

**Milk Production Up 2.3 Percent:** Pennsylvania's milk production for 2006 was 10.7 billion pounds, 239 million pounds more than 2005 production. The 2006 average milk production per cow was 19,390 pounds for the year, 668 pounds more than 2005 production of 18,722 pounds per cow.

Pennsylvania fell to fifth place in the nation's ranking in milk production, producing 5.9 percent of the nation's milk. California was first with 21.4 percent of the U.S. production, followed by Wisconsin, New York, and Idaho respectively.

The number of milk cows in the State averaged 554,000 head in 2006, 7,000 less than in 2005. The number of commercial dairy farms for 2006 is estimated at 8,400, down 200 from 2005. Commercial dairy farms are defined as farms with 10 or more milk cows in operation during the year.

**Milk Disposition & Income:** Gross income from marketings of Pennsylvania milk during 2006 totaled 1.56 billion dollars, down 2.0 million dollars from 2005. Marketings totaled 10.7 billion pounds in 2006, up 252 million pounds from 2005. Returns from both wholesale and retail sales in 2006 averaged \$14.60 per hundred pounds of milk, compared with \$16.90 per hundred pounds in 2005.

An estimated 53 million pounds of milk were used on farms where produced. Calves in the Commonwealth were fed 35 million pounds of milk, while 18 million pounds were used by producer's households as fluid milk, cream and butter.

**Production Costs:** Monthly cost of production statistics were discontinued in July 2005. Statistics prior to this time may be obtained by contacting this office.

