

# Arkansas Milk Production Report



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*This report contains the results from the quarterly Milk Production Report conducted during the first part of October, 2006. A sample of Arkansas milk producers was contacted and the data as of October 1 (for the July 1 through September 30 period) were obtained for the latest milk cow and milk production estimates. These results are also posted on our web site at the Internet address above, and a more detailed national report can be found at <http://www.usda.gov/nass/>. Thanks to all who cooperated with this report.*

## Third Quarter Milk Production Down 16 Percent

Arkansas milk production during the July-September 2006 quarter was 61 million pounds, down 16 percent from the same period in 2005, and down 14 percent from the April-June 2006 quarter. The average number of milk cows on farms during the quarter was 20,000 head, 2,000 head less than the same period last year, and down 1,000 from the previous quarter. The number of milk cows and milk production continued to increase nationally from previous year.

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

Item/Period	Arkansas				United States			
	2004	2005	2006	% Change from 2005	2004	2005	2006	% Change from 2005
<b>Milk Cows<sup>1</sup></b>	<i>Thousand Head</i>				<i>Thousand Head</i>			
1st Quarter, Jan - March	25	23	21	-9	8,996	9,002	9,093	+1
2nd Quarter, April - June	24	23	21	-9	9,004	9,041	9,133	+1
3rd Quarter, July - Sept	24	22	20	-9	9,027	9,060	9,117	+1
4th Quarter, Oct - Dec	23	21			9,019	9,060		
<b>Milk Production<sup>2</sup></b>	<i>Million Pounds</i>				<i>Million Pounds</i>			
1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter, Jan- March	89	77	71	-8	42,787	43,350	45,521	+5
2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter, April - June	88	80	71	-11	43,870	45,831	46,908	+2
3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter, July - Sept	74	73	61	-16	42,236	44,134	44,737	+1
4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter, Oct - Dec	72	67			42,041	43,674		

<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, Arkansas and U.S., July-September, 1997-2006

