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MILK PRODUCTION, DISPOSITION, AND INCOME

WEST VIRGINIA - Milk production totaled 199 million pounds during 2007, down one million from 2006. The average number of milk cows during the year was 13,000 head, the same as 2006. Average milk production per cow was 15,308 pounds, down 77 pounds from 2006.

Cash receipts from marketings of milk during 2007 totaled \$39.0 million, up 48 percent from the 2006 cash receipts. Producer returns averaged \$19.80 per hundredweight, up \$6.40 from 2006. Milk marketed by producers totaled 197 million pounds in 2007, unchanged from 2006. Marketings include whole milk sold to plants and dealers as well as milk sold directly to consumers.

UNITED STATES - 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.

Cash receipts 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.