

Dairy and Livestock

The number of dairy farms was unchanged between 2005 and 2006 at 90 operations. The number of milk cows decrease from 2005 to 7,000, while production per cow decreased 233 pounds to a 17,429. Total milk production was down 7 percent from 2005 to 122 million pounds in 2006. Cash receipts decreased 18 percent from 2005 to \$17.2 million. Dairymen received an average of \$14.20 per hundredweight of milk, down 12 percent from 2005.

The January 1, 2007, inventory of all cattle and calves in Delaware was unchanged from a year earlier at 23,000 head. Delaware beef production in 2006 was up 2 percent from 2005 to 7.2 million pounds. Cash receipts decreased slightly to \$7.2 million. Average price per 100 pounds live weight at \$135.00 for calves was up \$25.00 from 2005 while the cattle price decreased \$0.70 per 100 pounds live weight from 2005 to \$85.10.

Hog and pig inventory as of December 1, 2006, decreased 6,000 from a year earlier to 10,500 head. Pork production was 7.4 million pounds in 2006, up 28 percent from 2005, while the cash receipts from hogs and pigs at \$3.8 million was up 23 percent.

Number of Livestock Operations by Type, Delaware, 2002 - 2006

Year	With Cattle	With Milk Cows	With Beef Cows	With Hogs & Pigs
2002	440	110	230	80
2003	430	100	230	70
2004	420	90	230	70
2005	420	90	230	70
2006	420	90	230	70

¹ 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, 2002 - 2006

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
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
2005 ¹	7.4	17,662	661	3.74	131
2006	7.0	17,429	654	3.75	122

¹ Revised

Milk and Milkfat: Marketings and Income, Delaware, 2002 - 2006

Year	Milk Utilized (million lbs.)	Average returns		Cash Receipts from Marketings (1,000 dollars)
		Per Cwt. Milk (dollars)	Per Lb. Milkfat (dollars)	
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
2005 ¹	129.6	16.20	4.33	20,995
2006	120.9	14.20	3.79	17,168

¹ Revised