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JULY - SEPTEMBER 2006 MILK PRODUCTION UP

SIOUX FALLS, October 18, 2006 -- The **July - September 2006** quarterly milk production for South Dakota totaled 380 million pounds, 6 percent above last year's 358 million pounds but 1 percent below last quarter's 382 million pounds, according to the South Dakota office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

The **average number of milk cows** during the quarter, at 81,000, is the same as the third quarter of last year and the second quarter this year.

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