



# News Release

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Milk Production  
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## North Dakota October-December Milk Production

### North Dakota

Milk production for the October-December 2007 quarter is estimated at 106 million pounds, down 8 percent from the same period a year earlier, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, North Dakota Field Office. Average milk cows during the quarter, at 28,000 head, were down from 31,000 head the same period last year but equal to the July-September 2007 quarter. Milk produced per cow during the October-December quarter was 3,770 pounds, up from 3,710 pounds a year earlier but down from 3,860 pounds during the July-September 2007 quarter.

### United States

Milk production in the U.S. during the October-December quarter totaled 46.0 billion pounds, up 3.2 percent from the October-December quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the U.S. during the quarter was 9.20 million head, 80,000 head more than the same period last year. Milk produced per cow during the October-December quarter was 5,008 pounds, up from 4,894 pounds a year earlier, but down from 5,037 pounds during the July-September 2007 quarter.

**Milk Cows and Production: Selected States and United States  
October - December, 2006-2007**

State	Oct-Dec Milk Cows <sup>1/</sup>		Oct-Dec Milk Production <sup>2/</sup>		
	2006	2007	2006	2007	Change From 2006
	<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	115	106	-7.8
California	1,782	1,830	9,660	10,173	5.3
Minnesota	452	463	2,072	2,139	3.2
New York	628	626	2,917	3,019	3.5
Wisconsin	1,245	1,249	5,782	5,934	2.6
United States	9,115	9,195	44,611	46,045	3.2

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