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2011 WYOMING MILK PRODUCTION VALUED AT \$24.1 MILLION

WYOMING: Milk production in **Wyoming** during 2011 totaled 123.1 million pounds, up 2 percent from the 120.4 million pounds produced in 2010, according to the Wyoming Field Office of USDA NASS. The average number of milk cows in the State during 2011 was 6,000 head, unchanged from 2010. Milk production per cow averaged 20,517 pounds, up 2 percent from 20,067 pounds the previous year. These totals exclude milk sucked by calves.

The average fat content in 2011 milk was 3.41 percent, up from 3.40 percent in 2011. Producers received \$23.8 million for their milk sold in 2011, averaging \$19.60 per 100 pounds. In 2010, producers received \$19.6 million with an average of \$16.50 per 100 pounds. An estimated 1.5 million pounds of milk were used on farms where produced, with 87 percent fed to calves. The remaining farm use was for milk, cream, and butter. The total value of all milk produced was \$24.1 million.

UNITED STATES: **Milk production** increased 1.8 percent in 2011 to 196 billion pounds. The rate per cow, at 21,345 pounds, was 197 pounds above 2010. The annual average number of milk cows on farms was 9.19 million head, up 75,000 head from 2010.

Cash receipts from marketings of milk during 2011 totaled \$39.5 billion, 26.0 percent higher than 2010. Producer returns averaged \$20.25 per hundredweight, 23.9 percent above 2010. Marketings totaled 195.3 billion pounds, 1.8 percent above 2010. Marketings include whole milk sold to plants and dealers and milk sold directly to consumers.

An estimated 985 million pounds of milk were used on farms where produced, unchanged from 2010. Calves were fed 90 percent of this milk, with the remainder consumed in producer households.