



News Release

December Milk Production

Dairy herds in Michigan produced 1.02 billion pounds of milk during December, up 1.4 percent from a year ago, according to Marlo D. Johnson, Director, USDA NASS, Great Lakes Regional Office. Production per cow in Michigan averaged 2,315 pounds for December, 25 pounds above December 2023. The dairy herd was estimated at 440,000 head for December, up 1,000 from a year earlier.

Milk production in the 24 major States during December totaled 18.0 billion pounds, down 0.4 percent from December 2023. November revised production, at 17.3 billion pounds, was down 0.3 percent from November 2023. The November revision represented an increase of 89 million pounds or 0.5 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 24 major States averaged 2,020 pounds for December, 11 pounds below December 2023. The number of milk cows on farms in the 24 major States was 8.91 million head, 17,000 head more than December 2023, but 8,000 head less than November 2024.

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

Commodity	Michigan		24 Major States	
	2023	2024	2023	2024
Cows 1,000 Hd	439	440	8,894	8,911
Monthly rate per cow Pounds	2,290	2,315	2,031	2,020
Production Mil lbs	1,005	1,019	18,061	17,996