



News Release

December Milk Production

Dairy herds in Michigan produced 876 million pounds of milk during December, up 4.8 percent from a year ago, according to Marlo Johnson, Regional Director of USDA, NASS, Great Lakes Regional Office. The daily rate per cow was 68.6 pounds, up 1.5 pounds from December 2014. The dairy herd was estimated at 412,000 head for December, up 10,000 head from a year earlier.

Milk production in the 23 major States during December totaled 16.4 billion pounds, up 0.7 percent from December 2014. The daily production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 61.1 pounds in December, 0.2 pounds above December 2014. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.64 million head, 29,000 head more than December 2014, and 1,000 head more than November 2015.

Milk production, December

Commodity	Michigan			23 Major States		
	2013	2014	2015	2013	2014	2015
Cows1,000 Hd	380	402	412	8,504	8,611	8,640
Daily rate per cow Pounds	65.2	67.1	68.6	59.7	60.9	61.1
Production Mil lbs	768	836	876	15,726	16,256	16,362