

# ARKANSAS

## MILK PRODUCTION REPORT



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This report contains the results from the quarterly Milk Production Survey conducted during the first part of October 2005. A sample of Arkansas milk producers was contacted to obtain data as of October 1 for the latest milk cow and milk production estimates. The data for the past ten years are also posted on our website at the Internet address above, and more detailed national report at <http://www.usda.gov/nass/>. Thanks to all who responded to the questionnaire and telephone interview for the survey.

### THIRD QUARTER MILK PRODUCTION DOWN 7 PERCENT

ARKANSAS quarterly milk production during July-September 2005, was 69 million pounds, down 7 percent from the same period in 2004, and 14 percent below the April-June 2005 quarter.

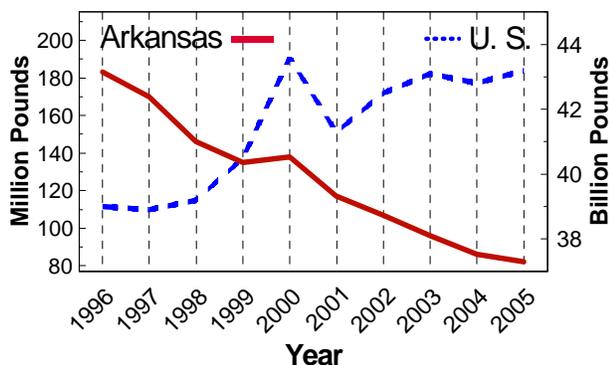
The average number of milk cows during the July-September quarter was 22,000 head, 2,000 head less than the same period last year, and down 1,000 head from the previous quarter.

#### MILK COWS AND PRODUCTION BY QUARTER, ARKANSAS AND U. S., 2003-2005

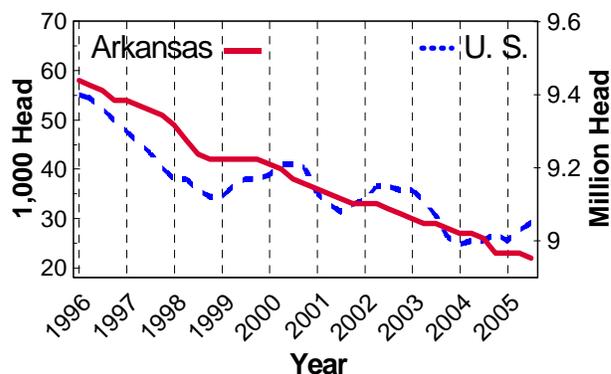
Item/Quarter	ARKANSAS				UNITED STATES			
	2003	2004	2005	% Chg. 2004-05	2003	2004	2005	% Chg. 2004-05
	<i>Percent</i>				<i>Thousand Head</i>			
<b>MILK COWS <sup>1</sup></b>								
January - March	30	25	23	-8	9,144	8,993	8,996	0
April - June	29	24	23	-4	9,109	9,001	9,034	0
July - September	28	24	22	-8	9,073	9,027	9,054	0
October - December	27	23	-	-	9,011	9,019	-	-
	<i>Million Pounds</i>				<i>Percent</i>			
<b>MILK PRODUCTION <sup>2</sup></b>								
January - March	96	86	82	-5	43,069	42,759	43,242	+1
April - June	97	85	80	-6	43,965	43,824	45,660	+4
July - September	79	74	69	-7	41,746	42,239	44,024	+4
October - December	80	73	-	-	41,550	41,893	-	-

<sup>1</sup>Average number for the period includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. <sup>2</sup>Excludes milk nursed by calves.

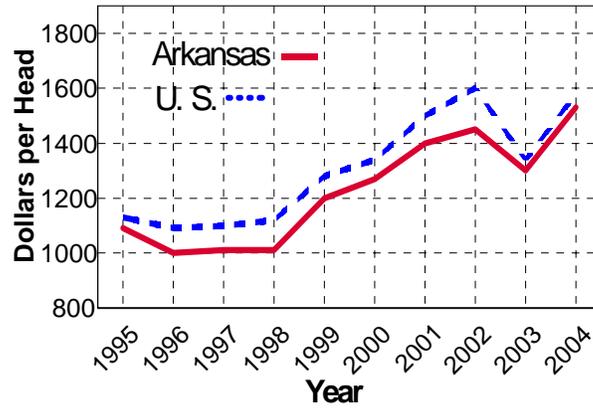
Milk Production, July-September Quarter  
Arkansas and U.S., 1996-2005



Number of Milk Cows on Farms by Quarter  
Arkansas and U.S., 1996-2005



**Annual Average Price for Milk Cows  
Sold for Dairy Herd Replacement  
Arkansas and U.S., 1995-2004**



**Annual Average Price Received for All Milk  
Arkansas and U.S., 1995-2004**

