

# OKLAHOMA DAIRY

## **2002 DAIRY REVIEW**

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The average number of milk cows in Oklahoma during 2002 was 88,000 head, down 1 percent from the 2001 average. Milk production for 2002 increased slightly to 1.294 billion pounds. The annual average milk production per cow increased to 14,705 pounds, an average increase of 177 pounds of milk per cow from a year ago.

Oklahoma's dairymen marketed 1.28 billion pounds of milk and cream during 2002. 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 \$173 million, decreased 15 percent from the previous year. The number of farms with milk cows in 2002, at 1,600 farms, was down 6 percent from last year.

The number of plants manufacturing dairy products in 2002 totaled 7 firms, unchanged from 2001.