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December Milk Production in California down 1.0 percent from last December

Milk production during December totaled 3.45 billion pounds, down 1.0 percent from December 2022 and up 5.8 percent November 2023. The number of milk cows on farms in California was 1.72 million head, down 9 thousand from December 2022 and up 1 thousand from November 2023. Production per cow in California averaged 2,010 pounds, down 10 pounds from December 2022 and up 110 pounds from November 2023.

Milk Cows and Production - Selected States and United States: Preliminary October - December 2022 and 2023

State	October - Decen	nber milk cows 1	October - December milk production ²			
	2022	2022 2023		2023	Change from 2022	
	1,000 head	1,000 head	million pounds	million pounds	percent	
California Hawaii Nevada	1,724.0 (D) 32.0	1,714.0 (D) 35.0	10,214.0 (D) 192.0	10,019.0 (D) 196.0	-1.9 (NA) 2.1	
United States	9,404.0	9,360.0	55,897.0	55,565.0	-0.6	

⁽D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

Milk Cows and Production by Month - 24 Selected States: December 2022 and 2023

[May not add due to rounding]

	Milk cows 1		Milk per cow ²		Milk production ²		
State	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	Change from 2022
	1,000 head	1,000 head	pounds	pounds	million pounds	million pounds	(percent)
Arizona California	195 1,724	199 1,715	2,085 2,020	2,085 2,010	407 3,482	415 3,447	2.0 -1.0
Colorado	203	197	2,180	2,185	443	430	-2.9
Florida	92	98	1,710	1,705	157	167	6.4
Georgia	92	91	1,900	1,870	175	170	-2.9
Idaho	661	663	2,085	2,065	1,378	1,369	-0.7
Illinois	79	79	1,800	1,820	142	144	1.4
Indiana	187	190	2,000	1,995	374	379	1.3
lowa	239	240	2,065	2,085	494	500	1.2
Kansas	175	176	2,010	2,010	352	354	0.6
Michigan	432	439	2,305	2,290	996	1,005	0.9
Minnesota	455	450	1,940	1,935	883	871	-1.4
New Mexico	279	250	2,060	2,045	575	511	-11.1
New York	630	630	2,090	2,120	1,317	1,336	1.4
Ohio	250	255	1,865	1,870	466	477	2.4
Oregon	123	120	1,725	1,725	212	207	-2.4
Pennsylvania	465	465	1,780	1,765	828	821	-0.8
South Dakota	186	207	1,910	1,910	355	395	11.3
Texas	650	635	2,135	2,170	1,388	1,378	-0.7
Utah	92	92	1,925	1,930	177	178	0.6
Vermont	118	116	1,815	1,800	214	209	-2.3
Virginia	67	67	1,710	1,755	115	118	2.6
Washington	254	257	1,975	2,005	502	515	2.6
Wisconsin	1,270	1,270	2,095	2,105	2,661	2,673	0.5
24-State Total	8,918	8,901	2,029	2,030	18,093	18,069	-0.1

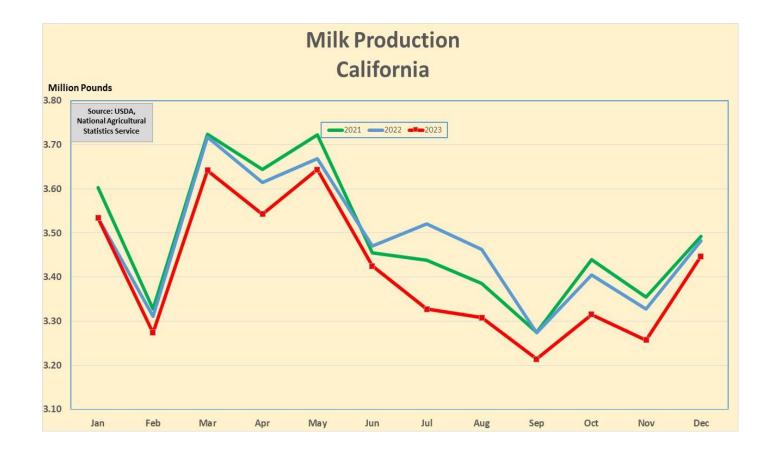
¹ Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh.

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² Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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