



News Release

March Milk Production

Dairy herds in Michigan produced 924 million pounds of milk during March, up 7.7 percent from a year ago, according to Marlo Johnson, Regional Director of USDA, NASS, Great Lakes Regional Office. The daily rate per cow was 71.6 pounds, up 2.9 pounds from March 2015. The dairy herd was estimated at 416,000 head for March, up 13,000 head from a year earlier.

Milk production in the 23 major States during March totaled 17.2 billion pounds, up 1.8 percent from March 2015. The daily production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 64.3 pounds in March, 1.0 pound above March 2015. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.64 million head, 19,000 head more than March 2015, and 9,000 head less than February 2016.

Milk production, March

Commodity	Michigan			23 Major States		
	2014	2015	2016	2014	2015	2016
Cows1,000 Hd	381	403	416	8,530	8,623	8,642
Daily rate per cow.....Pounds	67.4	68.7	71.6	63.1	63.3	64.3
ProductionMil lbs	796	858	924	16,690	16,918	17,220