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Milk Production
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NORTH DAKOTA MILK PRODUCTION

North Dakota

North Dakota milk production during the April-June quarter totaled 135 million pounds, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, North Dakota Field Office. Production increased 7 million pounds from the January-March quarter, but was down 1 million pounds when compared to the April-June quarter in 2004. The average number of milk cows during the quarter was 33,000, the same as last quarter but down from 34,000 during the April-June 2004 quarter. Milk produced per cow averaged 4,100 pounds, up from 3,870 pounds last quarter and 4,000 pounds last year.

United States

Milk production during the April-June quarter totaled 45.6 billion pounds, up 4.1 percent from the April-June quarter last year. The average number of milk cows during the quarter was 9.04 million head, 34,000 head more than the same period last year. Production per cow during the quarter averaged 5,051 pounds, up from 4,869 pounds the same period last year.

Milk Production April-June Quarter

STATE	Milk Cows ^{1/}		Milk Production ^{2/}		Change from 2004
	2004	2005	2004	2005	
	-- 1,000 Head --		-- Million Pounds --		-- Percent --
North Dakota	34	33	136	135	-0.7
California	1,720	1,754	9,246	9,656	4.4
Minnesota	462	455	2,084	2,135	2.4
New York	656	646	2,999	3,106	3.6
Wisconsin	1,242	1,234	5,625	5,843	3.9
United States	9,001	9,035	43,824	45,633	4.1

^{1/} Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. ^{2/} Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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