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MILK PRODUCTION, DISPOSITION, AND INCOME

Charleston, West Virginia – Milk production totaled 90 million pounds during 2019, down 21 million pounds from the 2018 production of 111 million pounds. The average number of milk cows during the year was 6,000 head, down 1,000 head from 2018. Average milk production per cow was 15,000 pounds or around 1,744 gallons, down 857 pounds from the 2018 number of 15,857 pounds.

Cash receipts from marketings of milk during 2019 totaled \$16.2 million, down 9 percent from the 2018 cash receipts number of \$17.9 million. Producer returns averaged \$18.40 per hundredweight, up \$2.00 from 2018. Milk marketed by producers totaled 88 million pounds or 10.2 million gallons in 2019, down 21 million pounds from the 2018 number of 109 million pounds. Marketings include whole milk sold to plants and dealers as well as milk sold directly to consumers.

United States – Milk production increased 0.4 percent in 2019 to 218 billion pounds. The rate per cow, at 23,391 pounds, was 241 pounds above 2018. The annual average number of milk cows on farms was 9.34 million head, down 62,000 head from 2018.

Cash receipts from marketings of milk during 2019 totaled \$40.5 billion, 14.9 percent higher than 2018. Producer returns averaged \$18.63 per hundredweight, 14.4 percent above 2018. Marketings totaled 217.4 billion pounds, 0.4 percent above 2018. Marketings include whole milk sold to plants and dealers and milk sold directly to consumers.

An estimated 1.02 billion pounds of milk were used on farms where produced, 0.3 percent more than 2018. 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.