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August Milk Production

Dairy herds in Michigan produced 1.030 billion pounds of milk during August, up 3.7 percent from a year ago, according to Marlo D. Johnson, Regional Director, USDA NASS, Great Lakes Regional Office. Production per cow in Michigan averaged 2,340 pounds for August, 15 pounds above August 2022. The dairy herd was estimated at 440,000 head for August, up 13,000 head from a year earlier.

Milk production in the 24 major States during August totaled 18.2 billion pounds, down 0.3 percent from August 2022. July revised production, at 18.2 billion pounds, was down 0.8 percent from July 2022. The July revision represented a decrease of 27 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 24 major States averaged 2,038 pounds for August, 2 pounds below August 2022. The number of milk cows on farms in the 24 major States was 8.91 million head, 15,000 head less than August 2022, but 1,000 head more than July 2023.

Milk Production - Michigan and 24 Selected States: August 2022 and 2023

Commodity	Michigan		24 Major States	
	2022	2023	2022	2023
Cows	427	440	8,927	8,912
Monthly rate per cowPounds	2,325	2,340	2,040	2,038
Production Mil lbs	993	1,030	18,212	18,166