



# 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 this survey.

## Milk Production Down 19 Percent from Previous Quarter

Arkansas milk production during the July - September 2015 quarter was 21 million pounds, down 5 percent from the same period in 2014 and down 19 percent from the April - June 2015 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 but unchanged from the previous quarter.

Milk Production in the United States during the July - September quarter totaled 51.6 billion pounds, up 0.9 percent from the July - September quarter last year.

The average number of milk cows in the United States during the quarter was 9.31 million head, 7,000 head fewer than the April - June quarter, but 43,000 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 |
| <b>Milk Cows<sup>1</sup></b>                | <i>Thousand Head</i>  |      |      |                   | <i>Thousand Head</i>  |        |        |                   |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter, January - March    | <sup>3</sup>          | 7.5  | 7.0  | -6.7              | <sup>3</sup>          | 9,216  | 9,305  | 1.0               |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter, April - June       | <sup>3</sup>          | 7.5  | 7.0  | -6.7              | <sup>3</sup>          | 9,253  | 9,320  | 0.7               |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter, July - September   | 8.0                   | 7.5  | 7.0  | -6.7              | 9,224                 | 9,270  | 9,313  | 0.5               |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter, October - December | 8.0                   | 7.0  |      | -                 | 9,201                 | 9,287  |        | -                 |
| <b>Milk Production<sup>2</sup></b>          | <i>Million Pounds</i> |      |      |                   | <i>Million Pounds</i> |        |        |                   |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter, January - March    | 31                    | 24   | 25   | 4.2               | 50,545                | 51,020 | 51,949 | 1.8               |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter, April - June       | 30                    | 28   | 26   | -7.1              | 51,997                | 52,897 | 53,654 | 1.4               |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter, July - September   | 22                    | 22   | 21   | -4.5              | 49,408                | 51,173 | 51,642 | 0.9               |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> 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.  
July-September, 2006-2015**

