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This report contains the results from the **2024 October 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 Down 24 Percent from Previous Quarter

Louisiana **milk production** during the July - September 2024 quarter was 19.0 million pounds, down 5 percent from the same period in 2023 and down 24 percent from the April - June quarter. The average number of milk cows on farms during the quarter was 7,000 head, unchanged from the same period last year but 500 head lower than the previous quarter.

Milk Production in the United States during the July - September quarter totaled 56.0 billion pounds, up slightly from the July - September quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the United States during the quarter was 9.33 million head, 3,000 head lower than the April - June quarter, and 41,000 head lower than the same period last year.

Milk Cows and Production by Quarter - Louisiana and United States: 2023 and 2024

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

Quarter	Louisiana			United States		
	2023	2024	Change from 2023	2023	2024	Change from 2023
Milk cows ¹	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
January - March	8.0	8.0	-	9,418	9,337	-0.9
April - June	8.0	7.5	-6.3	9,410	9,328	-0.9
July - September	7.0	7.0	-	9,366	9,325	-0.4
October - December ...	7.0			9,349		
Milk production ²	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
January - March	30.0	29.0	-3.3	56,837	56,959	0.2
April - June	29.0	25.0	-13.8	58,004	57,368	-1.1
July - September	20.0	19.0	-5.0	55,994	56,009	-
October - December ...	22.0			55,529		

- Represents zero.

¹ Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh.

² Excludes milk sucked by calves.

**Milk Production: Louisiana and United States
July - September, 2014 - 2024**

