



Louisiana Milk Production Report

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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 <https://www.nass.usda.gov/la>. Thanks to all who responded to the questionnaires and interviews for this survey.

Milk Production Up 24 Percent from Previous Quarter

Louisiana milk production during the January - March 2018 quarter was 46 million pounds, down 2 percent from the same period in 2017 but up 24 percent from the October - December 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 January - March quarter totaled 54.4 billion pounds, up 1.5 percent from the January - March quarter last year.

The average number of milk cows in the United States during the quarter was 9.41 million head, 9,000 head more than the October - December quarter, and 38,000 head more than the same period last year.

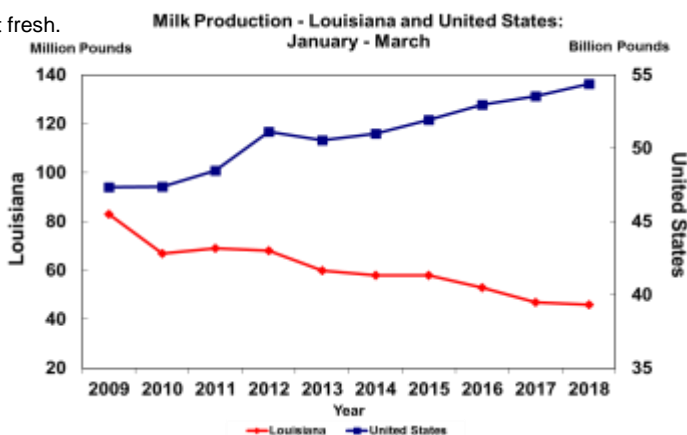
Milk Cows and Production by Quarter - Louisiana and United States: 2016 - 2018

Quarter	Louisiana				United States			
	2016	2017	2018	Change from 2017	2016	2017	2018	Change from 2017
Milk Cows¹	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
January - March	13.0	12.0	12.0	-	9,309.0	9,369.0	9,407.0	0.4
April - June	12.5	12.0			9,320.0	9,399.0		
July - September	12.0	12.0			9,329.0	9,402.0		
October - December	12.0	12.0			9,341.0	9,398.0		
Milk Production²	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
January - March	53.0	47.0	46.0	-2.1	52,976.0	53,562.0	54,385.0	1.5
April - June	49.0	44.0			54,337.0	55,344.0		
July - September	32.0	32.0			52,563.0	53,473.0		
October - December	35.0	37.0			52,529.0	53,087.0		

- Represents zero.

¹ Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh.

² Excludes milk sucked by calves.



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