



News Release

May Milk Production

Dairy herds in Ohio produced 490 million pounds of milk during May, up 1.7 percent from a year ago, according to Ben Torrance, State Statistician, USDA NASS, Ohio Field Office. Production per cow in Ohio averaged 1,945 pounds for May, 25 pounds above May 2022. The dairy herd was estimated at 252,000 head for May, up 1,000 head from a year earlier.

Milk production in the 24 major States during May totaled 19.0 billion pounds, up 0.8 percent from May 2022. April revised production, at 18.4 billion pounds, was up 0.6 percent from April 2022. The April revision represented an increase of 23 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 24 major States averaged 2,126 pounds for May, 11 pounds above May 2022. The number of milk cows on farms in the 24 major States was 8.95 million head, 24,000 head more than May 2022, but unchanged from April 2023.

Milk Production – Ohio and 24 Selected States: May 2022 and 2023

Commodity	Ohio		24 Major States	
	2022	2023	2022	2023
Cows 1,000 Hd	251	252	8,921	8,945
Monthly rate per cow Pounds	1,920	1,945	2,115	2,126
Production Mil lbs	482	490	18,871	19,017