



# News Release

## February Milk Production

Dairy herds in Ohio produced 436 million pounds of milk during February, up 2.1 percent from a year ago, according to the USDA NASS Great Lakes Regional Field Office. Production per cow in Ohio averaged 1,730 pounds for February, 10 pounds above February 2022. The dairy herd was estimated at 252,000 head for February, up 4,000 head from a year earlier.

Milk production in the 24 major States during February totaled 16.9 billion pounds, up 1.0 percent from February 2022. January revised production, at 18.5 billion pounds, was up 1.5 percent from January 2022. The January revision represented an increase of 5 million pounds or less than 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 24 major States averaged 1,892 pounds for February, 7 pounds above February 2022. The number of milk cows on farms in the 24 major States was 8.94 million head, 54,000 head more than February 2022, and 12,000 head more than January 2023.

### Milk Production – Ohio and 24 Selected States: February 2022 and 2023

Commodity	Ohio		24 Major States	
	2022	2023	2022	2023
Cows ..... 1,000 Hd	248	252	8,885	8,939
Monthly rate per cow ..... Pounds	1,720	1,730	1,885	1,892
Production ..... Mil lbs	427	436	16,750	16,910