



Press Release

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On: TEXAS MILK PRODUCTION
UP 11 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

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AUSTIN. . . .Texas milk production totaled 502 million pounds during February, up 11 percent from last year's production of 451 million pounds. January 2004 production totaled 526 million pounds.

The number of milk cows during February averaged 317,000 head, down 3,000 head from last year and unchanged from January 2004. Production per cow averaged 1,585 pounds during February, up 12 percent from last year but down 5 percent from January 2004.

Milk production in the 20 states participating in the monthly survey totaled 11.8 billion pounds, up 1.7 percent from production in these same states in February 2003. January revised production, at 12.5 billion pounds, was down 1.0 percent from January 2003.

Production per cow during February averaged 1,531 pounds, 42 pounds above a year ago. The average number of milk cows in the 20 states was 7.72 million head, 91,000 head less than last year but 4,000 head more than January 2004.