

MILK PRODUCTION

Milk production in Illinois during 2004 totaled 1.978 billion pounds, a decrease of 69 million pounds. Milk production per cow during 2004 was 18,486 pounds, up slightly from the previous year's 18,441 pounds. The average number of milk cows on Illinois farms during 2004 decreased 4,000 head from 2003 to 107,000 head.

Milk production in Illinois peaked in 1945 with production at 5.78 billion pounds. Production declined through the 1950's, 1960's, and 1970's. Milk production climbed through most of the 1980's, but began to decline after 1987.

MILK COWS: Average number on farms by months, Illinois, 1995-2004

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Annual
<u>Thousand head</u>													
1995	155	155	154	153	152	151	150	150	149	148	147	146	151
1996	145	144	143	142	141	140	139	139	138	138	137	136	140
1997	135	134	134	133	133	133	133	132	131	131	131	130	133
1998	130	129	129	129	128	128	127	127	127	126	126	125	128
1999	125	125	125	124	123	122	122	121	121	121	121	121	123
2000	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	119	118	118	120
2001	118	117	117	117	116	115	115	115	115	114	115	115	116
2002	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115
2003	114	114	113	111	110	110	110	110	109	109	109	109	111
2004	108	108	108	108	108	108	107	107	107	106	106	106	107

MILK PER COW: Average per milk cow on farms by months, Illinois, 1995-2004

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Annual
<u>Pounds</u>													
1995	1,380	1,260	1,420	1,370	1,410	1,340	1,340	1,270	1,230	1,280	1,250	1,350	15,887
1996	1,380	1,310	1,430	1,380	1,400	1,280	1,280	1,340	1,270	1,310	1,290	1,360	16,050
1997	1,390	1,270	1,490	1,480	1,480	1,390	1,380	1,380	1,320	1,340	1,310	1,380	16,564
1998	1,400	1,310	1,510	1,490	1,510	1,360	1,320	1,320	1,280	1,340	1,350	1,420	16,570
1999	1,430	1,310	1,480	1,430	1,490	1,420	1,310	1,280	1,300	1,340	1,330	1,430	16,496
2000	1,500	1,480	1,580	1,520	1,550	1,440	1,430	1,400	1,350	1,400	1,390	1,460	17,450
2001	1,470	1,380	1,580	1,555	1,610	1,480	1,405	1,370	1,345	1,390	1,375	1,490	17,414
2002	1,550	1,440	1,620	1,610	1,630	1,470	1,420	1,395	1,365	1,430	1,420	1,505	17,835
2003	1,580	1,485	1,670	1,610	1,650	1,525	1,490	1,480	1,420	1,495	1,485	1,585	18,441
2004	1,610	1,520	1,650	1,580	1,620	1,540	1,520	1,490	1,440	1,480	1,450	1,540	18,486

MILK PRODUCTION: Total milk produced on farms by months, Illinois, 1995-2004

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Annual
<u>Million pounds</u>													
1995	214	195	219	210	214	202	201	191	183	189	184	197	2,399
1996	200	189	204	196	197	179	178	186	175	181	177	185	2,247
1997	188	170	200	197	197	185	184	182	173	176	172	179	2,203
1998	182	169	195	192	193	174	168	168	163	169	170	178	2,121
1999	179	164	185	177	183	173	160	155	157	162	161	173	2,029
2000	180	178	190	182	186	173	172	168	162	167	164	172	2,094
2001	173	161	185	182	187	170	162	158	155	158	158	171	2,020
2002	178	166	186	185	187	169	163	160	157	164	163	173	2,051
2003	180	169	189	179	182	168	164	163	155	163	162	173	2,047
2004	174	164	178	171	175	166	163	159	154	157	154	163	1,978