

Welcome to Texas Y'all

Texas Dairy Facts

- Texas has approximately 400 dairy farms
- Approximately 537,000 milking cows
- Average herd size is 1,343 milking cows
- Texas is 5th in number of milking cows and 5th in milk production
- There are 43 milk processing plants throughout the state
- The total amount of milk produced in Texas is about 12.9 billion pounds which is equal to 1.5 billion gallons.
- Each dairy cow in Texas provides an average of 2,783 gallons of milk per year which is equal to
 7.62 gallons per day

Texas Dairy Facts

County with the most diaries is Erath County.

There are 52 dairies.

In 1970s there was over 100 dairies in this county.

Produced 97 million pounds of milk.

County producing the most milk is Hartley County.
In July 2019 produced over 167 million pounds of milk.
There are 16 dairies in this county.



Other Texas Facts

- Texas is the only state to enter the United States by treaty instead of territorial annexation.
 The state was an independent nation from 1836 to 1845.
- The King Ranch is bigger than the state of Rhode Island. 911,215 acres
- El Paso is closer to Needles, California than it is to Dallas.
- More land is farmed in Texas than in any other state.
- The state's cattle population is estimated to be near 16 million.
- Texas boasts the nation's largest herd of whitetail deer.
- The armadillo is the official state mammal.



- More wool comes from the state of Texas than any other state in the United States.
- Amarillo is the helium capitol of the world producing 90% of the world's recoverable helium supply.

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History

- Texas extension dairy specialist Dr. Tommy White began testing milk in the early 60s.
- ✤A few years later, Dr. Mike Tomasewski came on board.
- And in 1967, Dr. T helped form Texas DHIA with the support of local associations. The milk lab was located at Texas A&M University in College Station.
- Dr. T retired in 2006 and the milk lab was moved to Stephenville, TX and opened an additional lab in Canyon, TX.
- ✤In 2013 added milk pregnancy testing



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Hardships

Big issues

- Poor management
- Employee theft

Turning point

- Dennis Marsh became General Manager in 2011 and cleaned up the place.
- Beth was hired on in 2012 later as office manager/lab manager in Canyon.
- Ricky Traweek was hired in 2014 as lab manager in the Stephenville location.
- Persistence, hard work, late nights, and hiring the right employees

What changed?

- In 2015 we became debt free.
- Purchased a new equipment
- From 35,000 samples/month to over 120,000 samples/month
- Grew customer base.
- Dennis stepped down and Beth is now the General Manager

Future

Challenges

Size!

- Strong competition
- Aging field techs

✤Goals

- Committed to continue providing the most accurate data to our customers.
 - Prove to our customer base that we are not the company we were before.
- More studies with universities
- ✤Grow!



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