



News Release

April Milk Production

Dairy herds in Michigan produced 978 million pounds of milk during April, down 3.4 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 2,290 pounds for April, 10 pounds above April 2021. The dairy herd was estimated at 427,000 head for April, down 17,000 head from a year earlier.

Milk production in the 24 major States during April totaled 18.3 billion pounds, down 0.9 percent from April 2021. March revised production, at 18.8 billion pounds, was down 0.3 percent from March 2021. The March revision represented an increase of 23 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 24 major States averaged 2,054 pounds for April, 1 pound below April 2021. The number of milk cows on farms in the 24 major States was 8.91 million head, 78,000 head less than April 2021, but unchanged from March 2022.

Milk Production – Michigan and 24 Selected States: April 2021 and 2022

Commodity	Michigan		24 Major States	
	2021	2022	2021	2022
Cows 1,000 Hd	444	427	8,987	8,909
Monthly rate per cow Pounds	2,280	2,290	2,055	2,054
Production Mil lbs	1,012	978	18,467	18,299