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Milk Production Report

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This report contains the results from the quarterly *Milk Production Report* conducted during the first part of January. 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.

Fourth Quarter Milk Production Down 19 Percent

Arkansas milk production during the October-December 2007 quarter was 50 million pounds, down 19 percent from the same period in 2006, but up 2 percent from the July-September 2007 quarter. The average number of milk cows on farms during the quarter was 17,000 head, 2,000 head fewer than the same period last year, but the same as the previous quarter. Nationally, the number of milk cows and milk production continued to increase from the previous year.

Quarterly Milk Cows and Production, Arkansas and U.S., 2005-2007

| Item/Period | Arkansas | | | | United States | | | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|------|------|-------------------|-----------------------|--------|--------|-------------------|
| | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | % Change from '06 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | % Change from '06 |
| Milk Cows¹ | <i>Thousand Head</i> | | | | <i>Thousand Head</i> | | | |
| 1st Quarter, January-March | 23 | 21 | 18.0 | - 14 | 9,002 | 9,092 | 9,130 | + <0.5 |
| 2nd Quarter, April-June | 23 | 20 | 17.5 | - 13 | 9,041 | 9,128 | 9,129 | + <0.5 |
| 3rd Quarter, July-September | 22 | 20 | 17.0 | - 15 | 9,064 | 9,113 | 9,156 | + <0.5 |
| 4th Quarter, October-December | 21 | 19 | 17.0 | - 11 | 9,064 | 9,115 | 9,195 | + 1 |
| Milk Production² | <i>Million Pounds</i> | | | | <i>Million Pounds</i> | | | |
| 1st Quarter, January-March | 77 | 71 | 61 | - 14 | 43,326 | 45,547 | 46,006 | + 1 |
| 2nd Quarter, April-June | 80 | 71 | 60 | - 15 | 45,825 | 46,930 | 47,429 | + 1 |
| 3rd Quarter, July-September | 74 | 61 | 49 | - 20 | 44,119 | 44,710 | 46,119 | + 3 |
| 4th Quarter, October-December | 67 | 62 | 50 | - 19 | 43,659 | 44,611 | 46,045 | + 3 |

¹ Average number includes dry cows; excludes heifers not yet fresh.

² Excludes milk nursed by calves.

Milk Production, Arkansas and U.S., October-December, 1998-2007

