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December Milk Production in California down 6.8 percent from last December

Milk production during December totaled 3.21 billion pounds, down 6.8 percent from December 2023 and up 7.1 percent from November 2024. The number of milk cows on farms in California was 1.71 million head, down 1 thousand from December 2023 and unchanged from November 2024. Production per cow in California averaged 1,880 pounds, down 135 pounds from December 2023 and up 125 pounds from November 2024.

Milk Cows and Production – Selected States and United States: Preliminary October - December 2023 and 2024

State	October - December milk cows ¹		October - December milk production ²		
	2023	2024	2023	2024	Change from 2023
	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>percent</i>
California	1,710.0	1,709.0	10,015.0	9,408.0	-6.1
Hawaii	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(NA)
Nevada	32.0	31.0	194.0	200.0	3.1
United States	9,349.0	9,359.0	55,529.0	55,470.0	-0.1

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

(NA) Not available.

¹ Excludes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh.

² Excludes milk sucked by calves.

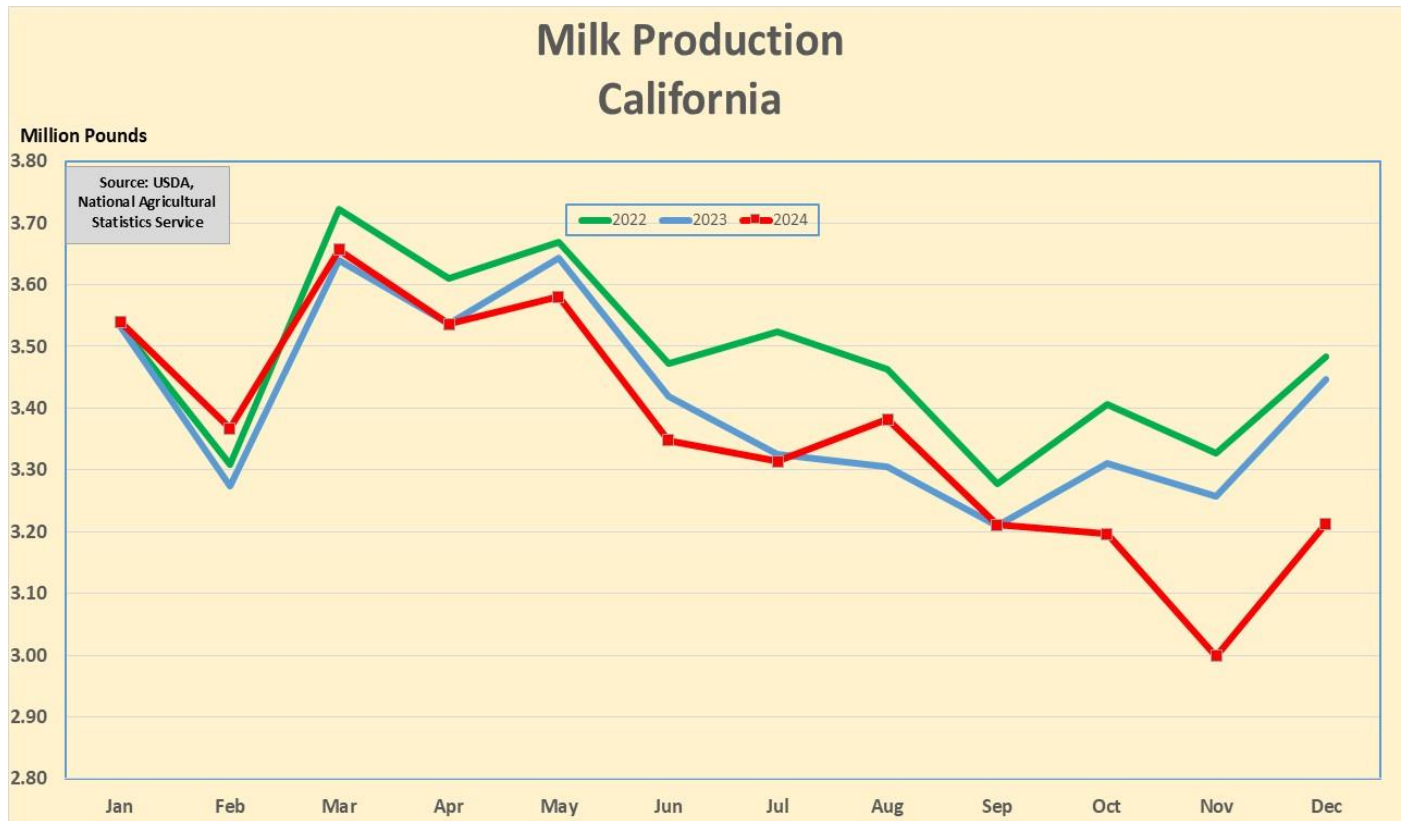
Milk Cows and Production by Month – 24 Selected States: December 2023 and 2024

[May not add due to rounding]

State	Milk cows ¹		Milk per cow ²		Milk production ²		Change from 2023
	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	
	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>pounds</i>	<i>pounds</i>	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>(percent)</i>
Arizona	199	189	2,085	2,085	415	394	-5.1
California	1,710	1,709	2,015	1,880	3,446	3,213	-6.8
Colorado	197	205	2,190	2,185	431	448	3.9
Florida	98	95	1,705	1,720	167	163	-2.4
Georgia	91	85	1,870	1,980	170	168	-1.2
Idaho	663	680	2,060	2,080	1,366	1,414	3.5
Illinois	79	77	1,820	1,830	144	141	-2.1
Indiana	190	190	1,995	2,010	379	382	0.8
Iowa	239	245	2,060	2,080	492	510	3.7
Kansas	176	180	1,990	1,995	350	359	2.6
Michigan	439	440	2,290	2,315	1,005	1,019	1.4
Minnesota	450	440	1,935	1,965	871	865	-0.7
New Mexico	250	240	2,045	2,060	511	494	-3.3
New York	630	630	2,120	2,135	1,336	1,345	0.7
Ohio	255	250	1,870	1,910	477	478	0.2
Oregon	120	111	1,725	1,710	207	190	-8.2
Pennsylvania	465	465	1,765	1,765	821	821	
South Dakota	207	215	1,895	1,940	392	417	6.4
Texas	635	675	2,170	2,195	1,378	1,482	7.5
Utah	90	91	1,930	1,935	174	176	1.1
Vermont	116	113	1,800	1,840	209	208	-0.5
Virginia	68	66	1,750	1,780	119	117	-1.7
Washington	257	255	2,005	1,975	515	504	-2.1
Wisconsin	1,270	1,265	2,115	2,125	2,686	2,688	0.1
24-State Total	8,894	8,911	2,031	2,020	18,061	17,996	-0.4

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² Excludes milk sucked by calves.



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