



# News Release

## April Milk Production

Dairy herds in Michigan produced 1.003 billion pounds of milk during April, up 2.6 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 2,305 pounds for April, 15 pounds above April 2022. The dairy herd was estimated at 435,000 head for April, up 8,000 head from a year earlier.

Milk production in the 24 major States during April totaled 18.4 billion pounds, up 0.5 percent from April 2022. March revised production, at 19.0 billion pounds, was up 0.7 percent from March 2022. The March revision represented an increase of 16 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 24 major States averaged 2,055 pounds for April, 2 pounds above April 2022. The number of milk cows on farms in the 24 major States was 8.94 million head, 36,000 head more than April 2022, but 15,000 head less than March 2023.

### Milk Production – Michigan and 24 Selected States: April 2022 and 2023

Commodity	Michigan		24 Major States	
	2022	2023	2022	2023
Cows ..... 1,000 Hd	427	435	8,908	8,944
Monthly rate per cow ..... Pounds	2,290	2,305	2,053	2,055
Production ..... Mil lbs	978	1,003	18,291	18,378