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On: TEXAS MILK PRODUCTION
UP 3 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

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AUSTIN Texas milk production totaled 567 million pounds during March, up 3 percent from last year's production of 550 million pounds. February 2005 production totaled 495 million pounds.

The number of milk cows during March averaged 317,000 head, unchanged from both last year and February 2005. Production per cow averaged 1,790 pounds during March, 55 pounds above last year and 230 pounds above February 2005.

Milk production in the 23 states participating in the monthly survey totaled 13.8 billion pounds, up 3.1 percent from production in these same states in March 2004. February revised production, at 12.3 billion pounds, was down 0.5 percent from February 2004.

Production per cow during March averaged 1,704 pounds, 43 pounds above a year ago. The average number of milk cows in the 23 states was 8.10 million head, 38,000 head more than last year and 21,000 head more than February 2005.