



# News Release

## January Milk Production

Dairy herds in Michigan produced 1.014 billion pounds of milk during January, down 0.6 percent from a year ago, according to Marlo D. Johnson, Regional Director, USDA NASS, Great Lakes Regional Office. Production per cow in Michigan averaged 2,310 pounds for January, 35 pounds below January 2023. The dairy herd was estimated at 439,000 head for January, up 4,000 head from a year earlier.

Milk production in the 24 major States during January totaled 18.3 billion pounds, down 0.9 percent from January 2023. December revised production, at 18.1 billion pounds, was down 0.1 percent from December 2022. The December revision represented a decrease of 8 million pounds or less than 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 24 major States averaged 2,062 pounds for January, 9 pounds below January 2023. The number of milk cows on farms in the 24 major States was 8.87 million head, 49,000 head less than January 2023, and 21,000 head less than December 2023.

### Milk Production – Michigan and 24 Selected States: January 2023 and 2024

Commodity	Michigan		24 Major States	
	2023	2024	2023	2024
Cows ..... 1,000 Hd	435	439	8,922	8,873
Monthly rate per cow ..... Pounds	2,345	2,310	2,071	2,062
Production ..... Mil lbs	1,020	1,014	18,474	18,300