



# News Release

## March Milk Production

Dairy herds in Michigan produced 1,006 million pounds of milk during March, down 2.9 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 2,355 pounds for March, 10 pounds above March 2021. The dairy herd was estimated at 427,000 head for March, down 15,000 head from a year earlier.

Milk production in the 24 major States during March totaled 18.8 billion pounds, down 0.4 percent from March 2021. February revised production, at 16.8 billion pounds, was down 0.7 percent from February 2021. The February revision represented an increase of 8 million pounds or less than 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 24 major States averaged 2,113 pounds for March, 7 pounds above March 2021. The number of milk cows on farms in the 24 major States was 8.90 million head, 68,000 head less than March 2021, but 15,000 head more than February 2022.

### Milk Production – Michigan and 24 Selected States: March 2021 and 2022

Commodity	Michigan		24 Major States	
	2021	2022	2021	2022
Cows ..... 1,000 Hd	442	427	8,970	8,902
Monthly rate per cow ..... Pounds	2,345	2,355	2,106	2,113
Production ..... Mil lbs	1,036	1,006	18,888	18,812