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2003 MILK PRODUCTION AND DISPOSITION

WEST VIRGINIA -- Milk production totaled 222 million pounds during 2003, down 21 million pounds from the 2002 production. The average number of milk cows was 15,000 head, down 1,000 head from 2002. Average milk production per cow was 14,800 pounds, down 388 pounds from the 15,188 pounds for 2002.

Cash receipts from marketings of milk during 2003 totaled \$28.0 million, down 8 percent from the 2002 cash receipts. Producer returns averaged \$12.80 per hundredweight, down \$.10 from 2002. Milk marketed by producers totaled 219 million pounds in 2003, down 21 million pounds from 2002. Marketings include whole milk sold to plants and dealers as well as milk sold directly to consumers.

UNITED STATES – Milk production increased 0.1 percent in 2003 to 170.3 billion pounds. The rate per cow, at 18,749 pounds, was 141 pounds above 2002. The annual average number of milk cows on farms, at 9.08 million head, was 55,000 head less than 2002.

Cash receipts from marketings of milk during 2003 totaled \$21.2 billion, 3 percent above 2002. Producer returns averaged \$12.55 per hundredweight, 3 percent above 2002. Marketings totaled 169 billion pounds, 0.2 percent above 2002. Marketings include whole milk sold to plants and dealers as well as milk sold directly to consumers.

An estimated 1.11 billion pounds of milk were used on farms where produced, 0.4 percent less than 2002. Calves were fed 86 percent of this milk, with the remainder consumed in producer households.