

OKLAHOMA DAIRY

2001 DAIRY REVIEW

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The average number of milk cows in Oklahoma during 2001 was 89,000 head, down 2 percent from the 2000 average. Milk production for 2001 decreased by less than 1 percent to 1.29 billion pounds. The annual average milk production per cow increased to 14,528 pounds, an average increase of 297 pounds of milk per cow from a year ago.

Oklahoma's dairymen marketed 1.28 billion pounds of milk and cream during 2001. These marketings accounted for 99 percent of the State's milk production. The remaining production was used for household purposes or was fed to calves on the farms where the milk was produced. Total cash receipts, at \$203 million, increased 17 percent from the previous year. The number of farms with milk cows in 2001, at 1,700 farms, was down 11 percent from last year.

Production of lowfat cottage cheese increased 31 percent during 2001 to 2.33 million pounds. Low fat ice cream mix decreased 14 percent from 2000 to 522,000 gallons. The number of plants manufacturing dairy products in 2001 totaled 7 firms, compared to 6 in 2000.