



News Release

April Milk Production

Dairy herds in Michigan produced 1,012 million pounds of milk during April, up 0.5 percent from a year ago, according to Marlo D. Johnson, Regional Director, USDA NASS, Great Lakes Regional Office. Production per cow in Michigan averaged 2,305 pounds for April, 5 pounds below April 2023. The dairy herd was estimated at 439,000 head for April, up 3,000 head from a year earlier.

Milk production in the 24 major States during April totaled 18.3 billion pounds, down 0.2 percent from April 2023. March revised production, at 18.9 billion pounds, was down 0.5 percent from March 2023. The March revision represented an increase of 78 million pounds or 0.4 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 24 major States averaged 2,064 pounds for April, 8 pounds above April 2023. The number of milk cows on farms in the 24 major States was 8.89 million head, 55,000 head less than April 2023, and 6,000 head less than March 2024.

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

Commodity	Michigan		24 Major States	
	2023	2024	2023	2024
Cows 1,000 Hd	436	439	8,941	8,886
Monthly rate per cow Pounds	2,310	2,305	2,056	2,064
Production Mil lbs	1,007	1,012	18,386	18,341