

A **dairy cow** is a female bovine animal which has already calved (including those less than 2 years old) and which, by reason of its breed or particular qualities, is kept exclusively or principally to produce milk for human consumption or for processing into dairy products.

## Includes

- Buffalo dairy cows
- Cull dairy cows which were taken out of milk production to be slaughtered, whether or not they were fattened between their last lactation and their slaughter

## Related concepts

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