

# DAIRY

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## 2005 DAIRY HIGHLIGHTS

### MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION

The average number of milk cows on Kentucky farms continued to decline during 2005 and totaled 106,000 head, down 4,000 head from the 2004 average. This continued the steady decline in milk cow numbers that began in 1986.

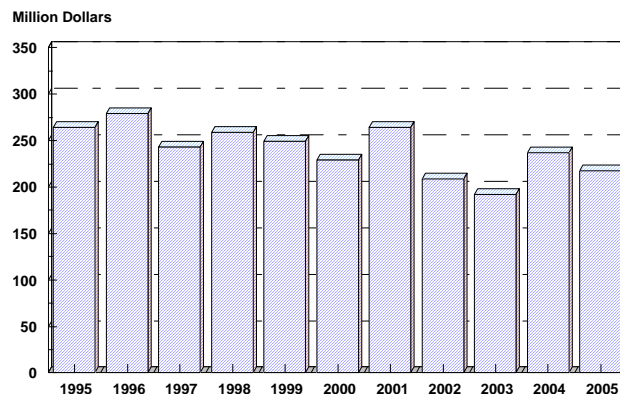
Total milk production in Kentucky was 1.37 billion pounds, down 4 percent from 2004. Average production per cow, at 12,934 pounds, was up from the 2004 average of 12,927. The number of farms with milk cows totaled 2,200, down from 2,300 in 2004.

### MILK DISPOSITION AND INCOME

Kentucky dairy producers sold 1.34 billion pounds of milk to plants and dealers during 2005 and used 28 million pounds on the farm. Farm use includes milk fed to calves and other livestock, and used for milk, cream and butter. Farm use of milk during 2005 was down 7 percent from 2004, and milk sold to plants and dealers decreased 4 percent from 2004.

The value of milk produced during 2005 came to \$222.1 million, down 8 percent from 2004. This includes the value of milk used on farms. The average price of all grades sold was \$16.20 per hundredweight, down from \$17.00 per hundredweight during 2004. Cash receipts from marketings totaled \$217.6 million, down 8 percent from the \$236.6 million reported in 2004.

### KENTUCKY CASH RECEIPTS FROM MILK MARKETED



### MANUFACTURED DAIRY PRODUCTS

Kentucky plants produced 13.5 million pounds of cottage cheese curd in 2005, up 15 percent from 2004. Creamed cottage cheese production totaled 14.3 million pounds, up 15 percent from the previous year. Lowfat cottage cheese

production was 10.9 million pounds during 2005, up 21 percent from 2004. During 2005, 16 Kentucky plants produced one or more dairy products. Totals for most dairy products produced in Kentucky are not published to avoid disclosing individual plant production.