



Iowa Ag News – Milk Production

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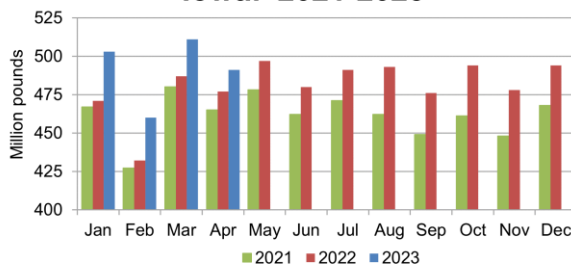
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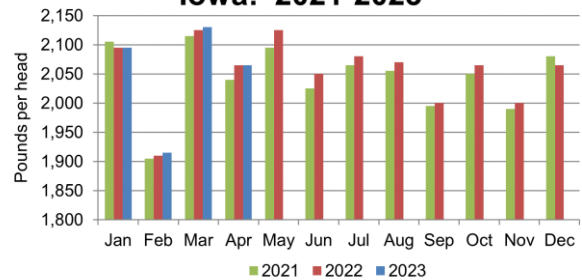
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Milk production in Iowa during April 2023 totaled 491 million pounds, up 3 percent from the previous April according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Milk Production* report. The average number of milk cows during April, at 238,000 head, was 2,000 below last month but up 7,000 from April 2022. Monthly production per cow averaged 2,065 pounds, unchanged from last April.

**Milk Production
Iowa: 2021-2023**



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



Milk Cows and Production – Selected States: April 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	2,175	2,175	433	422	-2.5
California	1,721	1,721	2,100	2,060	3,614	3,545	-1.9
Colorado	204	204	2,160	2,170	441	443	0.5
Florida	98	92	1,785	1,825	175	168	-4.0
Georgia	91	92	1,930	1,950	176	179	1.7
Idaho	653	669	2,110	2,115	1,378	1,415	2.7
Illinois	80	79	1,880	1,875	150	148	-1.3
Indiana	187	189	2,000	2,010	374	380	1.6
Iowa	231	238	2,065	2,065	477	491	2.9
Kansas	171	180	2,005	2,000	343	360	5.0
Michigan	427	435	2,290	2,305	978	1,003	2.6
Minnesota	453	454	1,900	1,925	861	874	1.5
New Mexico	292	282	2,125	2,135	621	602	-3.1
New York	620	630	2,105	2,120	1,305	1,336	2.4
Ohio	251	252	1,840	1,870	462	471	1.9
Oregon	128	126	1,765	1,770	226	223	-1.3
Pennsylvania	467	466	1,830	1,835	855	855	0.0
South Dakota	177	190	1,900	1,905	336	362	7.7
Texas	640	645	2,180	2,190	1,395	1,413	1.3
Utah	94	92	1,945	1,940	183	178	-2.7
Vermont	118	118	1,820	1,820	215	215	0.0
Virginia	70	67	1,800	1,800	126	121	-4.0
Washington	263	261	2,000	2,030	526	530	0.8
Wisconsin	1,273	1,268	2,075	2,085	2,641	2,644	0.1
24-State Total	8,908	8,944	2,053	2,055	18,291	18,378	0.5

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 April totaled 18.4 billion pounds, up 0.5 percent from April 2022. March revised production, at 19.0 billion pounds, was up 0.7 percent from March 2022. The March revision represented an increase of 16 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 24 major States averaged 2,055 pounds for April, 2 pounds above April 2022.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 24 major States was 8.94 million head, 36,000 head more than April 2022, but 15,000 head less than March 2023.

Milk production in the United States during April totaled 19.2 billion pounds, up 0.3 percent from April 2022.

Production per cow in the United States averaged 2,037 pounds for April, 1 pound above April 2022.

The number of milk cows on farms in the United States was 9.43 million head, 26,000 head more than April 2022, but 16,000 head less than March 2023.

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

Monthly Milk Production - 24 Selected States

