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

¹ Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh.

² Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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

