



News Release

March Milk Production

Dairy herds in Michigan produced 993 million pounds of milk during March, up 2.3 percent from a year ago, according to Marlo Johnson, Regional Director of USDA, NASS, Great Lakes Regional Office. Production per cow in Michigan averaged 2,320 pounds for March, 35 pounds above March 2019. The dairy herd was estimated at 428,000 head for March, up 3,000 head from a year earlier.

Milk production in the 24 major States during March totaled 18.3 billion pounds, up 2.4 percent from March 2019. February revised production, at 17.0 billion pounds, was up 5.6 percent from February 2019. The February revision represented a decrease of 7 million pounds or less than 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 24 major States averaged 2,072 pounds for March, 34 pounds above March 2019. The number of milk cows on farms in the 24 major States was 8.85 million head, 64,000 head more than March 2019, and 5,000 head more than February 2020.

Milk Production – Michigan and 24 Selected States: March 2019 and 2020

Commodity	Michigan		24 Major States	
	2019	2020	2019	2020
Cows 1,000 Hd	425	428	8,789	8,853
Monthly rate per cow Pounds	2,285	2,320	2,038	2,072
Production Mil lbs	971	993	17,916	18,340