



# News Release

## December Milk Production

Dairy herds in Indiana produced 355 million pounds of milk during December, up 1.4 percent from a year ago, according to Greg Matli, State Statistician of the USDA, NASS, Indiana Field Office. The daily rate per cow was 61.3 pounds, up 0.3 pounds from December 2016. The dairy herd was estimated at 187,000 head for December, up 2,000 head from a year earlier.

Milk production in the 23 major States during December totaled 17.0 billion pounds, up 1.2 percent from December 2016. The daily production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 62.7 pounds for December, 0.4 pounds above December 2016. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.74 million head, 54,000 head more than December 2016, and 3,000 more than November 2017.

### Milk production, December

Commodity	Indiana			23 Major States		
	2015	2016	2017	2015	2016	2017
Cows .....1,000 Hd	184	185	187	8,632	8,683	8,737
Daily rate per cow .....Pounds	60.2	61.0	61.3	61.1	62.3	62.7
Production .....Mil lbs	343	350	355	16,348	16,777	16,974

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