

## Dairy and Livestock

The number of dairy farms decreased by 5 between 2004 and 2005 to 85 operations. The number of milk cows was unchanged from 2004 at 7,400, while production per cow increased 486 pounds to a record high 17,716. Total milk production was up 2 percent from 2004 to 131 million pounds in 2005. Cash receipts decreased 2 percent from 2004 to \$21.1 million. Dairymen received an average of \$16.20 per hundredweight of milk, down 80 cents from 2004.

The January 1, 2006, inventory of all cattle and calves in Delaware was unchanged from a year earlier at 23,000 head. Delaware beef production in 2005 was up 2 percent from 2004 to 7.0 million pounds. Cash receipts decreased slightly to \$7.4 million. Average price per 100 pounds live weight at \$110.00 for calves was up \$9.00 from 2004 while the cattle price increased \$5.80 from 2004 to \$85.80.

Hog and pig inventory as of December 1, 2005, increased 2,000 from a year earlier to 17,000 head. Pork production was 4.6 million pounds in 2005, down 15 percent from 2004, while the cash receipts from hogs and pigs at \$2.7 million was down 4 percent.

### Number of Livestock Operations by Type, Delaware, 2001 - 2005

Year	With Cattle	With Milk Cows	With Beef Cows	With Hogs & Pigs
2001	470	110	240	90
2002	440	110	230	80
2003	430	100	230	70
2004	420	90	230	70
2005	420	85	230	70

<sup>1</sup> An operation is any place having one or more head of the species on hand at any time during the year.

### Milk Cows and Milk Production, Delaware, 2001– 2005

Year	Milk Cows On Farms	Milk per Milk Cow	Milkfat per Milk Cow	Percentage of Fat In All Milk Produced	Total Milk
	Thousand	Pounds		Percent	Million Pounds
2001	9.0	16,667	610	3.66	150
2002	9.0	16,667	620	3.72	150
2003	8.3	15,904	596	3.75	132
2004	7.4	17,230	644	3.74	128
2005	7.4	17,716	663	3.74	131

### Milk and Milkfat: Marketings and Income, Delaware, 2001 - 2005

Year	Milk Utilized (million lbs.)	Average returns		Cash Receipts from Marketings (1,000 dollars)
		Per Cwt. Milk (dollars)	Per Lb. Milkfat (dollars)	
2001	148.9	16.10	4.40	23,973
2002	148.9	13.30	3.58	19,804
2003	130.9	13.30	3.55	17,410
2004	126.4	17.00	4.55	21,488
2005	130.0	16.20	4.33	21,060