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MILK PRODUCTION, DISPOSITION, AND INCOME

Charleston, West Virginia – Milk production totaled 75 million pounds during 2022, unchanged from 2021. The average number of milk cows during the year was 5,000 head, unchanged from 2021. Average milk production per cow was 15,000 pounds or around 1,744 gallons, unchanged from 2021.

Cash receipts from marketings of milk during 2022 totaled \$18.3 million, up 39 percent from the 2021 cash receipts total of \$13.2 million. Producer returns averaged \$25.10 per hundredweight, up \$7.00 per hundredweight from \$18.10 per hundredweight in 2021. Milk marketed by producers totaled 73 million pounds or 8.5 million gallons in 2022, unchanged from 2021. Marketings include whole milk sold to plants and dealers as well as milk sold directly to consumers.

United States – Milk production increased 0.1 percent in 2022 to 226 billion pounds. The rate per cow, at 24,087 pounds, was 138 pounds above 2021. The annual average number of milk cows on farms was 9.40 million head, down 47,000 head from 2021.

Cash receipts from marketings of milk during 2022 totaled \$57.3 billion, up 37.1 percent from 2021. Producer returns averaged \$25.39 per hundredweight, 36.9 percent above 2021. Marketings totaled 225.5 billion pounds, 0.1 percent above 2021. Marketings include whole milk sold to plants and dealers and milk sold directly to consumers.

An estimated 994 million pounds of milk were used on farms where produced, 3.6 percent less than 2021. 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.