Vermont Dairy Data – October 5, 2022

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| Category | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 Q1 | 2022 Q2 | 2022 Q3 | 2022 Q4 |
| Ave. Milk Price | $17.98 | $19.60 | $23.63 | $16.49 | $15.25 | $16.78 | $15.44 | $17.46 | $16.45 | $17.23 | $23.06 | $25.89 | $25.24 | n/a |
| Class III price | $17.44 | $17.99 | $22.34 | $15.80 | $14.87 | $15.92 | $14.61 | $16.96 | $18.16 | $17.08 | $21.25 | $24.65 | $20.81 | n/a |
| 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 | $11.36 | $12.24 | $9.00 | n/a |
| # of VT Cow Dairy Farms | 972 | 939 | 880 | 853 | 838 | 796 | 725 | 677 | 636 | 583 | 564 | 562 | 543 | n/a |
| 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 | 212 mil. Ave/mo. | 216 mil. Ave/mo. | 215 mil. Ave/mo. | n/a |
| 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 | 119,000 | 117,667 | 117,000 | n/a |
| Ave. # of cows/ farm | 138 | 142 | 150 | 155 | 155 | 162 | 175 | 185 | 192 | 205 | 211 | 209 | 215 | n/a |
| Certified Organic Cow Dairy Farms | 205 | 198 | 184 | 184 | 203 | 199 | 190 | 187 | 169 | 162 | 157 | 155 | 154 | 153 |
| Off-Farm Dairy Processors | 29 | 36 | 58 | 64 | 78 | 79 | 83 | 88 | 87 | 88 | 88 | 88 | 88 | 88 |
| On-Farm Dairy Processors | 54 | 59 | 62 | 71 | 67 | 68 | 63 | 66 | 67 | 70 | 70 | 70 | 70 | 70 |
| Total Dairy Processors | 83 | 95 | 120 | 135 | 145 | 147 | 146 | 154 | 154 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 |

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

**Vermont Dairy Cow Operations by County – 2022**

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| County | Jan. | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | prior month | since Jan. | Ave. # |
| Addison | 86 | 87 | 87 | 86 | 86 | 82 | 79 | 78 |  |  |  |  | -1.27% | -9.30% | 84 |
| Bennington | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 8 |  |  |  |  | 14.29% | -11.11% | 9 |
| Caledonia | 50 | 50 | 50 | 49 | 49 | 49 | 49 | 49 |  |  |  |  | 0.00% | -2.00% | 49 |
| Chittenden | 25 | 26 | 26 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 |  |  |  |  | 0.00% | 8.00% | 27 |
| Essex | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 |  |  |  |  | 0.00% | 0.00% | 10 |
| Franklin | 105 | 104 | 104 | 107 | 107 | 107 | 105 | 104 |  |  |  |  | -0.95% | -0.95% | 105 |
| Grand Isle | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 8 | 8 |  |  |  |  | 0.00% | -11.11% | 9 |
| Lamoille | 24 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 24 |  |  |  |  | 0.00% | 0.00% | 24 |
| Orange | 53 | 53 | 53 | 52 | 51 | 52 | 51 | 50 |  |  |  |  | -1.96% | -5.66% | 52 |
| Orleans | 91 | 91 | 91 | 92 | 92 | 87 | 87 | 87 |  |  |  |  | 0.00% | -4.40% | 90 |
| Rutland | 39 | 39 | 39 | 40 | 40 | 40 | 38 | 37 |  |  |  |  | -2.63% | -5.13% | 39 |
| Washington | 20 | 20 | 20 | 19 | 19 | 19 | 18 | 18 |  |  |  |  | 0.00% | -10.00% | 19 |
| Windham | 19 | 19 | 19 | 19 | 19 | 19 | 19 | 19 |  |  |  |  | 0.00% | 0.00% | 19 |
| Windsor | 23 | 23 | 23 | 23 | 23 | 23 | 22 | 22 |  |  |  |  | 0.00% | -4.35% | 23 |
| **TOTAL** | 563 | 564 | 564 | 566 | 565 | 556 | 544 | 541 |  |  |  |  | -0.55% | -3.91% | 558 |

**Ave. # dairy farms-2014 -880, 2015 – 853, 2016 -838, 2017 – 796, 2018 – 725, 2019 – 677, 2020 – 636 & 2021 -583**

**Dairy Cow Farms By Size – Milking cows**

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|  | 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.