FOURTH QUARTER MILK PRODUCTION

Charleston, West Virginia – Milk production in West Virginia totaled 21 million pounds or 2.4 million gallons during the October - December quarter of 2019. This was down 1 million pounds from the July - September 2019 quarter, and was 4 million pounds or 465,000 gallons less than the October - December quarter of 2018. The number of dairy cows averaged 6,000 head, unchanged from the previous quarter, but down 1,000 head from the same period in 2018.

United States – Milk production in the United States during the October - December quarter totaled 53.8 billion pounds, up 0.8 percent from the October - December quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the United States during the quarter was 9.34 million head, 18,000 head more than the July - September quarter, but 22,000 head less than the same period last year.

Note: A conversion of 8.6 pounds per gallon was used.