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FIRST QUARTER MILK PRODUCTION

WEST VIRGINIA - Milk production in West Virginia totaled 46 million pounds during the January - March quarter of 2008. This was down 4 million pounds from the same quarter last year and down 3 million pounds from the October - December 2007 quarter. The number of dairy cows averaged 12,000 head, down 1,000 head from both the previous quarter and the same quarter last year.

UNITED STATES - Milk production in the U.S. during the January - March quarter totaled 47.6 billion pounds, up 3.2 percent from the January - March quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the U.S. during the quarter was 9.25 million head, 112,000 head more than the same period last year.