



Did You Know?

- It takes more cows to produce annually for Pizza Hut cheese (about 170,000) than there are people living in Green Bay, Wisconsin.

- Cows have an acute sense of smell and can smell something up to six miles away.

- The average cow produces enough milk each day to fill six one-gallon jugs, about 55 pounds of milk.

- Each person in America eats an average of 40 slices of pizza a year.

- All 50 states in the

United States have dairy farms.

- The natural yellow color of butter comes mainly from the beta-carotene found in the grass cows eat.

- The average cow drinks from 30-50 gallons of water each day, about a bathtub's worth.

- It takes 12 pounds of whole milk to make one gallon of ice cream.

- A cow can't vomit.

- It is possible to lead a cow upstairs but not downstairs, because a cow's knees can't bend properly to walk back

down.

- Dairy cows can produce 125 pounds of saliva a day.

- The oldest cow ever recorded was a cow named "Big Bertha." She died three months short of her 49th birthday on New Year's Eve, 1993. She also holds the record for lifetime breeding, as she produced 39 calves.

- Cows do not have four stomachs; they have four digestive compartments in one stomach.

The rumen holds up to 50 gallons of partially digested food. This is

where cud comes from. Good bacteria in the rumen helps digest the cow's food and provides protein for the cow.

The reticulum is called the hardware stomach because if cows accidentally eat hardware (like a piece of fencing scrap), it will often lodge here, causing no further damage.

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The abomasum is like our stomachs.

- Cows only have

teeth on the bottom.

- Vanilla is American's favorite ice cream flavor.

- The greatest amount of milk produced in one year was 49,298 pounds by a Holstein cow named Robthom Sue Paddy.

- A cow chews her cud (regurgitated, partially digested food) for up to eight hours each day.

- A cow has to be a mom before she will produce milk.

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