



News Release

March Milk Production

Dairy herds in Michigan produced 1.035 billion pounds of milk during March, up 2.9 percent from a year ago, according to Marlo D. Johnson, Regional Director of the USDA, NASS, Great Lakes Regional Office. Production per cow in Michigan averaged 2,380 pounds for March, 25 pounds above March 2022. The dairy herd was estimated at 435,000 head for March, up 8,000 head from a year earlier.

Milk production in the 24 major States during March totaled 18.9 billion pounds, up 0.6 percent from March 2022. February revised production, at 17.0 billion pounds, was up 1.2 percent from February 2022. The February revision represented an increase of 48 million pounds or 0.3 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 24 major States averaged 2,116 pounds for March, 3 pounds above March 2022. The number of milk cows on farms in the 24 major States was 8.95 million head, 44,000 head more than March 2022, and 6,000 head more than February 2023.

Milk Production – Michigan and 24 Selected States: March 2022 and 2023

Commodity	Michigan		24 Major States	
	2022	2023	2022	2023
Cows 1,000 Hd	427	435	8,908	8,952
Monthly rate per cow Pounds	2,355	2,380	2,113	2,116
Production Mil lbs	1,006	1,035	18,827	18,946