



# News Release

## September Milk Production

Dairy herds in Michigan produced 983 million pounds of milk during September, up 2.7 percent from a year ago, according to Marlo D. Johnson, Regional Director, USDA NASS, Great Lakes Regional Office. Production per cow in Michigan averaged 2,240 pounds for September, 5 pounds above September 2022. The dairy herd was estimated at 439,000 head for September, up 11,000 head from a year earlier.

Milk production in the 24 major States during September totaled 17.5 billion pounds, down slightly from September 2022. August revised production, at 18.1 billion pounds, was down 0.7 percent from August 2022. The August revision represented a decrease of 73 million pounds or 0.4 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 24 major States averaged 1,960 pounds for September, 3 pounds above September 2022. The number of milk cows on farms in the 24 major States was 8.91 million head, 16,000 head less than September 2022, and 2,000 head less than August 2023.

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

Commodity	Michigan		24 Major States	
	2022	2023	2022	2023
Cows ..... 1,000 Hd	428	439	8,927	8,911
Monthly rate per cow ..... Pounds	2,235	2,240	1,957	1,960
Production ..... Mil lbs	957	983	17,470	17,465