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MILK PRODUCTION, DISPOSITION, AND INCOME

WEST VIRGINIA - Milk production totaled 157 million pounds during 2010, down 5 million pounds from the 2009 production of 162 million pounds. The average number of milk cows during the year was 10,000 head, down 1,000 head from 2009. Average milk production per cow was 15,700 pounds or around 1,800 gallons, up 973 pounds from the 2009 number of 14,727 pounds.

Cash receipts from marketings of milk during 2010 totaled \$26.2 million, up 27 percent from the 2009 cash receipts number of \$20.6 million. Producer returns averaged \$16.90 per hundredweight, up \$4.00 from 2009. Milk marketed by producers totaled 155 million pounds or 18.0 million gallons in 2010, down 5 million pounds from the 2009 number of 160 million pounds. Marketings include whole milk sold to plants and dealers as well as milk sold directly to consumers.

UNITED STATES - Milk production increased 1.8 percent in 2010 to 193 billion pounds. The rate per cow, at 21,149 pounds, was 576 pounds above 2009. The annual average number of milk cows on farms was 9.12 million head, down 86,000 head from 2009.

Cash receipts from marketings of milk during 2010 totaled \$31.4 billion, 28.9 percent higher than 2009. Producer returns averaged \$16.35 per hundredweight, 26.5 percent above 2009. Marketings totaled 191.8 billion pounds, 1.9 percent above 2009. Marketings include whole milk sold to plants and dealers and milk sold directly to consumers.

An estimated 991 million pounds of milk were used on farms where produced, 2.0 percent less than 2009. Calves were fed 89 percent of this milk, with the remainder consumed in producer households.

Note: A conversion of 8.6 pounds per gallon was used.