



News Release

May Milk Production

Dairy herds in Michigan produced 1.05 billion pounds of milk during May, up 0.1 percent from a year ago, according to Marlo D. Johnson, Regional Director, USDA NASS, Great Lakes Regional Office. Production per cow in Michigan averaged 2,390 pounds for May, 10 pounds below May 2023. The dairy herd was estimated at 438,000 head for May, up 2,000 head from a year earlier.

Milk production in the 24 major States during May totaled 18.9 billion pounds, down 0.7 percent from May 2023. April revised production, at 18.3 billion pounds, was down 0.4 percent from April 2023. The April revision represented a decrease of 27 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 24 major States averaged 2,122 pounds for May, 3 pounds below May 2023. The number of milk cows on farms in the 24 major States was 8.89 million head, 52,000 head less than May 2023, but 5,000 head more than April 2024.

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

Commodity	Michigan		24 Major States	
	2023	2024	2023	2024
Cows 1,000 Hd	436	438	8,945	8,893
Monthly rate per cow Pounds	2,400	2,390	2,125	2,122
Production Mil lbs	1,046	1,047	19,006	18,875