

Do You Know This About Holstein Cattle?

World Milk Production Record Holder



Ever-Green-View My Gold-ET
Produced 77,480 pounds of milk in 2016

- Holstein cattle are easily recognizable by their distinctive black-and-white markings.
- Mature Holstein cows typically weigh around 1,500 pounds and stand 58 inches tall at the shoulder, making it the largest of the U.S. dairy breeds.
- Holsteins are known for their outstanding milk production, desirable phenotypic characteristics, and adaptability to a wide range of environments.
- Of the more than 9 million dairy cows in the United States, 94 percent are of Holstein descent.
- The average Holstein produces around 23,000 pounds of milk, or 2,674 gallons, of milk, each lactation. That amounts to 75 pounds, or almost 9 gallons of milk, daily during a cow's standard lactation of 305 days.
- Holstein cows usually calve for the first time when they are 23 to 26 months of age. Healthy calves weigh an average of 90 pounds at birth.
- The world record for milk production was set by Selz-Pralle Aftershock 3918, a Holstein cow from Wisconsin, in 2017. She produced 78,170 pounds of milk that year.
- Black-and-white Holstein cows have claimed Supreme Champion honors, the highest recognition for elite phenotypic characteristics, at the World Dairy Expo in Madison, Wisconsin, 35 times in the last 51 years.



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