

# Vermont Monthly Organic Dairy Report - February 2024

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Dairies Reporting

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Counties Represented

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# of Organic Dairy Operators Reporting by Herd Size

1-50 cows: 1  
51-150 cows: 4  
151-300 cows: 2  
Average herd size: 112

Participant Comments:

“The cows continue to produce better than the last few winters. The demand for organic milk is very strong and our cooperative is looking for us to produce more and to add farms.”

“This is what the base price for organic should be: the price is more in line with what the expenses are right now.”

Market Trends:

Production per cow continued to increase in February. Average price per cwt was up slightly.

## Fluid Milk Price (\$/cwt; does not include deductions for hauling)

	Volume	Min Price	Max Price	Weighted Average Price
November 2023	1,155,583 lbs.	\$27.92	\$43.60	\$37.01
December 2023	1,227,212 lbs.	\$27.92	\$47.13	\$39.70
January 2024	1,224,497 lbs.	\$35.00	\$47.38	\$39.97
February 2024	1,073,895 lbs.	\$36.04	\$46.74	\$39.99

## Volume (daily and monthly production per lactating cow)

	Volume	Avg. Monthly Production per Cow	Avg. Daily Production per Cow
November 2023	1,155,583 lbs.	1,195.3 lbs.	39.8 lbs.
December 2023	1,227,212 lbs.	1,216.8 lbs.	39.3 lbs.
January 2024	1,224,497 lbs.	1,246.1 lbs.	40.2 lbs.
February 2024	1,073,895 lbs.	1,298.8 lbs.	41.9 lbs.

## Butterfat and Protein Averages

	Average Butterfat %	Average Protein %
November 2023		
December 2023		
January 2024	4.27%	3.03%
February 2024	4.82%	3.43%

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