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MILK PRODUCTION, DISPOSITION, AND INCOME – 2021 SUMMARY

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Milk production increased 1.3 percent in 2021 to 226 billion pounds. The rate per cow, at 23,948 pounds, was 171 pounds above 2020. The annual average number of milk cows on farms was 9.45 million head, up 56,000 head from 2020.

Cash receipts from marketings of milk during 2021 totaled \$41.8 billion, up 3.5 percent from 2020. Producer returns averaged \$18.54 per hundredweight, 2.1 percent above 2020. Marketings totaled 225.2 billion pounds, 1.3 percent above 2020. Marketings include whole milk sold to plants and dealers and milk sold directly to consumers.

An estimated 1.04 billion pounds of milk were used on farms where produced, 3.4 percent less than 2020. Calves were fed 92 percent of this milk, with the remainder consumed in producer households.

For a full copy of the *Milk Production, Disposition, and Income* report, please visit www.nass.usda.gov. For state specific questions, please contact:

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