

MILK PRODUCTION

There were an estimated 200 farms with one or more dairy cows in South Carolina during 2007 with an average 18,000 milk cows which produced 322 million pounds of milk. In 2006, the State had 200 farms with an average of 17,000 milk cows that produced 277 million pounds of milk. South Carolina ranked 38th in the Nation for average milk cows. California ranked 1st, Wisconsin 2nd and New York 3rd. Newberry was the leading county with 4,300 milk cows, followed by Orangeburg, Bamberg and Spartanburg.

The 2007 milk production was 10 percent above 2006. The annual average milk per cow was 17,889 pounds, compared with 16,294 pounds in 2006. Farm value of milk produced, which includes value of fluid milk and cream consumed in farm households, milk used for farm-churned butter, milk fed to calves, as well as marketings of milk and cream totaled \$67,309,000 in 2007, compared with \$42,196,000 in 2006. The average price of milk in 2007 was \$21.10 per cwt. compared with \$15.40 in 2006.

Average Number of Cows Milked during Year, Production per Cow, and Total Production, by Counties, SOUTH CAROLINA, 2006 and 2007

County	Average Number Cows Milked during Year		Milk Production per Cow <u>1/</u>		Total Milk Production	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	----- Head -----		----- Pounds -----		---- Thou. Lbs. ----	
Anderson	750	700	15,440	16,700	11,580	11,690
Bamberg	1,450	1,600	18,759	19,500	27,200	31,200
Edgefield	850	<u>2/</u>	24,847	<u>2/</u>	21,120	<u>2/</u>
Laurens	800	800	11,575	13,800	9,260	11,040
Newberry	3,950	4,300	16,689	16,600	65,920	71,380
Orangeburg	2,900	3,000	15,203	16,000	44,090	48,000
Saluda	1,050	1,100	15,143	16,000	15,900	17,600
Spartanburg	1,400	1,400	17,279	17,400	24,190	24,360
Other Counties <u>2/</u>	3,850	5,100	14,997	20,927	57,740	106,730
STATE	17,000	18,000	16,294	17,889	277,000	322,000

1/ Milk production per cow includes all milk produced (excluding milk sucked by calves) divided by average number of cows milked (including milk cows used only for subsistence and milk cows that are dry). 2/ Not published separately due to established agency guidelines.