

Oklahoma Dairy

2006 Dairy Review

The average number of milk cows in Oklahoma during 2006 was 73,000 head, down 3 percent from the 2005 average. Total milk production for 2006 decreased 2 percent to 1.21 billion pounds. The annual average milk production per cow increased to 16,630 pounds, an average increase of 150 pounds of milk per cow from a year ago.

Oklahoma's dairymen marketed 1.20 billion pounds of milk and cream during 2006. 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, decreased 11 percent from the previous year. The number of farms with milk cows in 2006, at 1,400 farms, was unchanged from the previous year.

The number of plants manufacturing dairy products in 2006 totaled 8 firms, unchanged from 2005.