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Milk Production Down Slightly: Pennsylvania's milk production for 2008 was 10.6 billion pounds, 107 million pounds less than 2007 production. The 2008 average milk production per cow was 19,262 pounds for the year, 160 pounds less than 2007 production of 19,422 pounds per cow.

Pennsylvania held steady at 5th place in the nation's ranking in milk production, producing 5.6 percent of the nation's milk. California was 1st with 21.7 percent of the U.S. production, followed by Wisconsin, New York, and Idaho respectively.

The number of milk cows in the State averaged 549,000 head in 2008, 1,000 less than in 2007.

Milk Disposition & Income: Gross income from marketings of Pennsylvania milk during 2008 totaled 2.12 billion dollars, down 117.5 million dollars from 2007. Marketings totaled 10.5 billion pounds in 2008, down 107 million pounds from 2007. Returns from both wholesale and retail sales in 2007 averaged \$20.00 per hundred pounds of milk, compared with \$20.90 per hundred pounds in 2007.

An estimated 64 million pounds of milk were used on farms where produced. Calves in the Commonwealth were fed 48 million pounds of milk, while 16 million pounds were used by producer's households as fluid milk, cream and butter.

Production Costs: Monthly cost of production statistics were discontinued in July 2005. Statistics prior to this time may be obtained by contacting this office.

