

OKLAHOMA DAIRY

2003 DAIRY REVIEW

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The average number of milk cows in Oklahoma during 2003 was 82,000 head, down 2 percent from the 2002 average. Milk production for 2003 increased slightly to 1.31 billion pounds. The annual average milk production per cow increased to 16,000 pounds, an average increase of 440 pounds of milk per cow from a year ago.

Oklahoma's dairymen marketed 1.3 billion pounds of milk and cream during 2003. 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 \$178 million, increased 2 percent from the previous year. The number of farms with milk cows in 2003, at 1,500 farms, was down 6 percent from last year.

The number of plants manufacturing dairy products in 2003 totaled 7 firms, unchanged from 2002.