



# News Release

## March Milk Production

Dairy herds in Michigan produced 852 million pounds of milk during March, up 7.0 percent from a year ago, according to the USDA, NASS, Great Lakes Regional Office. The daily rate per cow was 68.2 pounds, up 0.8 pound from March 2014. The dairy herd was estimated at 403,000 head for March, up 22,000 head from a year earlier.

Milk production in the 23 major States during March totaled 16.9 billion pounds, up 1.1 percent from March 2014. The daily production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 63.2 pounds in March, 0.1 pound above March 2014. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.62 million head, 86,000 head more than March 2014, but 4,000 head less than February 2015.

### Milk production, March

Commodity	Michigan			23 Major States		
	2013	2014	2015	2013	2014	2015
Cows .....1,000 Hd	( <sup>1</sup> )	381	403	( <sup>1</sup> )	8,530	8,616
Daily rate per cow .....Pounds	( <sup>1</sup> )	67.4	68.2	( <sup>1</sup> )	63.1	63.2
Production .....Mil lbs	794	796	852	16,508	16,690	16,877

<sup>1</sup> Due to sequestration, only total milk production was published.