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CASH RECEIPTS FROM MILK MARKETINGS UP

Total **cash receipts** from marketings of milk in SOUTH CAROLINA during 2007 was \$67.3 million, up 59 percent from the \$42.2 million marketed in 2006, the USDA NASS South Carolina Field Office reported today. The average price per 100 pounds for milk increased from \$15.40 in 2006 to \$21.10 in 2007.

Total milk production was 15.2 billion pounds for 2009, down 0.2 percent from March 2008. The rate per cow, at 1,788 pounds for March, 6 pounds below March 2008. The annual average number of milk cows on farms was 8.48 million head, 15,000 head more than March 2008, but 4,000 head less than February 2009.

Cash receipts in the UNITED STATES from marketings of milk during 2007 totaled \$35.4 billion, 51.4 percent higher than 2006. Producer returns averaged \$19.21 per hundredweight, 48.2 percent above 2006. Marketings totaled 184 billion pounds, 2.1 percent above 2006. Marketings include whole milk sold to plants and dealers and milk sold directly to consumers. An estimated 1.17 billion pounds of milk were used on farms where produced, 1.0 percent more than 2006. Calves were fed 87 percent of this milk, with the remainder consumed in producer households.

Milk production increased 2.1 percent in 2007 to 186 billion pounds. The rate per cow, at 20,267 pounds, was 316 pounds above 2006. The annual average number of milk cows on farms was 9.16 million head, up 46,000 head from 2006.