

October Milk Production

Wisconsin milk production for October 2004 totaled 1.83 billion pounds, down 5 million pounds from October 2003. Statewide, cows averaged 47.6 pounds per cow per day. Milk cow numbers averaged 1.24 million head, down 12,000 from last year and 1,000 head less than last month. October ended with 44 fewer milk cow operations in the state. As of November 1, 2004, the state had 15,369 licensed milk cow herds, compared to 16,010 herds a year ago.

Milk production in the 20 major States during October totaled 12.2 billion pounds, up 1 percent from a year earlier. Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,576 pounds, 15 pounds above October 2003. The number of milk cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.77 million head, 26,000 head more than last year, but unchanged from September 2004. Nine states had higher production than a year ago: Arizona, California, Florida, Idaho, Minnesota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, and Virginia. Arizona had the largest percentage increase at 10 percent.

October Milk Production

State	Milk cows 1/		Rate per cow 2/		Production 2/		Pro-duction % chnge 2004/03
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	
	Thousand head		Pounds		Million pounds		Percent
Wisconsin	1,250	1,238	1,465	1,475	1,831	1,826	n.c.
Illinois	109	106	1,495	1,480	163	157	-4
Iowa	198	190	1,540	1,540	305	293	-4
Michigan	303	305	1,790	1,730	542	528	-3
Minnesota	465	465	1,410	1,420	656	660	+1
California	1,698	1,740	1,720	1,770	2,921	3,080	+5
New York	665	650	1,455	1,460	968	949	-2
Pennsylvania	562	563	1,455	1,465	818	825	+1
20-state total	7,743	7,769	1,561	1,576	12,083	12,245	+1

1/Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/Excludes milk sucked by calves. Source: Wisconsin Agricultural Statistics Service.

