



# South Dakota MILK PRODUCTION

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## ***APRIL - JUNE 2004 MILK PRODUCTION DOWN SLIGHTLY***

**SIoux FALLS, July 16, 2004** - - The April - June 2004 quarterly milk production for South Dakota totaled 338 million pounds, down 1 million pounds (0.3 percent) from the second quarter of last year, according to USDA's South Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service. This is up 1.5 percent from last quarter's revised production total of 333 million pounds. Milk production for the first 6 months of 2004 totaled 671 million pounds, compared to 672 million pounds last year.

The average number of milk cows during the second quarter, at 80,000 head, is down 3,000 head from the same quarter last year but is the same as the January - March 2004 quarter.

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