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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.

### Fourth Quarter Milk Production Unchanged

Arkansas milk production during the October-December 2014 quarter was 22 million pounds, unchanged from the same period in 2013, and the July-September 2014 quarter. The average number of milk cows on farms during the quarter was 7,000 head, 1,000 head fewer than the same period last year and 500 head fewer than previous quarter.

Milk production in the United States during the October - December quarter totaled 50.9 billion pounds, up 3.4 percent from the October - December quarter last year.

The average number of milk cows in the United States during the quarter was 9.28 million head, 16,000 head more than the July – September quarter, and 83,000 head more than the same period last year.

**Milk Cows and Production by Quarter, Arkansas, and U.S. 2012-2014**

Item/Period	Arkansas				United States			
	2012	2013	2014	% Change from '13	2012	2013	2014	% Change from '13
<b>Milk Cows<sup>1</sup></b>	<i>Thousand Head</i>				<i>Thousand Head</i>			
1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter, January - March	11.0	<sup>3</sup>	7.5	-	9,257	<sup>3</sup>	9,214	-
2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter, April - June	11.0	<sup>3</sup>	7.5	-	9,259	<sup>3</sup>	9,253	-
3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter, July - September	10.0	8.0	7.5	-6.2	9,211	9,224	9,268	0.5
4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter, October - December	9.0	8.0	7.0	-12.5	9,203	9,201	9,284	0.9
<b>Milk Production<sup>2</sup></b>	<i>Million Pounds</i>				<i>Million Pounds</i>			
1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter, January - March	39	31	24	-22.6	50,105	50,545	51,046	1.0
2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter, April - June	38	30	27	-10.0	51,562	51,997	52,861	1.7
3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter, July - September	28	22	22	-	48,727	49,408	51,148	3.5
4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter, October - December	28	22	22	-	49,143	49,268	50,939	3.4

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

<sup>2</sup> Excludes milk nursed by calves.

<sup>3</sup> Survey was not conducted in April and July 2013.

**Milk Production: Arkansas and U.S.  
October-December, 2005-2014**

