

# DAIRY

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## 2006 DAIRY HIGHLIGHTS

### MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION

The average number of milk cows on Kentucky farms continued to decline during 2006 and totaled 98,000 head, down 8,000 head from the 2005 average. This continued the steady decline in milk cow numbers that began in 1986.

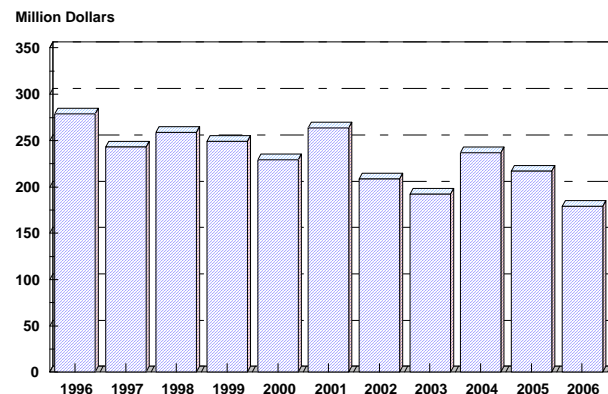
Total milk production in Kentucky was 1.30 billion pounds, down 5 percent from 2005. Average production per cow, at 13,276 pounds, was up from the 2005 average of 12,896. The number of farms with milk cows totaled 2,000, down from 2,200 in 2005.

### MILK DISPOSITION AND INCOME

Kentucky dairy producers sold 1.28 billion pounds of milk to plants and dealers during 2006 and used 22 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 2006 was down 19 percent from 2005, and milk sold to plants and dealers decreased 5 percent from 2005.

The value of milk produced during 2006 came to \$182.1 million, down 18 percent from 2005. This includes the value of milk fed to calves. The average price of all grades sold was \$14.00 per hundredweight, down from \$16.20 per hundredweight during 2005. Cash receipts from marketings totaled \$179.1 million, down 18 percent from the \$217.1 million reported in 2005.

### KENTUCKY CASH RECEIPTS FROM MILK MARKETED



### MANUFACTURED DAIRY PRODUCTS

Kentucky plants produced 14.0 million pounds of cottage cheese curd in 2006, up 4 percent from 2005. Creamed cottage cheese production totaled 15.2 million pounds, up 6 percent from the previous year. Lowfat cottage cheese

production was 11.1 million pounds during 2006, up 1 percent from 2005. During 2006, 16 Kentucky plants produced one or more dairy products. Totals for most dairy products produced in Kentucky were not published to avoid disclosing individual plant production.