

South Dakota MILK PRODUCTION

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JULY - SEPTEMBER 2005 MILK PRODUCTION UP

SIOUX FALLS, October 17, 2005 - - The July - September 2005 quarterly milk production for South Dakota totaled 358 million pounds, 8 percent above last year, according to the South Dakota Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. This is up 7 percent from the recent five-year average of 335 million pounds for the third quarter.

The average number of milk cows during the quarter, at 81,000, was 1,000 head above a year ago but unchanged from the second quarter of 2005.

The complete report can be accessed at www.usda.gov/nass/

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