



News Release

September Milk Production

Dairy herds in Michigan produced 974 million pounds of milk during September, down 0.9 percent from a year ago, according to Marlo D. Johnson, Regional Director, USDA NASS, Great Lakes Regional Office. Production per cow in Michigan averaged 2,235 pounds for September, 5 pounds below September 2023. The dairy herd was estimated at 436,000 head for September, down 3,000 from a year earlier.

Milk production in the 24 major States during September totaled 17.5 billion pounds, up 0.2 percent from September 2023. August revised production, at 18.2 billion pounds, was up 0.5 percent from August 2023. The August revision represented an increase of 85 million pounds or 0.5 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 24 major States averaged 1,966 pounds for September, 8 pounds above September 2023. The number of milk cows on farms in the 24 major States was 8.89 million head, 20,000 head less than September 2023, but unchanged from August 2024.

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

| Commodity | Michigan | | 24 Major States | |
|-----------------------------------|----------|-------|-----------------|--------|
| | 2023 | 2024 | 2023 | 2024 |
| Cows 1,000 Hd | 439 | 436 | 8,907 | 8,887 |
| Monthly rate per cow Pounds | 2,240 | 2,235 | 1,958 | 1,966 |
| Production Mil lbs | 983 | 974 | 17,444 | 17,475 |