



News Release

December Milk Production

Dairy herds in Michigan produced 985 million pounds of milk during December, down 1.2 percent from a year ago, according to Marlo D. Johnson, Regional Director of USDA, NASS, Great Lakes Regional Office. Production per cow in Michigan averaged 2,270 pounds for December, unchanged from December 2020. The dairy herd was estimated at 434,000 head for December, down 5,000 head from a year earlier.

Milk production in the 24 major States during December totaled 18.0 billion pounds, down slightly from December 2020. November revised production, at 17.2 billion pounds, was down 0.2 percent from November 2020. The November revision represented a decrease of 16 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 24 major States averaged 2,027 pounds for December, 8 pounds above December 2020. The number of milk cows on farms in the 24 major States was 8.88 million head, 42,000 head less than December 2020, and 8,000 head less than November 2021.

Milk Production – Michigan and 24 Selected States: December 2020 and 2021

Commodity	Michigan		24 Major States	
	2020	2021	2020	2021
Cows 1,000 Hd	439	434	8,923	8,881
Monthly rate per cow Pounds	2,270	2,270	2,019	2,027
Production Mil lbs	997	985	18,012	18,006