	\$13.87	\$14.95	\$15.05	\$14.99
MILC Payment – USDA	\$0.02	\$0.00	\$0.7281	\$0.2586	\$0.00	MPP Margin level	\$8.01	\$9.68	\$7.26	\$6.92	\$7.47	\$8.96
# of VT Cow Dairy Farms	1,015	996	972	939	880	853	838	796	756	730	711	702
Milk Production USDA	2.52b lbs.	2.54b lbs.	2.56 b lbs.	2.615 b lbs.	2.672 billion	2.666 Billion	2.724 billion	2.728 Billion	222 million/ mo.	228 million/ mo.	223 million/ mo.	218 million/ mo.
Ave. # of cows in VT USDA	137,000	134,000	133,000	133,000	132,000	132,000	130,000	128,667	128,000	127,000	126,333	126,000
Ave. # of cows/ farm	133	135	138	142	150	155	155	162	169	174	178	179
Certified Organic Cow Dairy Farms	203	204	205	198	184	184	203	199	199	199	199	191
Off-Farm Dairy Processors	26	27	29	36	58	64	78	79	79	80	81	83
On-Farm Dairy Processors	40	53	54	59	62	71	67	68	68	67	65	63
Total Dairy Processors	66	80	83	95	120	135	145	147	147	147	146	146

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	110	110	110	110	109	108	108	108	108	106	105	105	0.00%	-4.55%	108
Bennington	13	13	13	12	12	12	12	12	11	11	11	11	0.00%	-15.38%	12
Caledonia	61	61	61	60	59	59	55	55	55	55	55	55	0.00%	-9.84%	58
Chittenden	48	47	46	44	43	42	41	41	40	40	39	37	-5.13%	-22.92%	42
Essex	15	15	15	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	0.00%	-6.67%	14
Franklin	138	137	134	134	130	128	127	127	126	126	125	125	0.00%	-9.42%	130
Grand Isle	14	14	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	0.00%	-7.14%	13
Lamoille	27	27	27	27	26	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	0.00%	-7.41%	26
Orange	69	68	68	67	67	66	65	65	65	63	64	63	-1.56%	-8.70%	66
Orleans	123	123	122	118	118	119	118	117	117	118	118	117	-0.85%	-4.88%	119
Rutland	54	53	53	55	55	52	52	52	52	52	52	52	0.00%	-3.70%	53
Washington	39	38	38	36	35	34	33	33	33	32	32	32	0.00%	-17.95%	35
Windham	22	22	22	21	21	21	21	21	22	22	22	22	0.00%	0.00%	22
Windsor	29	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	0.00%	-3.45%	28
TOTAL	762	756	750	739	730	721	712	711	709	705	703	699	-0.57%	-8.27%	725

Average number of dairy farms in 2011 – 996, 2012 – 972, 2013 -939, 2014 -880, 2015 – 853, 2016 -838, 2017 - 796

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
2017	32	117	250 CSFO -647	796

CSFO as of January 31, 2018. Certified Small Farms have 50 milking cows to 199 cows.