

## DAIRY HIGHLIGHTS

### MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION

The average number of milk cows on Kentucky farms continued to decline during 2001 and totaled 128,000 head, down 4,000 head from the 2000 average. This continues the steady decline in milk cow numbers that began in 1986.

Total milk production in Kentucky was 1.66 billion pounds, down 2 percent from 2000. Average production per cow, at 12,969 pounds, was up from the 2000 average of 12,841. The number of farms with milk cows totaled 2,900, down from 3,000 in 2000.

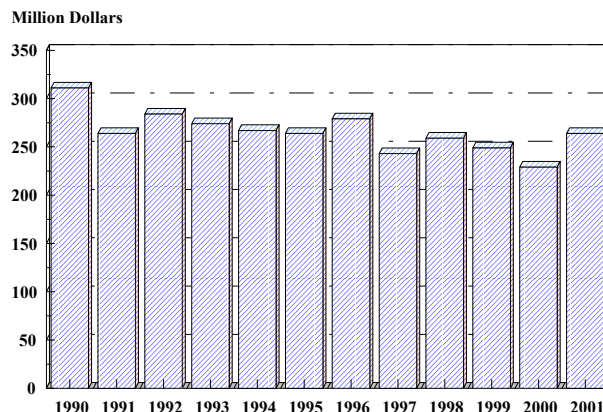
### MILK DISPOSITION AND INCOME

Kentucky dairy producers sold 1.63 billion pounds of milk to plants and dealers during 2001 and used 32 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 2001 was down 9 percent from 2000, and milk sold to plants and dealers decreased 2 percent from 2000.

Fluid grade milk sold to plants and dealers totaled 1.61 billion pounds, 99 percent of the total milk sold. Manufacturing grade milk sold to plants and dealers totaled 16 million pounds.

The value of milk produced during 2001 came to \$269 million, up 15 percent from 2000. This includes the value of milk used on farms. The average price of all grades sold was \$16.20 per hundredweight, up from \$13.80 per hundredweight during 2000. Cash receipts from marketings totaled \$264 million, up 15 percent from the \$229 million reported in 2000.

### **KENTUCKY CASH RECEIPTS FROM MILK MARKETED**



### MANUFACTURED DAIRY PRODUCTS

Kentucky plants produced 14.7 million pounds of cottage cheese curd in 2001, down 3 percent from 2000. Creamed cottage cheese production totaled 17.2 million pounds, down 3 percent from the previous year. Lowfat cottage

cheese production was 9.5 million pounds during 2001, up 3 percent from 2000. During 2001, 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.