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FIRST QUARTER MILK PRODUCTION UP

WEST VIRGINIA -- Milk production in West Virginia totaled 53 million pounds during the January - March quarter of 2004. This was down 3 million pounds from the same quarter last year but 1 million pounds above the October - December 2003 quarter. The number of dairy cows averaged 14,000 head, unchanged from the previous quarter, but down 1,000 head from the same quarter last year.

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.