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MILK PRODUCTION

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Milk Cows and Milk Production October - December Quarter 2005 and 2006

STATE	Milk Cows ¹		Milk Per Cow		Milk Production		2006/2005 Percent
	2005 <i>Thousand</i>	2006	2005 <i>Pounds</i>	2006	2005 <i>Million Pounds</i>	2006	
Delaware	7.1	7.0	4,197	4,286	29.8	30.0	101
Maryland	71	70	3,958	3,857	281	270	96
United States	9,060	9,116	4,821	4,897	43,674	44,639	102

¹ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

U.S. CATTLE

CLASS	2005	2006	2007	2007 as % of 2006
		<i>1,000 HEAD</i>		
Cattle and Calves	95,438	96,702	97,003	100
Cows and Heifers That have Calved	41,920	42,056	42,023	100
Beef Cows	32,915	32,994	32,894	100
Milk Cows	9,005	9,063	9,129	101
Heifers 500 Pounds and Over	19,573	19,984	20,086	101
For Beef Cow Replacement	5,691	5,904	5,877	100
For Milk Cow Replacement	4,118	4,275	4,310	101
Other Heifers	9,763	9,805	9,899	101
Steers 500 Pounds and Over	16,476	16,933	17,222	102
Bulls 500 Pounds and Over	2,219	2,263	2,215	98
Calves Under 500 Pounds	15,250	15,465	15,456	100
Calf Crop	37,505	37,575	37,567	100
Cattle on Feed	13,745	14,132	14,269	101

U.S. AND MARYLAND SHEEP AND LAMBS

U.S. AND MARYLAND SHEEP & LAMBS BY CLASS . JANUARY 1, 2006-2007

ITEM	2006		2007	
	MD	U.S.	MD	U.S.
	<i>-----thousand-----</i>			
All Sheep & Lambs	22.0	6,230	23.0	6,185
Breeding	16.0	4,640	18.0	4,620
Ewes	12.5	3,661	14.0	3,706
Rams	1.0	196	1.0	195
Replacement Lambs	2.5	783	3.0	719
Market Sheep & Lambs	6.0	1,590	5.0	1,565
under 65	2.8	416	2.3	368
65 to 84	0.8	209	0.5	201
85 to 105	0.3	362	0.1	372
over 105	0.1	526	0.1	536
Market Sheep	2.0	76	2.0	89
Lamb Crop	15.0	4,085	-----	-----

U.S. AGRICULTURAL PRICES

Commodity	Unit	United States			Parity
		Jan 2006	Dec 2006	Jan 2007	
<i>Dollars</i>					
Wheat, Winter	BU	3.45	4.51	4.47	10.50
Corn	BU	2.00	3.01	3.23	7.76
Barley	BU	2.42	2.95	3.13	7.32
Soybeans	BU	5.87	6.18	6.42	17.20
All Hay, Baled ¹	TON	93.10	108.00	112.00	----
Apples, Fresh	LB	0.217	0.261	0.287	0.609
All Beef Cattle	CWT	95.10	83.60	85.00	205.00
Calves	CWT	141.00	115.00	115.00	295.00
Hogs	CWT	40.70	43.50	41.40	118.00
Broilers	LB	0.380	0.400	0.430	----
Turkeys, Live	LB	0.408	0.434	0.408	1.140
Eggs, Market	DOZ	0.438	0.665	0.788	1.780

1/ Agricultural Prices are published at the end of each month throughout the year for the United States and selected states. Maryland is not in the monthly prices program; however, price information is available for Maryland commodities at the end of each production year. Throughout the year on Friday, the Maryland Agricultural Statistics Service in cooperation with the Maryland Department of Agriculture publishes the Maryland Grain and Livestock report. This report contains current commodity price quotes from local and regional markets throughout Maryland and can be viewed at [http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics by State/Maryland/Publications](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Maryland/Publications)

NUMBER OF FARMS AND LAND IN FARMS

The number of farms and total land in farms declined in Maryland last year. Total land in farms is now estimated at 2.035 million acres, and the number of farms is estimated at 12,000 as compared with 12,100 farms occupying 2.040 million acres in 2005. This brings the average farm size to 170 acres, up one acre from the average 169 acres farmed in 2005. The number of farms remained constant in Delaware last year, at 2,300, although the total land in farms dropped from 520,000 acres to 515,000 acres. This brings the average farm size in Delaware to 224 acres, as compared with an average of 226 acres in 2005.

The number of farms in the United States in 2006 dropped to 2.09 million, 0.4 percent fewer than in 2005. Total land in farms, at 9.324 million acres, decreased 780,000 acres, or 0.08 percent, from 2005. The average size farm in the United States is now estimated at 446 acres, as compared with 445 acres in 2005. The decline in the number of farms and land in farms reflects a continuing consolidation in farming operations and diversion of agricultural land to nonagricultural uses.

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