

# A Dozen Udderly Amazing Facts About Dairy Cows!

*Cows are truly amazing animals!*

*Did you know that cows can hear lower and higher frequencies better than humans?*

Read the following cow facts and answer the questions.

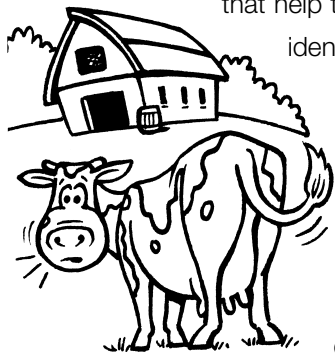
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*What is your genus and species?*

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that help the farmer identify each

cow. Each ear tag has a different number. Some dairy



farmers use the cow's ear tag to track her activities by computer. The farmer records the cow's milk weight and any medicines she receives.

*Do you have pierced ears?*

**3.** Cows have 32 teeth.

*How many teeth do you have?*

**4.** A cow's intestine can be as long as 170 feet.

*How long is your small intestine?*

*How long is your large intestine?*

**5.** The average body temperature of a cow is 101.5°F.

*What is the average body temperature of humans?*

**6.** A cow's heart beats between 60 and 70 beats per minute.

*How many times does your heart beat per minute?*

**7.** Cows can detect odors up to five miles away.

*How sensitive is your nose?*

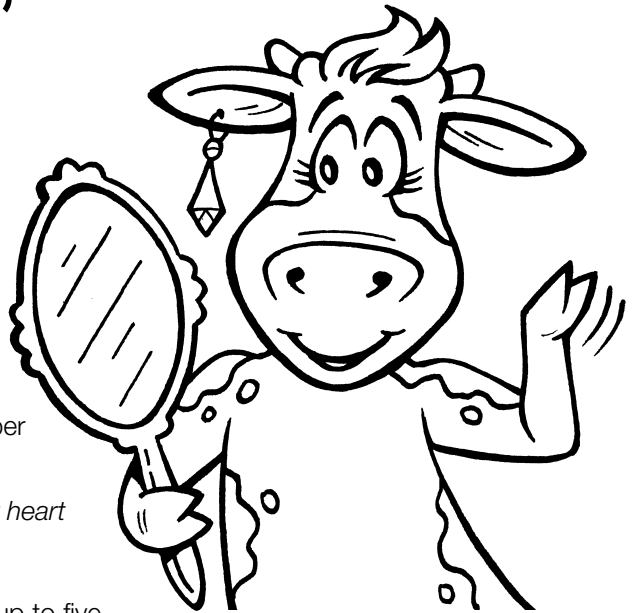
**8.** Cows stand up and lie down approximately 14 times a day.

**9.** The average Holstein weighs 1,500 pounds and stands 58 inches tall at the shoulder.

*How much do you weigh?*

*How tall are you?* Measure your height from your shoulders down to your feet.

**10.** Cows spend up to six hours a day eating.

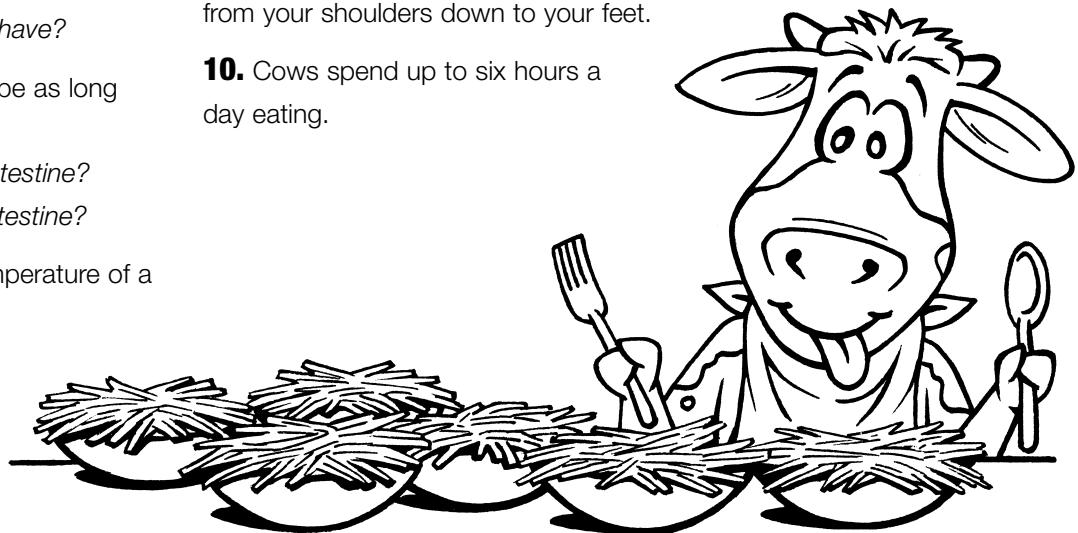


*How long does it take you to eat your meals and snacks each day?*

**11.** Cows must drink a lot of water to make milk. In fact, cows can drink up to 50 gallons a day. That's 800 glasses a day!

*How many glasses of water do you drink?*

**12.** A cow can live up to 25 years. On average, how long do people live?



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**Individual answer**

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**20 primary**

**32 permanent**

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**Approximately 23 feet**

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**Approximately 5 feet**

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**98.6°F**

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**70 beats per minute on average**

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**Individual answer**

**While our sense of smell doesn't begin to compare with most animals, it is the most powerful of our senses and the main organ associated with taste. We have the ability to recognize thousands of different smells even in extremely small quantities.**

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*How many times do you lie down during the day?*

**Individual answer**

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*On average, how long do people live?*

**74 years on average**

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