



Southern Region News Release

Milk Production



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January–March Milk Production up 2.1 Percent

Milk production in the United States during the January – March quarter totaled 53.0 billion pounds, up 2.1 percent from the January – March quarter last year.

The average number of milk cows in the United States during the quarter was 9.32 million head, 5,000 head less than the October – December quarter, but 7,000 head more than the same period last year.

Milk Cows and Production — States and United States: Preliminary January - March 2015 and 2016

State	Milk cows ¹			Milk production ²		
	2015	2016	Percent of previous year	2015	2016	Percent of previous year
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Alabama	8.0	7.0	88	29.0	28.0	97
Florida	124.0	126.0	102	699.0	675.0	97
Georgia	81.0	85.0	105	468.0	499.0	107
South Carolina..	15.0	15.0	100	72.0	70.0	97
United States	9,309.0	9,316.0	100	51,936.0	53,038.0	102

¹ Excludes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh.

² Excludes milk sucked by calves.

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - *Milk Production*, April 2016

United States Quarterly Milk Production

Million pounds

