

OKLAHOMA DAIRY

1999 DAIRY REVIEW

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The average number of milk cows in Oklahoma during 1999 was 92,000, unchanged from the 1998 average. However, milk production for 1999 increased 1 percent to 1.25 billion pounds. This was due to the increase in the annual average milk production per cow to 13,576 pounds, an average increase of 141 pounds of milk per cow from a year ago.

Oklahoma's dairymen marketed 1.24 billion pounds of milk and cream during 1999. These marketings accounted for 99 percent of the State's milk production. The remaining production was used for household purposes and was fed to calves on the farms where the milk was produced. Total cash receipts, at \$191 million, increased slightly from the previous year. The number of farms with milk cows in 1999, at 2,000 farms, was down 5 percent from last year.

The quantity of whole milk (net whole milk equivalent) utilized in manufacturing dairy products decreased from 231 million pounds in 1998 to 193 million pounds in 1999. The number of plants manufacturing dairy products in 1999 totaled 7 firms, compared to 8 in 1998.

Production of lowfat cottage cheese increased slightly during 1999 to 1.97 million pounds. Cottage cheese curd totaled 2.77 million pounds. Low fat ice cream mix decreased 10 percent from 1998 to 568,000 gallons.