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## MILK PRODUCTION, DISPOSITION, AND INCOME - 2022 SUMMARY

## **UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS**

Milk production increased 0.1 percent in 2022 to 226 billion pounds. The rate per cow, at 24,087 pounds, was 138 pounds above 2021. The annual average number of milk cows on farms was 9.40 million head, down 47,000 head from 2021.

Cash receipts from marketings of milk during 2022 totaled \$57.3 billion, up 37.1 percent from 2021. Producer returns averaged \$25.39 per hundredweight, 36.9 percent above 2021. Marketings totaled 225.5 billion pounds, 0.1 percent above 2021. Marketings include whole milk sold to plants and dealers and milk sold directly to consumers.

An estimated 994 million pounds of milk were used on farms where produced, 3.6 percent less than 2021. Calves were fed 92 percent of this milk, with the remainder consumed in producer households.

For a full copy of the *Milk Production, Disposition, and Income* report, please visit <u>www.nass.usda.gov</u>. For state specific questions, please contact the following State Statisticians at 1-800-392-3202.

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