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Milk Production



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U.S. October – December Milk Production up 3.4 Percent

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 — States and United States: Preliminary October - December 2013 and 2014

State	Milk cows ¹			Milk production ²		
	2013	2014	Percent of previous year	2013	2014	Percent of previous year
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Alabama	9.0	8.0	89	28.0	25.0	89
Florida	123.0	123.0	100	553.0	575.0	104
Georgia	80.0	81.0	101	368.0	397.0	108
South Carolina..	15.5	15.0	97	63.0	61.0	97
United States	9,201.0	9,284.0	101	49,268.0	50,939.0	103

¹ Excludes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh.

² Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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United States Quarterly Milk Production

Million pounds

