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MILK PRODUCTION, DISPOSITION, AND INCOME – 2023 SUMMARY

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Milk production decreased slightly in 2023 to 226 billion pounds. The rate per cow, at 24,117 pounds, was 30 pounds above 2022. The annual average number of milk cows on farms was 9.39 million head, down 14,000 head from 2022.

Cash receipts from marketings of milk during 2023 totaled \$45.9 billion, down 19.8 percent from 2022. Producer returns averaged \$20.38 per hundredweight, 19.7 percent below 2022. Marketings totaled 225.4 billion pounds, down slightly from 2022. Marketings include whole milk sold to plants and dealers and milk sold directly to consumers.

An estimated 989 million pounds of milk were used on farms where produced, 0.5 percent less than 2022. Calves were fed 92 percent of this milk, with the remainder consumed in producer households.

For a full copy of the *Milk Production, Disposition, and Income* report, please visit www.nass.usda.gov. For state specific questions, please contact the following State Statisticians at 1-800-392-3202.

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