



News Release

December Milk Production

Dairy herds in Michigan produced 1.005 billion pounds of milk during December, up 0.9 percent from a year ago, according to Marlo D. Johnson, Regional Director, USDA NASS, Great Lakes Regional Office. Production per cow in Michigan averaged 2,290 pounds for December, 15 pounds below December 2022. The dairy herd was estimated at 439,000 head for December, up 7,000 head from a year earlier.

Milk production in the 24 major States during December totaled 18.1 billion pounds, down 0.1 percent from December 2022. November revised production, at 17.3 billion pounds, was down 0.6 percent from November 2022. The November revision represented a decrease of 14 million pounds or less than 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 24 major States averaged 2,030 pounds for December, 1 pound above December 2022. The number of milk cows on farms in the 24 major States was 8.90 million head, 17,000 head less than December 2022, but unchanged from November 2023.

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

Commodity	Michigan		24 Major States	
	2022	2023	2022	2023
Cows 1,000 Hd	432	439	8,918	8,901
Monthly rate per cow Pounds	2,305	2,290	2,029	2,030
Production Mil lbs	996	1,005	18,093	18,069