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Milk Production
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July-September Milk Production

North Dakota

Milk production for the July - September 2007 quarter totaled 108 million pounds, down 6.9 percent from 116 million pounds the same period a year earlier, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, North Dakota Field Office. Average milk cows during the current quarter, at 28,000 head, were down 2,000 head from the previous quarter and down 3,000 head from the July - September 2006 quarter. Milk produced per cow during the July - September quarter was 3,860 pounds, down from 3,900 for the previous quarter, but up from 3,740 pounds during the same period last year.

United States

Milk production in the U.S. during the July - September quarter totaled 46.1 billion pounds, up 3.1 percent from the July - September quarter last year. Production per cow during the July - September quarter averaged 5,036 pounds, up from 4,906 pounds the same period a year ago. The average number of milk cows in the U.S. during the quarter was 9.16 million head, 44,000 head more than the same period last year.

**Milk Cows and Production: Selected States and United States
July - September, 2006-2007**

State	July-September Milk Cows ^{1/}		July-September Milk Production ^{2/}		
	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>
North Dakota	31	28	116	108	-6.9
California	1,772	1,817	9,561	10,156	6.2
Minnesota	450	463	2,050	2,130	3.9
New York	634	626	2,982	3,041	2.0
Wisconsin	1,244	1,248	5,851	6,084	4.0
United States	9,113	9,157	44,710	46,114	3.1

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