

Milk Production Up Slightly: Pennsylvania's milk production for 2000 was 11.16 billion pounds, 22.5 million pounds more than 1999 production. Monthly milk production during 2000 was higher than monthly production in all but 1 month of 1999. During November, milk production was the same as November 1999. The 2000 average milk production per cow was 18,081 pounds for the year, 336 pounds more than 1999's production of 17,745 pounds per cow.

Pennsylvania remained fourth in the nation's ranking in milk production, producing 6.7 percent of the nation's milk. California was first with 19.2 percent of the U.S. production, followed by Wisconsin and New York, respectively.

The number of milk cows in the State averaged 617,000 head in 2000, 1,000 more than in 1999. The number of commercial dairy farms for 2000 is estimated at 9,600, down 100 from 1999. Commercial dairy farms are defined as farms with 10 or more milk cows in operation during the year.

Milk Disposition & Income: Gross income from marketings of Pennsylvania milk during 2000 totaled 1.53 billion dollars, down 11 percent from 1999. Marketings totaled 11.1 billion pounds in 2000, 2 percent more than in 1999. Returns from both wholesale and retail sales in 2000 averaged \$13.70 per hundred pounds of milk, compared with \$15.70 per hundred pounds in 1999.

An estimated 58 million pounds of milk were used on farms where produced. Calves in the Commonwealth were fed 45 millions pounds of milk, while 13 million pounds were used by producer's households as fluid milk, cream and butter.

Production Costs: Costs of producing milk in Pennsylvania averaged \$14.20 per hundred pounds of milk during 2000, compared with \$13.33 during 1999. This estimated cost of producing milk does not include any returns (costs) for management or equity capital, or changes in inventory values of capital items, but does include a return to operator and family labor.

Pennsylvania: Cost of Producing Milk, Selected Items & Total, By Months, 2000

Month	Purchased Feed	Fertilizer & Lime	Fuels & Lubricants	Dairy Animals Purchased	Hauling	Interest	Depreciation	Value Family Labor	Hired Labor	Other	Total
<i>Dollars Per Cwt. of Milk Shipped</i>											
January	2.813	0.258	0.183	0.163	0.580	0.349	0.715	2.552	0.691	4.594	12.90
February	2.708	0.181	0.207	0.120	0.690	0.353	0.722	2.423	0.806	4.640	12.85
March	3.048	0.325	0.260	0.198	0.699	0.338	0.692	2.447	0.754	4.448	13.21
April	2.772	0.465	0.322	0.289	0.732	0.402	0.800	2.646	0.637	4.569	13.63
May	3.005	1.695	0.461	0.582	0.783	0.405	0.807	2.372	0.728	4.609	15.45
June	2.684	0.875	0.356	0.881	0.712	0.406	0.808	2.415	0.717	4.613	14.47
July	3.068	0.716	0.391	0.486	0.686	0.405	0.807	2.621	0.784	4.606	14.57
August	3.020	0.252	0.390	0.448	0.688	0.414	0.824	2.546	0.768	4.707	14.06
September	3.251	0.247	0.470	0.398	0.715	0.413	0.822	3.165	0.851	4.693	15.03
October	3.214	0.190	0.494	0.265	0.691	0.417	0.830	3.010	0.804	4.740	14.65
November	3.228	0.599	0.423	0.275	0.694	0.418	0.832	2.822	0.665	4.749	14.70
December	3.927	0.783	0.351	0.567	0.683	0.403	0.803	1.750	0.991	4.586	14.84
Average	3.062	0.549	0.359	0.389	0.696	0.394	0.789	2.564	0.766	4.630	14.20
% of Total	21.6	3.9	2.5	2.7	4.9	2.8	5.6	18.1	5.4	32.6	100.0

Annual Milk Production Per Cow
PA, US & 2D States, 1990-2000

