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On: TEXAS MILK PRODUCTION

DOWN 1 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

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AUSTIN Texas milk production totaled 495 million pounds during February, down 1 percent from last year's production of 502 million pounds. January 2005 production totaled 526 million pounds.

The number of milk cows during February averaged 317,000 head, unchanged from last year but down 1,000 head from January 2005. Production per cow averaged 1,560 pounds during February, 25 pounds less than last year and 95 pounds less than January 2005.

Milk production in the 23 states participating in the monthly survey totaled 12.2 billion pounds, down 0.7 percent from production in these same states in February 2004. January revised production, at 13.3 billion pounds, was up 1.5 percent from January 2004.

Production per cow during February averaged 1,516 pounds, 15 pounds below a year ago. The average number of milk cows in the 23 states was 8.07 million head, 23,000 head more than last year but 9,000 head less than January 2005.