



Moo or False? Dairy farming and Cow Trivia



There are an estimated 10 different breeds of cows in the world: T/F?

Answer: false – there are an estimated 920 different breeds of cows in the world.

Cows were brought to North America from overseas: T/F?

Answer: True.

The breed of cow that is white with black spots is called a Jersey: T/F?

Answer: False – Holsteins are white with black spots. Jersey cows are brown.

Very few of the milking cows in Manitoba are Holsteins: T/F?

Answer: False - 95% of the milking cows in Manitoba are Holsteins.

Average amount of milk a cow produces in a day is 24-30 L/day: T/F?

Answer: True.

A cow is milked once a day: T/F?

Answer: A cow is milked 2 to 3 times a day.

Cows eat about 50 lbs of feed per day: T/F?

Answer: True.

Cows drink about 60 L of water per day: T/F?

Answer: True – 60 L is approximately 2/3 of a standard bathtub full.

A dairy cow produces about 8,000L of milk per year: T/F?

Answer: True.

There are approximately 1,000 dairy farms in Manitoba: T/F?

Answer: False - There are just over 325 dairy farms in Manitoba.

All dairy farms in Manitoba are family owned. The average size milking herd is 91 cows: T/F?

Answer: True.

Cows have do not have the ability to smell: T/F?

Answer: False – cows have an acute sense of smell.

An average dairy cow weighs about 700 pounds: T/F?

Answer: An average dairy cow weighs about 1,500 pounds.

A cow sleeps standing up: T/F?

Answer: False - Cows lay down in bedding such as straw or on a special mat to rest and sleep.

Cows can only see in black and white: T/F?

Answer: False: Like people, cows can see in colour.

Like humans a cow has 1 stomach: T/F?

Answer: False - A cow has four stomachs. Each stomach is responsible for its own part of the digestive process.

Each Holstein cow has its own unique set of spots: T/F?

Answer: True - A Holstein cow's spots are like their fingerprints. No two cows have the same pattern.

A heifer is an old cow: T/F?

Answer: False - Until they give birth for the first time, the animals are called heifers. Once they have birthed a calf, they are then a cow.

A group of cattle is referred to as a flock: T/F?

Answer: False - a group of cattle is referred to as a herd.

Farmers use name tags to tell their cows apart: T/F?

Answer: False –Dairy cows must be identified. Ear tags are the most common method of identification and are comparable to getting your own ears pierced.

Farmers take care of their cows by providing fresh water, good feed, comfortable bedding, and shelter from the weather: T/F?

Answer: True.

Most dairy farmers milk their cows by hand: T/F?

Answer: False – Today farmers use milking equipment to gently, efficiently, and safely milk their cows.

