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January Milk Production

Dairy herds in Michigan produced 980 million pounds of milk during January, down 3.5 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 2,280 pounds for January, 30 pounds below January 2021. The dairy herd was estimated at 430,000 head for January, down 10,000 head from a year earlier.

Milk production in the 24 major States during January totaled 18.2 billion pounds, down 1.4 percent from January 2021. December revised production, at 18.0 billion pounds, was down 0.8 percent from December 2020. The December revision represented a decrease of 35 million pounds or 0.2 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 24 major States averaged 2,053 pounds for January, 14 pounds below January 2021. The number of milk cows on farms in the 24 major States was 8.88 million head, 63,000 head less than January 2021, and 5,000 head less than December 2021.

Milk Production - Michigan and 24 Selected States: January 2021 and 2022

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Commodity	Michigan		24 Major States	
	2021	2022	2021	2022
Cows	440	430	8,938	8,875
Monthly rate per cowPounds	2,310	2,280	2,067	2,053
ProductionMil lbs	1,016	980	18,477	18,217