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This report contains the results from the **2024 January 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 10 Percent from Previous Quarter**

Louisiana **milk production** during the October - December 2023 quarter was 22.0 million pounds, down 12 percent from the same period in 2022 but up 10 percent from the July - September quarter. The average number of milk cows on farms during the quarter was 7,000 head, 1,000 head lower than the same period last year but unchanged from the previous quarter.

Milk Production in the United States during the October - December quarter totaled 55.6 billion pounds, down 0.6 percent from the October - December quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the United States during the quarter was 9.36 million head, 16,000 head lower than the July - September quarter, and 44,000 head lower than the same period last year.

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

Quarter	Louisiana			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 .....	9.0	8.0	-11.1	9,384	9,427	0.5
April - June .....	9.0	8.0	-11.1	9,411	9,416	0.1
July - September .....	8.0	7.0	-12.5	9,408	9,376	-0.3
October - December ...	8.0	7.0	-12.5	9,404	9,360	-0.5
<b>Milk production</b> <sup>2</sup>	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
January - March .....	33.0	30.0	-9.1	56,305	56,855	1.0
April - June .....	32.0	29.0	-9.4	57,822	58,054	0.4
July - September .....	22.0	20.0	-9.1	56,438	56,077	-0.6
October - December ...	25.0	22.0	-12.0	55,897	55,565	-0.6

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

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

