

Dairy and Livestock

The number of dairy farms decreased from 90 in 2006 to 80 operations in 2007. The number of milk cows decreased from 7,000 in 2006 to 6,800 in 2007, while production per cow increased 322 pounds to 16,618. Total milk production was down 1 percent from 2006 to 113 million pounds in 2007. Cash receipts increased 45 percent from 2006 to \$22.0 million. Dairymen received a record high average of \$19.60 per hundredweight of milk compared with \$13.40 in 2006, up 46 percent.

The January 1, 2008, inventory of all cattle and calves in Delaware was down 1,000 from a year earlier to 22,000 head. Delaware beef production in 2007 was up 1 percent from 2006 to 7.2 million pounds. Cash receipts, at 7.2 million decreased slightly from 2006. Average price per 100 pounds live weight at \$110.00 for calves was down \$25.00 from 2006, while the cattle price increased \$1.40 per 100 pounds live weight from 2006 to \$86.50.

Hog and pig inventory as of December 1, 2007, increased 500 from a year earlier to 11,000 head. Pork production was 7.7 million pounds in 2007, up 4 percent from 2006, while the cash receipts from hogs and pigs at \$3.5 million was down 5 percent.

Number of Livestock Operations by Type, Delaware, 2003 - 2007

Year	With Cattle	With Milk Cows	With Beef Cows	With Hogs & Pigs
2003	430	100	230	70
2004	420	90	230	70
2005	420	90	230	70
2006	420	90	230	70
2007	420	80	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, 2003 - 2007

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
2003	8.3	15,904	596	3.75	132
2004	7.4	17,230	644	3.74	128
2005	7.4	17,662	661	3.74	131
2006	7.0	16,286	606	3.72	114
2007	6.8	16,618	617	3.71	113

¹ Revised

Milk and Milkfat: Marketings and Income, Delaware, 2003 - 2007

Year	Milk Utilized (million lbs.)	Average returns		Cash Receipts from Marketings (1,000 dollars)
		Per Cwt. Milk (dollars)	Per Lb. Milkfat (dollars)	
2003	130.9	13.30	3.55	17,410
2004	126.4	17.00	4.55	21,488
2005	129.6	16.20	4.33	20,995
2006	113.0	13.40	3.60	15,142
2007	112.0	19.60	5.28	21,952