Milk Production Up: Pennsylvania's milk production for 2010 was 10.7 billion pounds, 183 million pounds more than 2009 production. The 2010 average milk production per cow was 19,841 pounds for the year, 481 pounds more than 2009 production of 19,360 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, Idaho, and New York respectively.

The number of milk cows in the State averaged 541,000 head in 2010, 4,000 less than in 2009.


An estimated 54 million pounds of milk were used on farms where produced. Calves in the Commonwealth were fed 39 million pounds of milk, while 15 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.