



# Milk Production Report

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This report contains the results from the quarterly *Milk Production Report*. The data are also posted on our Web site at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/ar>. Thanks to all who responded to the questionnaires and interviews for these surveys.

## Quarterly Milk Production Down 8 Percent

Arkansas milk production during the July-September 2008 quarter was 45 million pounds, down 8 percent from the same period in 2007, and down 17 percent from the April-June 2008 quarter. The average number of milk cows on farms during the quarter was 14,500 head, 2,500 head fewer than the same period last year, and down 1,000 head from 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., 2006-2008

Item/Period	Arkansas				United States			
	2006	2007	2008	% Change from '07	2006	2007	2008	% Change from '07
<b>Milk Cows<sup>1</sup></b>	<i>Thousand Head</i>				<i>Thousand Head</i>			
1st Quarter, January-March	20	18.0	16.5	- 8	9,091	9,138	9,249	+ 1
2nd Quarter, April-June	20	17.5	15.5	- 11	9,128	9,138	9,274	+ 1
3rd Quarter, July-September	19	17.0	14.5	- 15	9,113	9,159	9,277	+ 1
4th Quarter, October-December	19	17.0		-	9,116	9,198		-
<b>Milk Production<sup>2</sup></b>	<i>Million Pounds</i>				<i>Million Pounds</i>			
1st Quarter, January-March	69	61	54	- 11	45,550	46,058	47,541	+ 3
2nd Quarter, April-June	71	60	54	- 10	46,936	47,419	48,683	+ 3
3rd Quarter, July-September	58	49	45	- 8	44,691	46,110	46,841	+ 2
4th Quarter, October-December	60	50		-	44,619	46,015		-

<sup>1</sup> Average number includes dry cows; excludes heifers not yet fresh.

<sup>2</sup> Excludes milk nursed by calves.

### Quarterly Milk Production, Arkansas and U.S., July-September, 1999-2008

