



**NEWS RELEASE**

**Milk Production  
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**NORTH DAKOTA MILK PRODUCTION**

**North Dakota**

North Dakota milk production during the January-March quarter this year totaled 129 million pounds, according to the North Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service. This production was down 1.5 percent from the October-December 2003 quarter and down 9.8 percent when compared to the same (January-March) quarter in 2003. The average number of milk cows during the quarter decreased 1,000 head from the last quarter to 33,000. Milk produced per cow averaged 3,900 pounds for the quarter, up from 3,865 pounds last quarter and 3,870 pounds during the January-March 2003 quarter.

**United States**

Milk production in the U.S. during the January-March quarter totaled 42.7 billion pounds, down 0.9 percent from the January-March quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the U.S. during the quarter was 8.99 million head, 153,000 head less than the same period last year.

**MILK PRODUCTION JANUARY - MARCH**

State <sup>1/</sup>	Milk Cows <sup>2/</sup>		Milk Production <sup>3/</sup>		
	2003	2004	2003	2004	Change from 2003
	-- 1,000 Head --		-- Million Pounds --		Percent
<b>North Dakota</b>	37	33	143	129	-9.8
California	1,676	1,705	8,877	8,923	0.5
Minnesota	480	465	2,134	2,060	-3.5
New York	677	659	3,018	2,901	-3.9
Wisconsin	1,264	1,245	5,563	5,520	-0.8
United States	9,144	8,991	43,069	42,688	-0.9

*1/ Published are a few selected states from the National release. 2/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 3/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.*

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