

# Dairy review



Maryland cash receipts from milk marketings for 2007 totaled \$207.6 million, an increase of 37 percent from \$151.5 million for 2006. Milk producers received an average of \$20.00 per hundredweight for milk sold in 2007, up from the \$13.80 received in 2006. Milk production for 2007 totaled 1.04 billion pounds, which decreased five percent from 1.10 billion pounds in 2006. The annual average number of milk cows was 58,000, down 6,000 head from a year earlier. In 2007, milk per cow averaged 18,017 pounds, up 736 pounds per cow from previous year.

Dairy herds in Frederick County, the top milk producing county, produced 261.0 million pounds of milk in 2007, down 14 percent from last year, but still accounts for 25 percent of Maryland's total milk production. Washington and Carroll counties produced 259.0 and 146.0 million pounds of milk, respectively. These top three counties produced 64 percent of Maryland's milk production during 2007. Statewide, annual average milk fat was 3.70 percent, up slightly from 3.68 percent in 2006.