



# News Release

## December Milk Production

Dairy herds in Indiana produced 342 million pounds of milk during December, down 3.7 percent from a year ago, according to Greg Matli, State Statistician of the USDA, NASS, Indiana Field Office. The daily rate per cow was 61.0 pounds, down 0.3 pounds from December 2017. The dairy herd was estimated at 181,000 head for December, down 6,000 head from a year earlier.

Milk production in the 23 major States during December totaled 17.1 billion pounds, up 0.9 percent from December 2017. The daily production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 63.4 pounds for December, up 0.7 pounds from December 2017. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.72 million head, 21,000 head less than December 2017, and 2,000 head less than November 2018.

### Milk production, December

Commodity	Indiana			23 Major States		
	2016	2017	2018	2016	2017	2018
Cows .....1,000 Hd	185	187	181	8,683	8,736	8,715
Daily rate per cow .....Pounds	61.0	61.3	61.0	62.4	62.7	63.4
Production .....Mil lbs	350	355	342	16,788	16,978	17,133

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