

5 truths about emissions from UK Dairy Farms



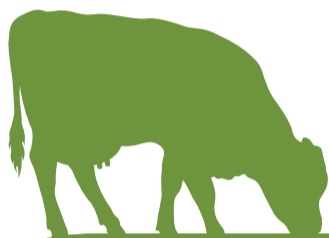
Dairy farming receives a lot of negative media attention for its perceived role in raising GHG emissions. Ahead of the UN Climate Change Conference (COP26) in Glasgow, we want to highlight some key facts about UK dairy cow emissions and dispel some of the myths.



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Less than 3% of total UK emissions

Come from UK dairy farming



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46% of dairy cow emissions

Almost half of the emissions coming from the dairy cow is from their digestion - a perfectly natural process of ruminants

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Producing milk efficiently

It takes 8 litres of tap water to produce 1 litre of milk or 158 litres of tap water to produce 1 litre of almond drink



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UK milk emissions much lower than global average

The carbon footprint of a litre of British milk is around 1.25kg CO₂e compared to a global average of 2.9kg CO₂e per litre.



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UK dairy cows are some of the most climate friendly in the world

There are 278 million dairy cows worldwide. If they were all as efficient as UK dairy cows, we **WOULD ONLY NEED AROUND 76 MILLION** of them to produce the same amount of milk.



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