



# South Dakota MILK PRODUCTION

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## ***OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2004 MILK PRODUCTION UP***

**SIoux FALLS, January 18, 2005** -- The October - December quarterly milk production for South Dakota totaled 335 million pounds, 4 percent above the fourth quarter one year ago, according to USDA's South Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service. This is 1 percent above the July - September quarter in 2004.

The average number of milk cows during the quarter, at 80,000 head, was unchanged from the fourth quarter of 2003 and unchanged from 2004's July - September quarter.

*The complete report can be accessed at [www.usda.gov/nass/](http://www.usda.gov/nass/)*

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