



News Release

October Milk Production

Dairy herds in Michigan produced 1.01 billion pounds of milk during October, up 2.6 percent from a year ago, according to Marlo D. Johnson, Regional Director, USDA NASS, Great Lakes Regional Office. Production per cow in Michigan averaged 2,300 pounds for October, unchanged from October 2022. The dairy herd was estimated at 439,000 head for October, up 11,000 head from a year earlier.

Milk production in the 24 major States during October totaled 17.9 billion pounds, down 0.4 percent from October 2022. September revised production, at 17.5 billion pounds, was up 0.1 percent from September 2022. The September revision represented an increase of 17 million pounds or less than 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 24 major States averaged 2,013 pounds for October, 3 pounds below October 2022. The number of milk cows on farms in the 24 major States was 8.91 million head, 19,000 head less than October 2022, and 5,000 head less than September 2023.

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

Commodity	Michigan		24 Major States	
	2022	2023	2022	2023
Cows 1,000 Hd	428	439	8,931	8,912
Monthly rate per cow Pounds	2,300	2,300	2,016	2,013
Production Mil lbs	984	1,010	18,005	17,936