



News Release

February Milk Production

Dairy herds in Ohio produced 442 million pounds of milk during February, down 0.7 percent from a year ago, according to Cheryl Turner, State Statistician of the USDA, NASS, Ohio Field Office. Production per cow in Ohio averaged 1,700 pounds for February, 60 pounds below February 2020. The dairy herd was estimated at 260,000 head for February, up 7,000 head from a year earlier.

Milk production in the 24 major States during February totaled 16.8 billion pounds, down 1.3 percent from February 2020. However, production was 2.3 percent above last year after adjusting for the leap year. January revised production, at 18.4 billion pounds, was up 2.6 percent from January 2020. The January revision represented an increase of 150 million pounds or 0.8 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 24 major States averaged 1,882 pounds for February, 44 pounds below February 2020. The number of milk cows on farms in the 24 major States was 8.94 million head, 88,000 head more than February 2020, and 2,000 head more than January 2021.

Milk Production – Ohio and 24 Selected States: February 2020 and 2021

| Commodity | Ohio | | 24 Major States | |
|-----------------------------------|-------|-------|-----------------|--------|
| | 2020 | 2021 | 2020 | 2021 |
| Cows 1,000 Hd | 253 | 260 | 8,848 | 8,936 |
| Monthly rate per cow Pounds | 1,760 | 1,700 | 1,926 | 1,882 |
| Production Mil lbs | 445 | 442 | 17,038 | 16,822 |

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