

May 2019 Quiz Answers

1. **T or F.** There are approximately 350 “udder squirts” in a gallon of milk.

True.

2. Do cows have accents?

Yes. Cows can have regional accents. After a group of dairy farmers noticed that their cows seemed to have different “moos,” language specialists determined that small herds have “dialectal variations” most affected by peer groups.

3. Cows can produce _____ saliva in a single day.

125

4. **T or F.** Cows face either magnetic north or south.

True. A German study found that cows face either magnetically north or south regardless of the sun’s position or the wind’s direction. There has been little study of the phenomenon and the reasons remain a mystery.

5. **T or F.** Like horses, cows sleep standing up.

False. Unlike horses, cows do NOT sleep standing up. Their average sleep time per day is about four hours.

6. A milking dairy cow will consume about _____ pounds of feed per day.

100

7. **T or F.** Naming a cow and speaking to her results in more milk production.

True. Researchers have found that when you name a cow and treat her as an individual, she will produce about 500 more pints of milk per year.

8. On average, how many hours per day do cows lay down?

10 - 12

9. **T or F.** Cows have poor peripheral vision and must turn their heads to avoid problems when walking.

False. Cows have about 300 degrees of vision with blind spots only directly in front and behind them.

10. Before milking machines were invented in 1894, farmers milked about _____ per hour.

6. (It takes less than 5 minutes to milk a cow with a milking machine.)