



News Release

April Milk Production

Dairy herds in Michigan produced 903 million pounds of milk during April, up 6.5 percent from a year ago, according to Marlo Johnson, Regional Director of USDA, NASS, Great Lakes Regional Office. The daily rate per cow was 72.2 pounds, up 2.2 pounds from April 2015. The dairy herd was estimated at 417,000 head for April, up 13,000 head from a year earlier.

Milk production in the 23 major States during April totaled 16.8 billion pounds, up 1.2 percent from April 2015. The daily production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 64.9 pounds in April, 0.6 pounds above April 2015. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.65 million head, 21,000 head more than April 2015, and 4,000 head more than March 2016.

Milk production, April

Commodity	Michigan			23 Major States		
	2014	2015	2016	2014	2015	2016
Cows1,000 Hd	383	404	417	8,547	8,627	8,648
Daily rate per cowPounds	68.7	70.0	72.2	63.7	64.3	64.9
ProductionMil lbs	789	848	903	16,343	16,641	16,843