

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 April 2006. A sample of Arkansas milk producers was contacted and the data as of April 1 (for the January 1 through March 31 period) were obtained for the latest milk cow and milk production estimates. The annual data were compiled from the Milk Production Survey in January, April, July and October during the year. The data are also posted on our web site 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 interview for the survey.

First Quarter Milk Production Down 8 Percent

Arkansas milk production during January-March 2006 quarter, was 71 million pounds, down 8 percent from the same period in 2005, but up 6 percent above the previous Oct-December 2005 quarter. The average number of milk cow on farms during the quarter was 21,000 head, 2,000 head less than the same period last year, and unchanged from the previous quarter.

Milk Cows and Production by Quarter Arkansas and U.S., 2004-2006

Item/Period	Arkansas				United States			
	2004	2005	2006	% Chg.	2004	2005	2006	% Chg.
	<i>Thousand Head</i>			<i>Percent</i>	<i>Thousand Head</i>			<i>Percent</i>
Milk Cows¹								
1 st Quarter, January - March	25	23	21	-9	8,996	9,002	9,093	+1
2 nd Quarter, April - June	24	23		-	9,004	9,041		-
3 rd Quarter, July - September	24	22		-	9,027	9,060		-
4 th Quarter, October - December	23	21		-	9,019	9,060		-
	<i>Million Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>
Milk Production²								
1 st Quarter, January - March	89	77	71	-8	42,787	43,350	45,521	+5
2 nd Quarter, April - June	88	80		-	43,870	45,831		-
3 rd Quarter, July - September	74	73		-	42,236	44,134		-
4 th Quarter, October - December	72	67		-	42,041	43,674		-

¹ Average number for the period includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

² Excludes milk nursed by calves.

**Milk Production, January-March Quarter
Arkansas and U.S., 1997-2006**



