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This report contains the results from the **2024 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 32 Percent from Previous Quarter**

Louisiana milk production during the January - March 2024 quarter was 29.0 million pounds, down 3 percent from the same period in 2023 but up 32 percent from the October - December 2023 quarter. The average number of milk cows on farms during the quarter was 8,000 head, unchanged from the same period last year but up 1,000 head from the previous quarter.

Milk Production in the United States during the January - March 2024 quarter totaled 56.9 billion pounds, up 0.1 percent from the January - March quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the United States during the quarter was 9.33 million head, 16,000 head below the October - December 2023 quarter, and down 85,000 head 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
<b>Milk cows</b> <sup>1</sup>	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
January - March .....	8.0	8.0	-	9,418	9,333	-0.9
April - June .....	8.0			9,410		
July - September .....	7.0			9,366		
October - December ...	7.0			9,349		
<b>Milk production</b> <sup>2</sup>	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
January - March .....	30.0	29.0	-3.3	56,837	56,886	0.1
April - June .....	29.0			58,004		
July - September .....	20.0			55,994		
October - December ...	22.0			55,529		

- Represents zero.

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

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

**Milk Production: Louisiana and United States  
January - March, 2014 - 2024**

