



# South Dakota MILK PRODUCTION

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## ***JULY - SEPTEMBER 2004 MILK PRODUCTION UP***

**SIoux FALLS, October 15, 2004** - - The July - September 2004 quarterly milk production for South Dakota totaled 341 million pounds, 3 percent above last year, according to USDA's South Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service. This is up slightly from the recent five-year average of 339 million pounds for the third quarter.

The average number of milk cows during the quarter, at 81,000, was 1,000 head below a year ago and unchanged from the revised 81,000 head for the second quarter of 2004.

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