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FOURTH QUARTER MILK PRODUCTION

Charleston, West Virginia – Milk production in West Virginia totaled 14.5 million pounds or 1.7 million gallons during the October - December quarter of 2024. This was unchanged from the July - September 2024 quarter, but was down 9 percent or 1.5 million pounds from the October - December quarter of 2023. The number of dairy cows averaged 4,000 head, unchanged from the previous quarter, but down 500 head from the October - December quarter of 2023.

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 last year. The average number of milk cows in the United States during the quarter was 9.36 million head, 29,000 head more than the July - September quarter, and 10,000 head more than the same period last year.

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

Monthly Milk Production - 24 Selected States

