



News Release

May Milk Production

Dairy herds in Ohio produced 493 million pounds of milk during May, up 0.6 percent from a year ago, according to Ben Torrance, State Statistician, USDA NASS, Ohio Field Office. Production per cow in Ohio averaged 1,935 pounds for May, down 10 pounds from May 2023. The dairy herd was estimated at 255,000 head for May, up 3,000 head from a year earlier.

Milk production in the 24 major States during May totaled 18.9 billion pounds, down 0.7 percent from May 2023. April revised production, at 18.3 billion pounds, was down 0.4 percent from April 2023. The April revision represented a decrease of 27 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 24 major States averaged 2,122 pounds for May, 3 pounds below May 2023. The number of milk cows on farms in the 24 major States was 8.89 million head, 52,000 head less than May 2023, but 5,000 head more than April 2024.

Milk Production – Ohio and 24 Selected States: May 2023 and 2024

Commodity	Ohio		24 Major States	
	2023	2024	2023	2024
Cows 1,000 Hd	252	255	8,945	8,893
Monthly rate per cow Pounds	1,945	1,935	2,125	2,122
Production Mil lbs	490	493	19,006	18,875

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