MILK PRODUCTION, DISPOSITION, AND INCOME – 2019 SUMMARY

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Milk production increased 0.4 percent in 2019 to 218 billion pounds. The rate per cow, at 23,391 pounds, was 241 pounds above 2018. The annual average number of milk cows on farms was 9.34 million head, down 62,000 head from 2018.

Cash receipts from marketings of milk during 2019 totaled $40.5 billion, 14.9 percent higher than 2018. Producer returns averaged $18.63 per hundredweight, 14.4 percent above 2018. Marketings totaled 217.4 billion pounds, 0.4 percent above 2018. Marketings include whole milk sold to plants and dealers and milk sold directly to consumers.

An estimated 1.02 billion pounds of milk were used on farms where produced, 0.3 percent more than 2018. Calves were fed 91 percent of this milk, with the remainder consumed in producer households.

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