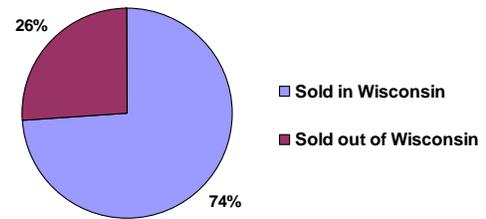




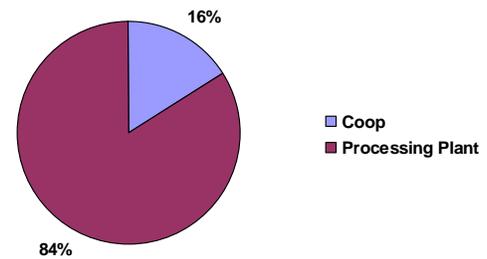
Wisconsin Dairy Goat Industry Overview

To meet the needs of the vital, growing dairy goat industry in Wisconsin, a joint effort between DATCP, Division of Agricultural Development, and the Wisconsin Agricultural Statistics Service was established to conduct a survey. This survey of the state's dairy goat producers was designed to cover current production practices and plans for future growth. Producer input was included during the development of the questionnaire. Dairy goat farmers were contacted in September 2006 by mail or phone. Over 60 percent of these producers responded to this voluntary survey. Basic data for incomplete reports was estimated using information from previous surveys and averages based on the good responses.

Milk Sold, by Location



Milk Sold to Coop or Processing Plant



Number of Herds and Range of Annual Milk Production: By Size Groups, Wisconsin, 2006

Milking herd size	Number of herds	Annual milk production per doe		
		1-999 lbs.	1,000-1,499 lbs.	1,500+ lbs.
	Number	Percent		
1-100	90	12	79	9
101-200	56	9	45	46
201+	19	10	37	53
Total	165	11	62	27

Number of Herds, Number of Milking Does, Annual Production and Production per Doe By Size Groups, Wisconsin, 2006

Milking herd size	Number of herds	Number of milking does	Annual production	Production per doe
1-100	90	5,648	6,198,000	1,097
101-200	56	8,329	12,453,000	1,495
201+	19	5,529	8,965,000	1,621
Total	165	19,506	27,616,000	1,416

Milk Price, Amount of Milk Sold, and Total Amount Received: Wisconsin, 2006

Year	Price	Milk sold	Receipts
	Dollars per cwt.	Cwt.	Dollars
2006	27.90	271,250	7,568,000

How Milk is Utilized, Wisconsin, 2006

Year	Sold as milk	Used to manufacture food products on farm	Other uses (soap, home use, feed, etc.)
	Percent		
2006	98	1	1

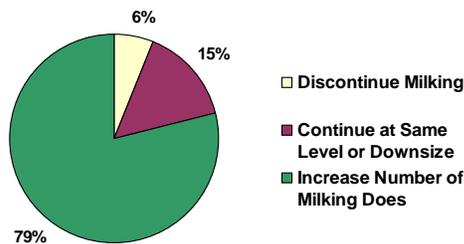
Number of Years Selling Goat Milk By Size Group, Wisconsin, 2006

Milking herd size	0 – 2 years	3 – 5 years	5+ years
	Percent		
1-100	59	14	27
101-200	34	21	45
201+	14	14	72
Total	42	17	41

Future Plans: By Number of Years Selling Goat Milk and Size Groups, Wisconsin, 2006

Plans for next five years	Discontinue production	Downsize	Continue at the Same level	Increase in number of milking does		
				Less than 10%	10-50%	Greater than 50%
Percent						
Number of years selling goat milk						
0-2	3	3	0	7	23	64
3-5	0	0	17	0	50	33
5+	14	7	14	10	34	21
Milking herd size						
1-100	6	3	15	0	17	59
101-200	10	7	7	17	35	24
201+	0	0	8	0	61	31
Total	6	4	11	6	32	41

Plans in Next Five Years

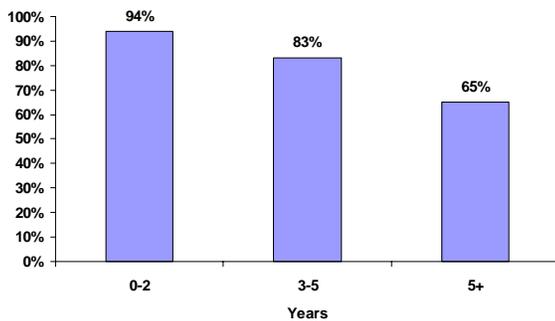


Summary

Wisconsin has a strong dairy goat industry. The state's 165 milking herds produced 27.6 million pounds of milk in the last year. Milk sold at an average price of \$27.90 per hundredweight (cwt.), with total receipts of \$7.57 million. Approximately three-quarters of the milk were sold within Wisconsin. Farmers sold 84 percent of their goat milk to processing plants. There is also a strong coop presence in the state, accounting for 16 percent of sales.

While 42 percent of the producers are relatively new to the industry and have been milking fewer than three years, 41 percent have more than five years of experience. Goat milk production is likely to grow significantly over the next five years, as 79 percent of operations plan on increasing the size of their milking herds.

Percent Planning to Increase Number of Milking Does, by Years Selling Goat Milk



Thank you

We would like to thank the farmers who took the time to respond to this important survey. Producers' input is crucial in maintaining the strength of Wisconsin's dairy goat industry.

Results can also be found on the web at: <http://www.nass.usda.gov/wi/>

Percent Planning to Increase Number of Milking Does, by Size Groups

