



# News Release

## October Milk Production

Dairy herds in Michigan produced 1.01 billion pounds of milk during October, 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 October, 15 pounds above October 2023. The dairy herd was estimated at 438,000 head for October, down 1,000 from a year earlier.

Milk production in the 24 major States during October totaled 18.0 billion pounds, up 0.4 percent from October 2023. September revised production, at 17.5 billion pounds, was up 0.5 percent from September 2023. The September revision represented an increase of 52 million pounds or 0.3 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 24 major States averaged 2,013 pounds for October, 4 pounds above October 2023. The number of milk cows on farms in the 24 major States was 8.92 million head, 21,000 head more than October 2023, and 16,000 head more than September 2024.

### Milk Production – Michigan and 24 Selected States: October 2023 and 2024

Commodity	Michigan		24 Major States	
	2023	2024	2023	2024
Cows ..... 1,000 Hd	439	438	8,900	8,921
Monthly rate per cow ..... Pounds	2,290	2,305	2,009	2,013
Production ..... Mil lbs	1,005	1,010	17,880	17,955