

Vermont Dairy Data – February 2, 2022

Category	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Ave. Milk Price	\$17.98	\$19.60	\$23.63	\$16.49	\$15.25	\$16.78	\$15.44	\$17.46	\$16.45	\$17.23
Class III price	\$17.44	\$17.99	\$22.34	\$15.80	\$14.87	\$15.92	\$14.61	\$16.96	\$18.16	\$17.08
MILC Payment – USDA	\$0.728	\$0.258	\$0.00	MPP/MCP Margin level	\$8.01	\$9.68	\$7.53	\$9.60	\$9.65	\$6.92
# of VT Cow Dairy Farms	972	939	880	853	838	796	725	677	636	583
Milk Production USDA	2.56 b lbs.	2.615 b lbs.	2.672 b lbs.	2.666 b lbs.	2.724 billion	2.728 Billion	2.680 Billion	2.695 Billion	2.602 billion	2.564 billion
Ave. # of cows in VT USDA	133,000	133,000	132,000	132,000	130,000	128,667	126,833	125,583	122,167	119,667
Ave. # of cows/farm	138	142	150	155	155	162	175	185	192	205
Certified Organic Cow Dairy Farms	205	198	184	184	203	199	190	187	169	162
Off-Farm Dairy Processors	29	36	58	64	78	79	83	88	87	88
On-Farm Dairy Processors	54	59	62	71	67	68	63	66	67	70
Total Dairy Processors	83	95	120	135	145	147	146	154	154	158

Greatest Cow numbers 154,000 in 2002. Total Dairy Processors in 2002= 58

Vermont Dairy Cow Operations by County – 2021

County	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	% change prior month	% change since Jan.	Ave. #
Addison	92	90	88	87	87	87	87	88	88	88	87	86	-1.15%	-6.52%	88
Bennington	8	9	12	12	11	11	11	10	10	10	10	9	-10.00%	12.50%	10
Caledonia	52	52	52	52	52	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	0.00%	-3.85%	51
Chittenden	40	39	26	26	26	26	26	25	25	25	25	25	0.00%	-37.50%	28
Essex	11	11	11	11	11	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	0.00%	-9.09%	10
Franklin	108	100	111	111	111	111	111	110	110	110	108	106	-1.85%	-1.85%	109
Grand Isle	10	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	0.00%	-10.00%	9
Lamoille	23	23	25	25	25	25	25	24	24	24	24	24	0.00%	4.35%	24
Orange	54	53	57	57	56	57	57	56	56	55	55	55	0.00%	1.85%	56
Orleans	98	95	93	93	92	92	92	92	92	92	92	91	-1.09%	-7.14%	93
Rutland	40	40	36	36	37	37	37	38	38	38	38	38	0.00%	-5.00%	38
Washington	26	24	21	21	21	21	21	21	20	21	21	21	0.00%	-19.23%	22
Windham	20	20	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	0.00%	-5.00%	19
Windsor	28	28	28	28	27	26	26	25	25	25	25	25	0.00%	-10.71%	26
TOTAL	610	593	588	587	584	581	581	577	576	576	573	568	-0.87%	-6.89%	583

Ave. # dairy farms- 2013 -939, 2014 -880, 2015 – 853, 2016 -838, 2017 – 796, 2018 – 725, 2019 – 677, & 2020 - 636

Dairy Cow Farms By Size – Milking cows

	LFO – over 700	MFO – 200 – 699	SFO –under 200	Total
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
2018	34	104	273 CSFO - 587	725
2019	33	105	268 CSFO - 539	677
2020	35	100	198 CSFO – 501	636
2021	35	95	216 CSFO - 453	583

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