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MILK PRODUCTION, DISPOSITION, AND INCOME

Charleston, West Virginia – Milk production totaled 141 million pounds during 2015, up 1 million pounds from the 2014 production of 140 million pounds. The average number of milk cows during the year was 9,000 head, unchanged from 2014. Average milk production per cow was 15,667 pounds or around 1,822 gallons, up 111 pounds from the 2014 number of 15,556 pounds.

Cash receipts from marketings of milk during 2015 totaled \$24.3 million, down 28 percent from the 2014 cash receipts number of \$33.7 million. Producer returns averaged \$17.50 per hundredweight, down \$6.90 from 2014. Milk marketed by producers totaled 139 million pounds or 16.2 million gallons in 2015, up 1 million pounds from the 2014 number of 138 million pounds. Marketings include whole milk sold to plants and dealers as well as milk sold directly to consumers.

United States – Milk production increased 1.3 percent in 2015 to 209 billion pounds. The rate per cow, at 22,393 pounds, was 134 pounds above 2014. The annual average number of milk cows on farms was 9.32 million head, up 60,000 head from 2014.

Cash receipts from marketings of milk during 2015 totaled \$35.7 billion, 27.6 percent lower than 2014. Producer returns averaged \$17.21 per hundredweight, 28.5 percent below 2014. Marketings totaled 207.7 billion pounds, 1.3 percent above 2014. Marketings include whole milk sold to plants and dealers and milk sold directly to consumers.

An estimated 969 million pounds of milk were used on farms where produced, 0.5 percent more than 2014. Calves were fed 91 percent of this milk, with the remainder consumed in producer households.

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