



# News Release

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Milk Production  
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## North Dakota January–March Milk Production

### North Dakota

Milk production for the January-March 2008 quarter is estimated at 108 million pounds, down 5 percent from the same period a year earlier, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, North Dakota Field Office. However, this is above the 106 million pounds produced in the previous quarter of October-December 2007. Average number of milk cows during the quarter, at 28,000 head, was equal to the previous quarter but down from the January-March 2007 quarter of 31,000 cows. Milk produced per cow during the January-March quarter was 3,870 pounds, up from 3,770 pounds the previous quarter and 3,680 pounds a year ago.

### United States

Milk production in the U.S. during the January - March quarter totaled 47.6 billion pounds, up 3 percent from the January - March quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the U.S. during the quarter was 9.25 million head, 112,000 head more than the same period last year. Milk produced per cow during the January – March quarter was 5,141 pounds, up from 5,003 pounds the previous quarter and 5,040 pounds a year ago.

**Milk Cows and Production: Selected States and United States  
January - March, 2007-2008**

State	Jan-Mar Milk Cows <sup>1/</sup>		Jan-Mar Milk Production <sup>2/</sup>		Change From 2007
	2007	2008	2007	2008	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>
<b>North Dakota</b>	31	28	114	108	-5.3
California	1,795	1,843	10,072	10,458	3.8
Minnesota	455	463	2,171	2,201	1.4
New York	628	626	2,964	3,086	4.1
Wisconsin	1,246	1,250	5,904	6,046	2.4
United States	9,138	9,250	46,058	47,552	3.2

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.