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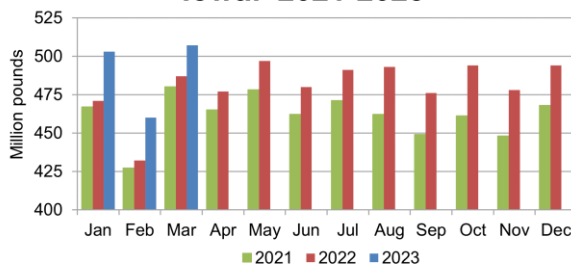
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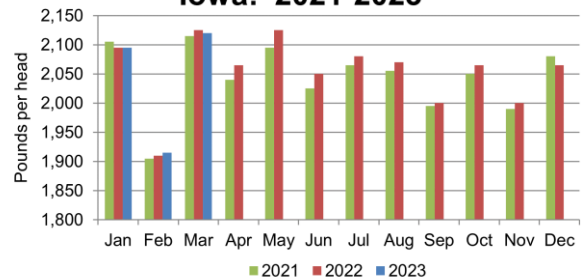
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Milk production in Iowa during March 2023 totaled 507 million pounds, up 4 percent from the previous March according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service -- *Milk Production* report. The average number of milk cows during March, at 239,000 head, was 1,000 below last month but up 10,000 from March 2022. Monthly production per cow averaged 2,120 pounds, down 5 pounds from last March.

**Milk Production
Iowa: 2021-2023**



**Milk Production per Cow
Iowa: 2021-2023**



Milk Cows and Production – Selected States: March 2022 and 2023

State	Milk Cows ¹		Milk Per Cow ²		Milk Production ²		Change from 2022 (Percent)
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	
	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(Pounds)	(Pounds)	(Million Pounds)	(Million Pounds)	
Arizona	199	194	2,270	2,270	452	440	-2.7
California	1,721	1,722	2,160	2,115	3,717	3,642	-2.0
Colorado	203	203	2,230	2,230	453	453	0.0
Florida	98	91	1,870	1,900	183	173	-5.5
Georgia	90	92	2,030	2,040	183	188	2.7
Idaho	653	668	2,140	2,155	1,397	1,440	3.1
Illinois	80	79	1,940	1,950	155	154	-0.6
Indiana	187	189	2,065	2,080	386	393	1.8
Iowa	229	239	2,125	2,120	487	507	4.1
Kansas	171	179	2,060	2,060	352	369	4.8
Michigan	427	435	2,355	2,380	1,006	1,035	2.9
Minnesota	453	454	1,975	1,995	895	906	1.2
New Mexico	295	281	2,215	2,220	653	624	-4.4
New York	620	630	2,150	2,160	1,333	1,361	2.1
Ohio	250	252	1,920	1,945	480	490	2.1
Oregon	128	125	1,810	1,810	232	226	-2.6
Pennsylvania	467	466	1,870	1,870	873	871	-0.2
South Dakota	177	190	1,945	1,935	344	368	7.0
Texas	640	657	2,245	2,290	1,437	1,505	4.7
Utah	94	92	1,965	1,960	185	180	-2.7
Vermont	118	118	1,870	1,860	221	219	-0.9
Virginia	70	67	1,830	1,865	128	125	-2.3
Washington	265	260	2,080	2,085	551	542	-1.6
Wisconsin	1,273	1,269	2,140	2,155	2,724	2,735	0.4
24-State Total	8,908	8,952	2,113	2,116	18,827	18,946	0.6

¹ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

² Excludes milk sucked by calves.

United States Milk Production

Milk production in the 24 major States during March totaled 18.9 billion pounds, up 0.6 percent from March 2022. February revised production, at 17.0 billion pounds, was up 1.2 percent from February 2022. The February revision represented an increase of 48 million pounds or 0.3 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 24 major States averaged 2,116 pounds for March, 3 pounds above March 2022.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 24 major States was 8.95 million head, 44,000 head more than March 2022, and 6,000 head more than February 2023.

Milk production in the United States during the January - March quarter totaled 56.8 billion pounds, up 1.0 percent from the January - March quarter last year.

The average number of milk cows in the United States during the quarter was 9.42 million head, 20,000 head more than the October - December quarter, and 40,000 head more than the same period last year.

The complete report can be found on the USDA NASS website at www.nass.usda.gov/Publications.

Monthly Milk Production - 24 Selected States

