

## Dairy and Livestock

The number of dairy farms decreased by 10 between 2003 and 2004 to 90 operations. The number of milk cows dropped to 7,400 in 2004 (down 900), while production per cow increased 1,326 pounds to a record high 17,230. Total milk production was down 3 percent from 2003 to 128 million pounds in 2004. Cash receipts increased 23 percent from 2003 to \$21.5 million. Dairywomen received an record high average of \$17.00 per hundredweight of milk, up \$3.70 from 2003.

The January 1, 2005, inventory of all cattle and calves in Delaware decreased 2,000 from a year earlier to 23,000 head. Delaware beef production in 2004 was down 3 percent from 2003 to 6.9 million pounds. Cash receipts decreased 103 percent, to \$7.9 million. This huge increase was due to a much higher quantity of pounds marketed and a \$12.00 increase in the price per hundred pounds from 2003.

Hog and pig inventory as of December 1, 2004, increased 2,000 from a year earlier to 15,000 head. Pork production was 5.4 million pounds in 2004, down 16 percent 2003, while the cash receipts from hogs and pigs at \$3.0 million was up 11 percent due to higher prices during the year.

### Number of Livestock Operations by Type, Delaware, 2000 - 2004

Year	With Cattle	With Milk Cows	With Beef Cows	With Hogs & Pigs
2000	480	120	240	100
2001	470	110	240	90
2002	440	110	230	80
2003	430	100	230	70
2004	420	90	230	70

<sup>1</sup> An operation is any place having one or more head of the species on hand at any time during the year.

### Milk Cows and Milk Production, Delaware, 2000- 2004

Year	Milk Cows On Farms	Milk per Milk Cow	Milkfat per Milk Cow	Percentage of Fat In All Milk Produced	Total Milk
	Thousand	Pounds		Percent	Million Pounds
2000	9.9	14,747	554	3.76	146
2001	9.0	16,667	610	3.66	150
2002	9.0	16,667	620	3.72	150
2003	8.3	15,904	596	3.75	132
2004	7.4	17,230	644	3.74	128

### Milk and Milkfat: Marketings and Income, Delaware, 2000 - 2004

Year	Milk Utilized (million lbs.)	Average returns		Cash Receipts from Marketings (1,000 dollars)
		Per Cwt. Milk (dollars)	Per Lb. Milkfat (dollars)	
2000	144.9	13.50	3.59	19,562
2001	148.9	16.10	4.40	23,973
2002	148.9	13.30	3.58	19,804
2003	130.9	13.30	3.55	17,410
2004	126.4	17.00	4.55	21,488