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OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2008 MILK PRODUCTION REPORT

SOUTH CAROLINA MILK PRODUCTION UP FROM LAST QUARTER

There were an estimated 71 million pounds of milk produced in SOUTH CAROLINA during the October - December quarter of 2008, according to the USDA-NASS, South Carolina Field Office. This is up 1 million pounds from the 70 million pounds produced in the July - September quarter, and down 5 million pounds from the 75 million pounds produced in the October - December 2007 quarter. There were 17,000 milk cows on SOUTH CAROLINA farms during October - December 2008, down 1,000 cows from the previous quarter, and down 1,000 cows from the previous year.

U.S. MILK PRODUCTION UP 3.2 PERCENT

Milk production in the U.S. during the October - December quarter totaled 46.6 billion pounds, up 1.4 percent from the October - December quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the U.S. during the quarter was 9.28 million head, 85,000 head more than the same period last year.