

Dairy and Livestock

The number of milk cows decreased from 6,500 head, down 300 from 2007, while production per cow increased 305 pounds to 16,923. Total milk production decreased to 110 million pounds, down three percent from last year. Cash receipts dropped to \$20.4 million after a record high average in 2007. Dairy men received \$18.70 per hundredweight in 2008.

The January 1, 2009, inventory of all cattle and calves in Delaware was down 1,000 from a year earlier to 21,000 head. Delaware beef production in 2008 was up 1 percent from 2007 to 7.1 million pounds. In 2008 cash receipts, were at 7.5 million, up four percent from 2007. Average price per 100 pounds live weight for calves at \$105, down \$5.00 per head from last year, while cattle prices remained unchanged (\$86.50) from the previous year.

Hog and pig inventory as of December 1, 2008, remained unchanged from the previous year at 9,000 head. Pork production was 6.3 million pounds in 2008, down three percent from 2007. Cash receipts dropped to \$3.1 million from \$3.2 million in 2007.

Milk Cows and Milk Production, Delaware, 2004 - 2008

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
2004 ¹	7.5	16,667	623	3.74	125
2005 ¹	7.4	16,622	622	3.74	123
2006	7.0	16,286	606	3.72	114
2007	6.8	16,618	617	3.71	113
2008	6.5	16,923	633	3.74	110

¹ Revised

Milk and Milkfat: Marketings and Income, Delaware, 2004 - 2008

Year	Milk Utilized (million lbs.)	Average returns		Cash Receipts from Marketings (1,000 dollars)
		Per Cwt. Milk (dollars)	Per Lb. Milkfat (dollars)	
2004 ¹	123.9	17.00	4.55	21,063
2005 ¹	121.9	16.20	4.33	19,748
2006	113.0	13.40	3.60	15,142
2007	112.0	19.60	5.28	21,952
2008	109.0	18.70	5.00	20,383

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