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Milk Production

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U.S. January – March Milk Production up 1.7 Percent

Milk production in the United States during the January - March quarter totalled 51.9 billion pounds, up 1.7 percent 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 2014 quarter, and 88,000 head more than the same period last year.

Milk Cows and Production — States and United States: Preliminary January - March 2014 and 2015

State	Milk cows ¹			Milk production ²		
	2014	2015	Percent of previous year	2014	2015	Percent of previous year
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Alabama	9.0	8.0	89	30.0	29.0	97
Florida	123.0	124.0	101	671.0	700.0	104
Georgia	81.0	81.0	100	443.0	463.0	105
South Carolina..	16.0	15.0	94	71.0	72.0	101
United States....	9,216.0	9,304.0	101	51,020.0	51,904.0	102

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

