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2007 DAIRY HIGHLIGHTS

MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION

The average number of milk cows on Kentucky farms continued to decline during 2007 and totaled 90,000 head, down 8,000 head from the 2006 average. This continued the steady decline in milk cow numbers that began in 1986.

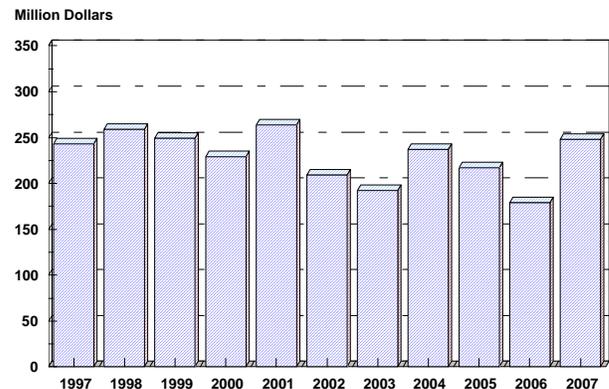
Total milk production in Kentucky was 1.25 billion pounds, down 4 percent from 2006. Average production per cow, at 13,889 pounds, was up 593 pounds from the 2006 average of 13,296. The number of farms with milk cows totaled 1,900, down from 2,000 in 2006.

MILK DISPOSITION AND INCOME

Kentucky dairy producers sold 1.23 billion pounds of milk to plants and dealers during 2007 and used 22 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 2007 was unchanged from 2006, while milk sold to plants and dealers decreased 4 percent from 2006.

The value of all milk produced during 2007 was \$252.5 million, up 38 percent from 2006. This includes the value of milk fed to calves. The average price of all grades sold was \$20.20 per hundredweight, up from \$14.00 per hundredweight during 2006. Cash receipts from marketings totaled \$248.1 million, up 38 percent from the \$179.3 million reported in 2006.

KENTUCKY CASH RECEIPTS FROM MILK MARKETED



MANUFACTURED DAIRY PRODUCTS

Kentucky plants produced 13.8 million pounds of cottage cheese curd in 2007, down 1 percent from 2006. Creamed cottage cheese production totaled 14.0 million pounds, down 7 percent from the previous year. Lowfat cottage cheese

production was 12.0 million pounds during 2007, up 9 percent from 2006. During 2007, 16 Kentucky plants produced one or more dairy products. Totals for most dairy products produced in Kentucky were not published to avoid disclosing individual plant production.