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Milk Production Down Slightly: Pennsylvania's milk production for 2009 was 10.6 billion pounds, 24 million pounds less than 2008 production. The 2009 average milk production per cow was 19,360 pounds for the year, 98 pounds more than 2008 production of 19,262 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 20.9 percent of the U.S. production, followed by Wisconsin, New York, and Idaho respectively.

The number of milk cows in the State averaged 545,000 head in 2009, 4,000 less than in 2008.

Milk Disposition & Income: Gross income from marketings of Pennsylvania milk during 2009 totaled 1.52 billion dollars, down 595.7 million dollars from 2008. Marketings totaled 10.5 billion pounds in 2009, down 26 million pounds from 2008. Returns from both wholesale and retail sales in 2008 averaged \$14.40 per hundred pounds of milk, compared with \$20.00 per hundred pounds in 2008.

An estimated 66 million pounds of milk were used on farms where produced. Calves in the Commonwealth were fed 48 million pounds of milk, while 18 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.

