

DAIRY HIGHLIGHTS

MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION

The number of milk cows on Kentucky farms continued its steady decline during 1999 and totaled 133,000 head, down 7,000 head from the 1998 average. This continues the steady decline in milk cow numbers that began in 1986.

Total milk production in Kentucky was 1.65 billion pounds, down 4 percent from 1998. Average production per cow, at 12,368 pounds, was up from the 1998 average of 12,214. The number of farms with milk cows totaled 3,200, down from 3,400 in 1998.

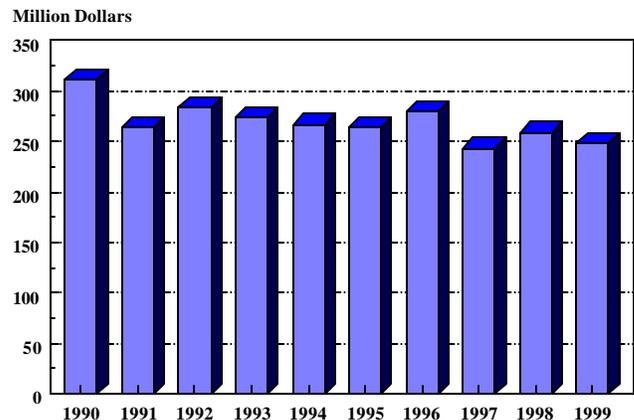
MILK DISPOSITION AND INCOME

Kentucky dairy producers sold 1.61 billion pounds of milk to plants and dealers during 1999 and used 32 million pounds on the farm. Farm use includes milk fed to calves and other livestock, and used for milk, cream and butter. Farm use of milk during 1999 was down 18 percent from 1998, and milk sold to plants and dealers declined 3 percent from 1998.

Fluid grade milk sold to plants and dealers totaled 1.61 billion pounds, 99 percent of the total milk sold. Manufacturing grade milk sold to plants and dealers totaled 16 million pounds.

The value of milk produced during 1999 came to \$253 million, down 4 percent from 1998. This includes the value of milk used on farms. The average price of all grades sold was \$15.40 per hundredweight, down from \$15.50 per hundredweight during 1998. Cash receipts from marketings totaled \$248 million, down 4 percent from the \$259 million reported in 1998.

KENTUCKY CASH RECEIPTS FROM MILK MARKETED



MANUFACTURED DAIRY PRODUCTS

Kentucky plants produced 16.1 million pounds of cottage cheese curd in 1999, down 17 percent from 1998. Creamed cottage cheese production totaled 19.1 million pounds, up 7 percent from the previous year. Lowfat cottage

cheese production was 9.0 million pounds during 1999, down 1 percent from 1998. During 1999, 19 Kentucky plants produced one or more dairy products. Totals for most dairy products produced in Kentucky are not published to avoid disclosing individual plant production.