



News Release

March Milk Production

Dairy herds in Michigan produced 1.03 billion pounds of milk during March, down 0.3 percent from a year ago, according to Marlo D. Johnson, Regional Director, USDA NASS, Great Lakes Regional Office. Production per cow in Michigan averaged 2,350 pounds for March, 30 pounds below March 2023. The dairy herd was estimated at 439,000 head for March, up 4,000 head from a year earlier.

Milk production in the 24 major States during March totaled 18.8 billion pounds, down 0.9 percent from March 2023. February revised production, at 17.4 billion pounds, was up 2.9 percent from February 2023. The February revision represented an increase of 82 million pounds or 0.5 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Adjusting February production for the additional day due to leap year causes February revised production to be down 0.7 percent on a per day basis. Production per cow in the 24 major States averaged 2,115 pounds for March, 3 pounds below March 2023. The number of milk cows on farms in the 24 major States was 8.88 million head, 71,000 head less than March 2023, and 7,000 head less than February 2024.

Milk Production – Michigan and 24 Selected States: March 2023 and 2024

| Commodity | Michigan | | 24 Major States | |
|-----------------------------------|----------|-------|-----------------|--------|
| | 2023 | 2024 | 2023 | 2024 |
| Cows 1,000 Hd | 435 | 439 | 8,952 | 8,881 |
| Monthly rate per cow Pounds | 2,380 | 2,350 | 2,118 | 2,115 |
| Production Mil lbs | 1,035 | 1,032 | 18,956 | 18,787 |