

# OKLAHOMA DAIRY

## 2000 DAIRY REVIEW

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The average number of milk cows in Oklahoma during 2000 was 91,000, down 1 percent from the 1999 average. However, milk production for 2000 increased 4 percent to 1.3 billion pounds. This was due to the increase in the annual average milk production per cow to 14,231 pounds, an average increase of 655 pounds of milk per cow from a year ago.

Oklahoma's dairymen marketed 1.28 billion pounds of milk and cream during 2000. 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 \$174 million, decreased 9 percent from the previous year. The number of farms with milk cows in 2000, at 1,900 farms, was down 5 percent from last year.

Production of lowfat cottage cheese decreased 10 percent during 2000 to 1.78 million pounds. Cottage cheese curd totaled 3.24 million pounds, up 17 percent from 1999. Low fat ice cream mix increased 6 percent from 1999 to 604,000 gallons. The number of plants manufacturing dairy products in 2000 totaled 6 firms, compared to 7 in 1999.