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This report contains the results from the **2023 April Milk Production Report**. These data are also posted on our web site at <https://www.nass.usda.gov/ar> and in a more detailed report at <https://www.nass.usda.gov>. Thanks to all who responded to this survey.

**Milk Production Unchanged from Previous Quarter**

Arkansas milk production during the January - March 2023 quarter was 10.0 million pounds, down 23 percent from the same period in 2022 but unchanged from the October - December 2022 quarter. The average number of milk cows on farms during the quarter was 3,500 head, down 1,000 head from the same period last year but unchanged from the previous quarter.

Milk Production in the United States during the January - March quarter totaled 56.8 billion pounds, up 1.0 percent from the January - March quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the United States during the quarter was 9.42 million head, 20,000 head above the October - December 2022 quarter, and up 40,000 head the same period last year.

**Milk Cows and Production by Quarter - Arkansas and United States: 2022 and 2023**

[Blank data cells indicate estimation period has not yet begun]

| Quarter                             | Arkansas         |                  |                  | United States    |                  |                  |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
|                                     | 2022             | 2023             | Change from 2022 | 2022             | 2023             | Change from 2022 |
| <b>Milk cows</b> <sup>1</sup>       | (1,000 head)     | (1,000 head)     | (percent)        | (1,000 head)     | (1,000 head)     | (percent)        |
| January - March .....               | 4.5              | 3.5              | -22.2            | 9,384            | 9,424            | 0.4              |
| April - June .....                  | 4.5              |                  |                  | 9,411            |                  |                  |
| July - September .....              | 3.5              |                  |                  | 9,408            |                  |                  |
| October - December ...              | 3.5              |                  |                  | 9,404            |                  |                  |
| <b>Milk production</b> <sup>2</sup> | (million pounds) | (million pounds) | (percent)        | (million pounds) | (million pounds) | (percent)        |
| January - March .....               | 13.0             | 10.0             | -23.1            | 56,305           | 56,842           | 1.0              |
| April - June .....                  | 13.0             |                  |                  | 57,822           |                  |                  |
| July - September .....              | 9.0              |                  |                  | 56,438           |                  |                  |
| October - December ...              | 10.0             |                  |                  | 55,897           |                  |                  |

<sup>1</sup> Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh.

<sup>2</sup> Excludes milk sucked by calves.

