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## **JULY - SEPTEMBER 2006 MILK PRODUCTION REPORT**

### **SOUTH CAROLINA DOWN NINETEEN PERCENT FROM LAST QUARTER**

There were an estimated 62 million pounds of milk produced in SOUTH CAROLINA during the July - September quarter of 2006, according to the USDA-NASS, South Carolina Field Office. This is down nineteen percent from the April - June quarter, but up two percent from the July - September 2005 quarter. There were 17,000 milk cows on SOUTH CAROLINA farms during July-September 2006, no change from the previous quarter or the previous year.

### **U.S. UP 1.4 PERCENT FROM LAST QUARTER**

Milk production in the U.S. during the July - September quarter totaled 44.7 billion pounds, up 1.4 percent from the July – September quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the U.S. during the quarter was 9.12 million head, 57,000 head more than the same period last year.