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U.S. July-September Milk Production up 1.7 Percent

Milk production in the United States during the July - September quarter totaled 52.6 billion pounds, up 1.7 percent from the July - September quarter last year.

The average number of milk cows in the United States during the quarter was 9.34 million head, 9,000 head more than the April - June quarter, and 21,000 head more than the same period last year.

Milk Cows and Production — States and United States: Preliminary July – September 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	7.5	6.5	87	21.0	20	95
Florida	125.0	120.0	96	589.0	565.0	96
Georgia	84.0	83.0	99	421.0	415.0	99
South Carolina	15.0	14.5	97	58.0	55.0	95
United States	9,315.0	9,336.0	100	51,685.0	52,585.0	102

[1] Excludes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh.
[2] Excludes milk sucked by calves.
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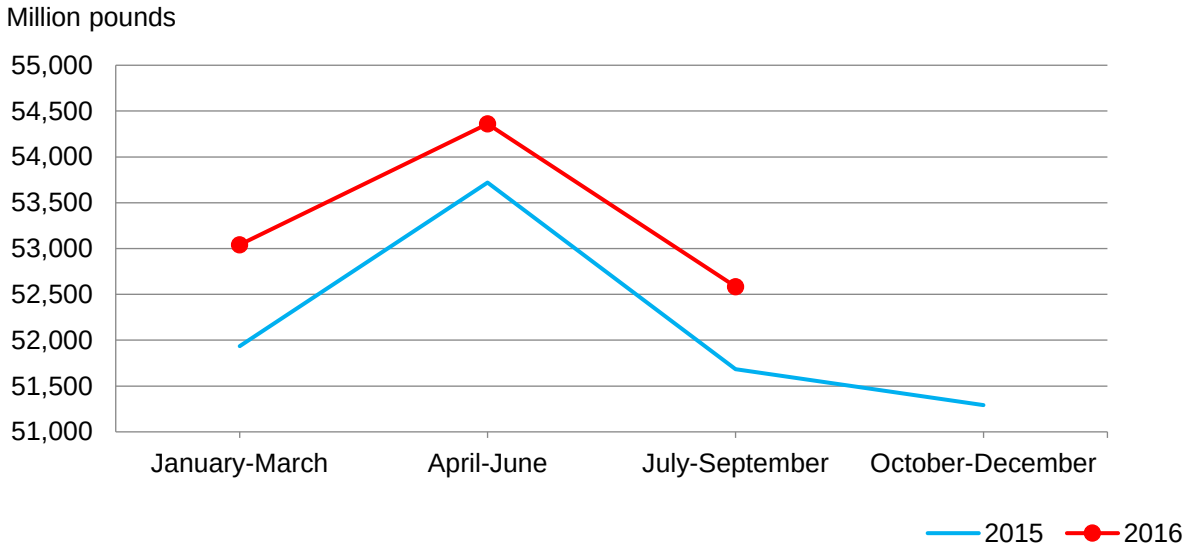
United States Quarterly Milk Production



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