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**MILK PRODUCTION, DISPOSITION, AND INCOME**

Charleston, West Virginia – Milk production totaled 89 million pounds during 2020, down 1 million pounds from the 2019 production of 90 million pounds. The average number of milk cows during the year was 6,000 head, unchanged from 2019. Average milk production per cow was 14,833 pounds or around 1,725 gallons, down 167 pounds from the 2019 number of 15,000 pounds.

Cash receipts from marketings of milk during 2020 totaled $15.2 million, down 6 percent from the 2019 cash receipts number of $16.2 million. Producer returns averaged $17.50 per hundredweight, down $.90 from 2019. Milk marketed by producers totaled 87 million pounds or 10.1 million gallons in 2020, down 1 million pounds from the 2019 number of 88 million pounds. Marketings include whole milk sold to plants and dealers as well as milk sold directly to consumers.

United States – Milk production increased 2.2 percent in 2020 to 223 billion pounds. The rate per cow, at 23,777 pounds, was 382 pounds above 2019. The annual average number of milk cows on farms was 9.39 million head, up 51,000 head from 2019.

Cash receipts from marketings of milk during 2020 totaled $40.5 billion, up slightly from 2019. Producer returns averaged $18.25 per hundredweight, 2.1 percent below 2019. Marketings totaled 222.1 billion pounds, 2.2 percent above 2019. Marketings include whole milk sold to plants and dealers and milk sold directly to consumers.

An estimated 1.09 billion pounds of milk were used on farms where produced, 6.2 percent more than 2019. Calves were fed 92 percent of this milk, with the remainder consumed in producer households.

*Note: A conversion of 8.6 pounds per gallon was used.*