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Louisiana Milk Production

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This report contains the results from the **2023 October 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 Down 31 Percent from Previous Quarter

Louisiana **milk production** during the July - September 2023 quarter was 20.0 million pounds, down 9 percent from the same period in 2022 and down 31 percent from the April - June quarter. The average number of milk cows on farms during the quarter was 7,000 head, 1,000 head lower than the same period last year and 1,000 head lower than the previous quarter.

Milk Production in the United States during the July - September quarter totaled 56.1 billion pounds, down 0.7 percent from the July - September quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the United States during the quarter was 9.38 million head, 43,000 head lower than the April - June quarter, and 33,000 head lower than the same period last year.

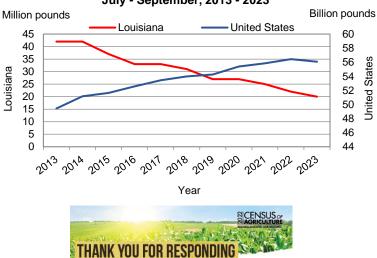
Milk Cows and Production by Quarter - Louisiana and United States: 2022 and 2023

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

Quarter	Louisiana			United States		
	2022	2023	Change from 2022	2022	2023	Change from 2022
Milk cows 1	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
January - March April - June July - September October - December	9.0 9.0 8.0 8.0	8.0 8.0 7.0	-11.1 -11.1 -12.5	9,384 9,411 9,408 9,404	9,427 9,418 9,375	0.5 0.1 -0.4
Milk production ²	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
January - March April - June July - September October - December	33.0 32.0 22.0 25.0	30.0 29.0 20.0	-9.1 -9.4 -9.1	56,305 57,822 56,438 55,897	56,855 58,017 56,066	1.0 0.3 -0.7

¹ Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh.

Milk Production: Louisiana and United States July - September, 2013 - 2023



DATA COMING FEBRUARY 2024

² Excludes milk sucked by calves.