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This report contains the results from the **Milk Production Report**. These data are also posted on our web site at <https://www.nass.usda.gov/la> and in a more detailed report at <https://www.nass.usda.gov>. Thanks to all who responded to this survey.

Milk Production Up 3 Percent from Previous Quarter

Louisiana **milk production** during the October – December 2018 quarter was 32.0 million pounds, down 14 percent from the same period in 2017 but up 3 percent from the July - September quarter. The average number of milk cows on farms during the quarter was 11,000 head, 1,000 head less than the same period last year but unchanged from the previous quarter.

Milk Production in the United States during the October - December quarter totaled 53.3 billion pounds, up 0.5 percent from the October - December quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the United States during the quarter was 9.36 million head, 18,000 head less than the July - September quarter, and 41,000 head less than the same period last year.

Milk Cows and Production by Quarter - Louisiana and United States: 2017 and 2018

[Blank data cells indicate estimation period has not yet begun]

Quarter	Louisiana			United States		
	2017	2018	Change from 2017	2017	2018	Change from 2017
Milk cows¹	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
January - March	12.0	12.0	-	9,369	9,406	0.4
April - June	12.0	11.5	-4.2	9,399	9,402	-
July - September	12.0	11.0	-8.3	9,402	9,375	-0.3
October - December ...	12.0	11.0	-8.3	9,398	9,357	-0.4
Milk production²	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
January - March	47.0	46.0	-2.1	53,562	54,367	1.5
April - June	44.0	43.0	-2.3	55,344	55,808	0.8
July - September	32.0	31.0	-3.1	53,473	53,952	0.9
October - December ...	37.0	32.0	-13.5	53,087	53,349	0.5

- Represents zero.

¹ Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh.

² Excludes milk sucked by calves.

**Milk Production: Louisiana and United States
October - December, 2008 - 2018**

