

Parts of a Dairy Cow

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Dairy cows are farm animals. They produce the milk we drink and use to make other foods like cheese, butter, and ice cream. Dairy farmers take good care of their cows and feed them well. Every day milk cows eat alfalfa and grain. They also drink a lot of water. Sometimes the cows graze (eat grass) on a pasture. Cows that are well fed will produce more and better milk.

Not all dairy cows look alike. There are different kinds (breeds) of dairy cows just like there are different kinds of dogs. Some breeds are light brown. Some breeds are black and white. Some breeds are much bigger and weigh a lot more than others. One of the biggest is the black and white Holstein. It can weigh 1500 lbs. The Jersey cow is a small breed. It weighs about 900 lbs.

Dairy cows may be different in size and color, but they have the same body parts. Some cow parts have the same names as people parts. Other parts belong only to the cow.

Body Parts	
People and Dairy Cow	Dairy Cow
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • back • ear • eye • head • hip • jaw • knee • leg • mouth • neck • nostril • shoulder • teeth* • throat • tongue* • stomach 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cloven hoof • hock • horns • muzzle • rump • tail • teat • udder <p>Changes by the farmer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ear tags are added for identification. • Horns are removed for safety.
<p>* Not shown in the diagram</p>	

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