



# News Release

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Milk Production  
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## April – June Milk Production

### North Dakota

Milk production for the April-June quarter is estimated at 107 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 number of milk cows during the current quarter, at 27,000 head, was down 1,000 head from the previous quarter and down 3,000 head from the April-June 2007 quarter. This is the lowest milk cow total on record, which dates back to 1930. Milk produced per cow during the April-June quarter was 3,960 pounds, up from 3,870 pounds for the previous quarter and from a year ago.

### United States

Milk production in the U.S. during the April-June quarter totaled 48.7 billion pounds, up 2.7 percent from the April-June quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the U.S. during the quarter was 9.27 million head, 136,000 head more than the same period last year. Milk produced per cow during the April-June quarter was 5,252 pounds, up from 5,140 pounds the previous quarter and 5,189 pounds a year ago.

**Milk Cows and Production: Selected States and United States**  
**April - June, 2007-2008**

State	April-June Milk Cows <sup>1</sup>		April-June Milk Production <sup>2</sup>		
	2007	2008	2007	2008	Change From 2007
	<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>	30	27	116	107	-7.8
California	1,806	1,848	10,267	10,513	2.4
Minnesota	458	463	2,213	2,230	0.8
New York	626	626	3,078	3,205	4.1
Wisconsin	1,247	1,251	6,133	6,219	1.4
United States	9,138	9,274	47,419	48,703	2.7

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