



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 Unchanged from Previous Quarter

Arkansas milk production during the October - December 2015 quarter was 20 million pounds, down 9 percent from the same period in 2014 but unchanged from the July - September 2015 quarter. The average number of milk cows on farms during the quarter was 7,000 head, unchanged from same period last year and the previous quarter.

Milk Production in the United States during the October - December quarter totaled 51.2 billion pounds, up 0.6 percent from the October - December quarter last year.

The average number of milk cows in the United States during the quarter was 9.32 million head, 6,000 head more than the July - September quarter, and 33,000 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	7.0	-6.7	³	9,216	9,305	1.0
2 nd Quarter, April - June	³	7.5	7.0	-6.7	³	9,253	9,320	0.7
3 rd Quarter, July - September	8.0	7.5	7.0	-6.7	9,224	9,270	9,314	0.5
4 th Quarter, October - December	8.0	7.0	7.0	-	9,201	9,287	9,320	0.4
Milk Production²	<i>Million Pounds</i>				<i>Million Pounds</i>			
1 st Quarter, January - March	31	24	25	4.2	50,545	51,020	51,949	1.8
2 nd Quarter, April - June	30	28	26	-7.1	51,997	52,897	53,654	1.4
3 rd Quarter, July - September	22	22	20	-9.1	49,408	51,173	51,651	0.9
4 th Quarter, October - December	22	22	20	-9.1	49,268	50,956	51,240	0.6

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.
October-December, 2005-2015**

