



# News Release

## April Milk Production

Dairy herds in Ohio produced 481 million pounds of milk during April, 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 1,885 pounds for April, up 10 pounds from April 2023. The dairy herd was estimated at 255,000 head for April, up 3,000 head from a year earlier.

Milk production in the 24 major States during April totaled 18.3 billion pounds, down 0.2 percent from April 2023. March revised production, at 18.9 billion pounds, was down 0.5 percent from March 2023. The March revision represented an increase of 78 million pounds or 0.4 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 24 major States averaged 2,064 pounds for April, 8 pounds above April 2023. The number of milk cows on farms in the 24 major States was 8.89 million head, 55,000 head less than April 2023, and 6,000 head less than March 2024.

### Milk Production – Ohio and 24 Selected States: April 2023 and 2024

| Commodity                         | Ohio  |       | 24 Major States |        |
|-----------------------------------|-------|-------|-----------------|--------|
|                                   | 2023  | 2024  | 2023            | 2024   |
| Cows ..... 1,000 Hd               | 252   | 255   | 8,941           | 8,886  |
| Monthly rate per cow ..... Pounds | 1,875 | 1,885 | 2,056           | 2,064  |
| Production ..... Mil lbs          | 473   | 481   | 18,386          | 18,341 |

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