

U.S. MILK PRODUCTION INCREASES

According to U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) July Milk Production report, U.S. milk production was up 250 million pounds (1.4 percent) to 17.9 billion pounds compared with the prior year.

The U.S. dairy herd size was reported at 9.33 million head, up 18,000 cows (less than 1 percent) compared to the prior year, and up 2,000 cows from the prior month.

July milk per cow was reported at 1,920 pounds, an increase of 23 pounds (1.2 percent) compared with July 2015.

Through July 2016, milk production totaled 125.3 billion pounds, an increase of nearly 2 billion pounds (1.1 percent*) from the same time period in 2015.

Significant increases in milk production throughout Wisconsin, Michigan and New York offset declines in milk production experienced in California, Utah and Florida .

*Leap-year adjusted

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