



Arkansas Milk Production Report

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This report contains the results from the quarterly **Milk Production Report**. The data are also posted on our Web site at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/ar>. Thanks to all who responded to the questionnaires and interviews for these surveys.

First Quarter Milk Production Unchanged

Arkansas milk production during the January - March 2015 quarter was 24 million pounds, unchanged from the same period in 2014, but up 9 percent from the October - December 2014 quarter. The average number of milk cows on farms during the quarter was 7,000 head, 500 head fewer than the same period last year and unchanged from the previous quarter.

Milk Production in the United States during the January - March quarter totaled 51.9 billion pounds, up 1.7percent from the January - March quarter last year.

The average number of milk cows in the United States during the quarter was 9.30 million head, 17,000 head more than the October - December quarter, and 88,000 head more than the same period last year.

Milk Cows and Production by Quarter, Arkansas, and U.S. 2013-2015

Item/Period	Arkansas				United States			
	2013	2014	2015	% Change from '14	2013	2014	2015	% Change from '14
Milk Cows¹	<i>Thousand Head</i>				<i>Thousand Head</i>			
1 st Quarter, January - March	³ 7.5	7.5	7.0	-6.7	³ 9,216	9,253	9,304	1.0
2 nd Quarter, April - June	³ 8.0	7.5	-	-	³ 9,224	9,270	-	-
3 rd Quarter, July - September	8.0	7.0	-	-	9,201	9,287	-	-
4 th Quarter, October - December								
Milk Production²	<i>Million Pounds</i>				<i>Million Pounds</i>			
1 st Quarter, January - March	31	24	24	-	50,545	51,020	51,904	1.7
2 nd Quarter, April - June	30	27	-	-	51,997	52,897	-	-
3 rd Quarter, July - September	22	22	-	-	49,408	51,173	-	-
4 th Quarter, October - December	22	22	-	-	49,268	50,956	-	-

¹ Average number for the period includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

² Excludes milk nursed by calves.

³ Survey was not conducted in April and July 2013.

**Milk Production: Arkansas and U.S.
January - March, 2006-2015**

