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APRIL - JUNE 2008 MILK PRODUCTION UP

SIOUX FALLS, July 18, 2008 -- The **April - June 2008 quarterly milk production** for South Dakota totaled 444 million pounds, 6 percent above last year's 417 million pounds and 4 percent above last quarter's 426 million pounds, according to the South Dakota office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

The **average number of milk cows** during the second quarter, at 89,000, is up 4,000 head from the second quarter of last year and up 2,000 head from the first quarter of this year.

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