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HIGHLIGHTS IN THIS REPORT

Quarterly Milk Production

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Louisiana dairies produced an estimated 96 million pounds of milk during the January-March 2008 quarter, down 9 percent from the same period in 2007. The number of milk cows averaged 27,000 head during the quarter, down 10 percent from last year.



United States Milk Production

Milk production in the U.S. during the January-March quarter totaled 47.6 billion pounds, up 3.2 percent from the January - March quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the U.S. during the quarter was 9.3 million head, 112,000 head more than the same period last year.

Milk production in the 23 major states during March totaled 15.1 billion pounds, up 2.4 percent from March 2007. February revised production, at 13.9 billion pounds, was up 6.2 percent from February 2007. The February revision represented an increase of 23 million pounds or 0.2 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major states averaged 1,795 pounds for March, 12 pounds above March 2007.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major states was 8.4 million head, 141,000 head more than March 2007, and 9,000 head more than February 2008.

Milk Production: Selected States, January-March 2007– 2008

Selected States	January-March Milk Cows ¹		January-March Milk Production ²	
	2007	2008	2007	2008
	-----Thousands-----		-----Million Pounds-----	
Alabama	13	12	58	53
Arkansas	18	16.5	61	55
Louisiana	30	27	105	96
Mississippi	22	21	94	86
Oklahoma	70	66	296	277
Tennessee	66	61	270	256
Texas	347	368	1,853	2,070
23 Major States ³	8,288	8,426	42,214	43,774
United States	9,138	9,250	46,058	47,552

¹ Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh.

² Excludes milk sucked by calves.

³ Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, Washington and Wisconsin.

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