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FOURTH QUARTER MILK PRODUCTION

Charleston, West Virginia – Milk production in West Virginia totaled 19 million pounds or 2.2 million gallons during the October - December quarter of 2021. This was up 1 million pounds from the July - September 2021 quarter, but was down 2 million pounds from the October - December quarter of 2020. The number of dairy cows averaged 5,000 head, unchanged from the previous quarter, but down 1,000 head from the October - December quarter of 2020.

United States – **Milk production** in the United States during the October - December quarter totaled 55.5 billion pounds, down 0.1 percent from the October - December quarter of the prior year. The average number of milk cows in the United States during the quarter was 9.38 million head, 67,000 head less than the July - September quarter, and 46,000 head less than the same period last year.

Note: A conversion of 8.6 pounds per gallon was used.

Monthly Milk Production - 24 Selected States

