

# **Robotic Milking Machines Market Forecasts to 2032 – Global Analysis By System Type (Single-Stall Unit, Multi-Stall Unit and Automated Milking Rotary AMS), Offering (Hardware, Software and Services), Herd Size, Actuator, Technology, End User and By Geography**

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## **Abstracts**

According to Statistics MRC, the Global Robotic Milking Machines Market is accounted for \$2.17 billion in 2025 and is expected to reach \$4.72 billion by 2032 growing at a CAGR of 11.7% during the forecast period. Robotic milking machines are automated systems designed to extract milk from dairy animals with minimal human intervention. These machines use sensors, mechanical arms, and software to identify, clean, and attach milking units to teats, ensuring efficient and hygienic milk collection. They monitor milk flow, animal health, and productivity in real time, enhancing farm management. By reducing labor and improving consistency, robotic milking systems support scalable, data-driven dairy operations while promoting animal welfare and operational precision.

According to computers and electronics in agriculture Robotic milking systems can reduce labor requirements by up to 30% and increase milking frequency by 10–15%, leading to a 5–10% improvement in milk yield per cow.

Market Dynamics:

Driver:

Improved herd management and data analytics

The adoption of robotic milking systems is being propelled by advancements in herd monitoring technologies and real-time data analytics. These systems enable farmers to track individual cow health, milk yield, and feeding patterns with precision, leading to optimized productivity and early detection of health issues. Integration with cloud-based platforms and IoT sensors allows for centralized control and predictive maintenance, reducing downtime and operational inefficiencies. As dairy farms scale up, the need for intelligent automation tools becomes increasingly critical to maintain consistency and profitability.

Restraint:

Cow adaptation and training period

Unlike traditional milking setups, robotic units demand behavioral conditioning, which varies across breeds and individual animals. This transition period can temporarily reduce milk output and increase labor costs due to manual intervention. Additionally, stress or discomfort during initial training may affect cow welfare and milk quality. Farmers must invest in training protocols and environmental modifications to ease the adaptation process, which can be resource-intensive for small and mid-sized operations.

Opportunity:

Integration with precision livestock farming (PLF)

PLF frameworks aim to enhance animal welfare, environmental sustainability, and farm economics through sensor-based monitoring and automated decision-making. Robotic milking systems can seamlessly integrate with PLF tools such as wearable health trackers, automated feeders, and climate control systems, creating a holistic smart farm ecosystem. This convergence enables real-time optimization of milking schedules, feed efficiency, and disease prevention. As governments and industry bodies promote digital agriculture, the demand for interoperable robotic solutions is expected to surge.

Threat:

Volatility in milk prices

High capital investment and maintenance costs associated with these systems may not be justifiable during periods of low milk profitability. Market instability driven by global

trade dynamics, feed cost inflation, and changing consumer preferences can deter long-term planning and technology upgrades. Smaller farms, in particular, may delay automation due to uncertain returns on investment. This economic unpredictability underscores the need for flexible financing models and government subsidies to support technology adoption.

#### Covid-19 Impact:

The COVID-19 pandemic had a dual impact on the robotic milking machines market. On one hand, supply chain disruptions led to delays in equipment delivery, installation, and servicing, affecting farm operations. On the other hand, the crisis accelerated the shift toward contactless and labor-efficient solutions, boosting interest in robotic milking systems. With labor shortages and biosecurity concerns rising, dairy farms began prioritizing automation to ensure continuity and reduce human exposure. Remote monitoring capabilities and predictive maintenance tools gained traction, enabling farms to operate with minimal physical intervention.

The multi-stall unit segment is expected to be the largest during the forecast period

The multi-stall unit segment is expected to account for the largest market share during the forecast period as these systems are designed to handle high-volume milking operations efficiently, making them ideal for large-scale dairy farms. Their modular architecture allows simultaneous milking of multiple cows, reducing cycle time and increasing throughput. Advanced features such as automated cleaning, cow identification, and synchronized scheduling contribute to operational excellence positioning multi-stall units as the preferred choice for industrial applications.

The electric actuators segment is expected to have the highest CAGR during the forecast period

Over the forecast period, the electric actuators segment is predicted to witness the highest growth rate controlling robotic arms, gates, and cleaning mechanisms with precision and reliability. Compared to pneumatic or hydraulic alternatives, electric actuators offer superior energy efficiency, reduced maintenance, and enhanced control accuracy. Innovations in compact actuator design and smart feedback systems are enabling smoother cow interaction and faster milking cycles. As manufacturers prioritize sustainability and performance, electric actuators are emerging as a key enabler of next-generation robotic milking technologies.

### Region with largest share:

During the forecast period, the Asia Pacific region is expected to hold the largest market share due to rapid dairy sector modernization and rising demand for automation. Countries like China, India, and Japan are witnessing increased investment in smart farming infrastructure, driven by government initiatives and private sector participation. The region's large dairy herd population and growing awareness of animal welfare are fueling adoption of robotic solutions. Additionally, the presence of local manufacturers offering cost-effective systems is making automation accessible to mid-sized farms.

### Region with highest CAGR:

Over the forecast period, the Asia Pacific region is anticipated to exhibit the highest CAGR owing to factors such as urbanization, rising disposable incomes, and changing dietary habits are driving milk consumption, prompting farms to scale up operations. Technological advancements in AI, machine vision, and sensor integration are being rapidly adopted across emerging economies. Supportive policies promoting smart agriculture and digital transformation are further accelerating market growth.

### Key players in the market

Some of the key players in Robotic Milking Machines Market include DeLaval, GEA Group AG, Lely, BouMatic, Fullwood JOZ, Milkomax Solutions Laitières Inc., System Happel GmbH, Waikato Milking Systems NZ LP, AMS Galaxy USA, Dairymaster, Afimilk Ltd., SAC Christensen, Hokofarm Group, Lacteos S.A., Protrack by LIC, Tetra Pak, and Urban GmbH & Co. KG.

### Key Developments:

In July 2025, Fullwood JOZ introduced FULLSENSE 1.4, an upgraded herd management software offering enhanced scalability and smarter analytics. It enables proactive decision-making for dairy operations and integrates seamlessly with Merlin robots. The update reflects the company's push toward intelligent automation.

In July 2025, Hokofarm Group installed its advanced RIC2Discover feed intake recording system at the University of Reading's dairy research barn. This marks the start of a larger research collaboration project. The system enhances precision feeding and behavioral tracking.

In March 2025, Milkomax Solutions Laitières Inc. expanded its Robomax robotic milking system for tie-stall barns across the U.S., integrating Merlin technology for hybrid herd management. The system supports both tie-stall and free-stall cows under one software platform. It reduces labor and improves milk quality.

#### System Types Covered:

Single-Stall Unit

Multi-Stall Unit

Automated Milking Rotary AMS

#### Offerings Covered:

Hardware

Software

Services

#### Herd Sizes Covered:

Less than 100 Head

100 to 1,000 Head

More than 1,000 Head

#### Actuators Covered:

Electric Actuators

Pneumatic Actuators

**Technologies Covered:**

Teat Detection & Attachment Technology

Milk Quality & Conductivity Sensors

Cow ID & Traffic Management

Data Analytics & Herd Health Modules

Other Technologies

**End Users Covered:**

Dairy Farms

Specialty Dairy Farms

Cooperative & Commercial Dairies

**Regions Covered:**

North America

US

Canada

Mexico

Europe

Germany

UK

Italy

France

Spain

Rest of Europe

Asia Pacific

Japan

China

India

Australia

New Zealand

South Korea

Rest of Asia Pacific

South America

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Brazil

Chile

Rest of South America

Middle East & Africa

Saudi Arabia

UAE

Qatar

South Africa

Rest of Middle East & Africa

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