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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/la> and in a more detailed report at <https://www.nass.usda.gov>. Thanks to all who responded to this survey.

Milk Production Up 20 from Previous Quarter

Louisiana milk production during the January - March 2023 quarter was 30.0 million pounds, down 9 percent from the same period in 2022 but up 20 percent from the October - December 2022 quarter. The average number of milk cows on farms during the quarter was 8,000 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 - Louisiana and United States: 2022 and 2023

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

Quarter	Louisiana			United States		
	2022	2023	Change from 2022	2022	2023	Change from 2022
Milk cows ¹	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
January - March	9.0	8.0	-11.1	9,384	9,424	0.4
April - June	9.0			9,411		
July - September	8.0			9,408		
October - December ...	8.0			9,404		
Milk production ²	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
January - March	33.0	30.0	-9.1	56,305	56,842	1.0
April - June	32.0			57,822		
July - September	22.0			56,438		
October - December ...	25.0			55,897		

¹ Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh.

² Excludes milk sucked by calves.

**Milk Production: Louisiana and United States
January - March, 2013 - 2023**

