



News Release

May Milk Production

Dairy herds in Michigan produced 995 million pounds of milk during May, down 0.4 percent from a year ago, according to Marlo Johnson, Regional Director of USDA, NASS, Great Lakes Regional Office. Production per cow in Michigan averaged 2,325 pounds for May, 25 pounds below May 2019. The dairy herd was estimated at 428,000 head for May, up 3,000 head from a year earlier.

Milk production in the 24 major States during May totaled 18.0 billion pounds, down 1.0 percent from May 2019. April revised production, at 17.8 billion pounds, was up 1.3 percent from April 2019. The April revision represented a decrease of 47 million pounds or 0.3 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 24 major States averaged 2,031 pounds for May, 32 pounds below May 2019. The number of milk cows on farms in the 24 major States was 8.84 million head, 50,000 head more than May 2019, but 12,000 head less than April 2020.

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

Commodity	Michigan		24 Major States	
	2019	2020	2019	2020
Cows 1,000 Hd	425	428	8,790	8,840
Monthly rate per cow Pounds	2,350	2,325	2,063	2,031
Production Mil lbs	999	995	18,137	17,956