



News Release

January Milk Production

Dairy herds in Ohio produced 481 million pounds of milk during January, up 1.7 percent from a year ago, according to Ben Torrance, State Statistician, USDA NASS, Ohio Field Office. Production per cow in Ohio averaged 1,885 pounds for January, unchanged from January 2023. The dairy herd was estimated at 255,000 head for January, up 4,000 head from a year earlier.

Milk production in the 24 major States during January totaled 18.3 billion pounds, down 0.9 percent from January 2023. December revised production, at 18.1 billion pounds, was down 0.1 percent from December 2022. The December revision represented a decrease of 8 million pounds or less than 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 24 major States averaged 2,062 pounds for January, 9 pounds below January 2023. The number of milk cows on farms in the 24 major States was 8.87 million head, 49,000 head less than January 2023, and 21,000 head less than December 2023.

Milk Production – Ohio and 24 Selected States: January 2023 and 2024

Commodity	Ohio		24 Major States	
	2023	2024	2023	2024
Cows 1,000 Hd	251	255	8,922	8,873
Monthly rate per cow Pounds	1,885	1,885	2,071	2,062
Production Mil lbs	473	481	18,474	18,300

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