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This report contains the results from the quarterly *Milk Production Report*. The data are also posted on our Web site at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/la>. Thanks to all who responded to the questionnaires and interviews for this survey.

Milk Production Up 16 Percent from Previous Quarter

Louisiana milk production during the October - December 2017 quarter was 37 million pounds, up 6 percent from the same period in 2016 and up 16 percent from the July - September 2017 quarter. The average number of milk cows on farms during the quarter was 12,000 head, unchanged from the same period last year and the previous quarter.

Milk Production in the United States during the October - December quarter totaled 53.1 billion pounds, up 1.1 percent from the October - December quarter last year.

The average number of milk cows in the United States during the quarter was 9.40 million head, 3,000 head less than the July - September quarter, but 55,000 head more than the same period last year.

Milk Cows and Production by Quarter - Louisiana and United States: 2015 - 2017

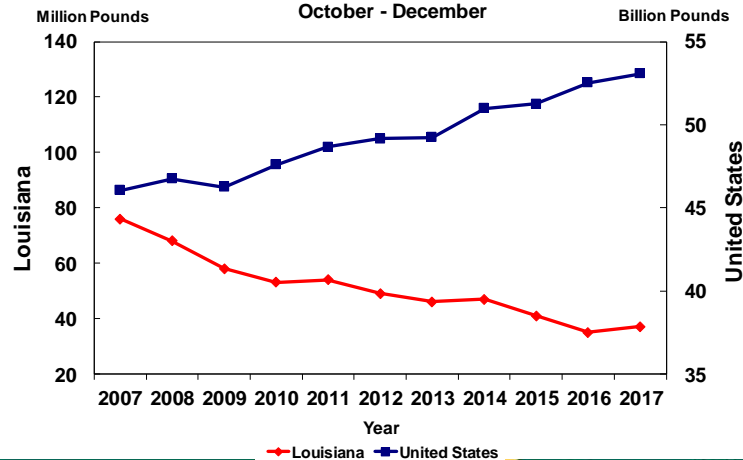
Quarter	Louisiana				United States			
	2015	2016	2017	Change from 2016	2015	2016	2017	Change from 2016
Milk Cows¹	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
January - March	14.0	13.0	12.0	-7.7	9,309.0	9,312.0	9,370.0	0.6
April - June	14.0	12.5	12.0	-4.0	9,320.0	9,323.0	9,398.0	0.8
July - September	13.0	12.0	12.0	-	9,311.0	9,331.0	9,402.0	0.8
October - December	13.0	12.0	12.0	-	9,315.0	9,344.0	9,399.0	0.6
Milk Production²	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
January - March	58.0	53.0	47.0	-11.3	51,945.0	52,998.0	53,568.0	1.1
April - June	52.0	49.0	44.0	-10.2	53,726.0	54,331.0	55,314.0	1.8
July - September	37.0	32.0	32.0	-	51,677.0	52,590.0	53,478.0	1.7
October - December	41.0	35.0	37.0	5.7	51,249.0	52,517.0	53,071.0	1.1

- Represents zero.

¹ Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh.

² Excludes milk sucked by calves.

Milk Production - Louisiana and United States: October - December



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