



# Iowa Ag News – Milk Production

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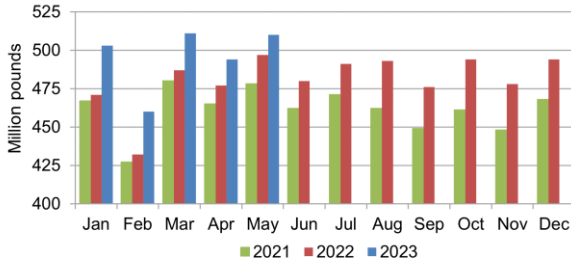
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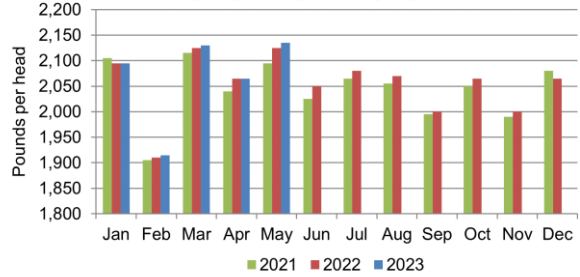
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**Milk production** in Iowa during May 2023 totaled 510 million pounds, up 3 percent from the previous May according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Milk Production* report. The average number of milk cows during May, at 239,000 head, was unchanged from last month but up 5,000 from May 2022. Monthly production per cow averaged 2,135 pounds, up 10 pounds from last May.

**Milk Production  
Iowa: 2021-2023**



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



**Milk Cows and Production – Selected States: May 2022 and 2023**

State	Milk Cows <sup>1</sup>		Milk Per Cow <sup>2</sup>		Milk Production <sup>2</sup>		
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	Change from 2022
	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(Pounds)	(Pounds)	(Million Pounds)	(Million Pounds)	(Percent)
Arizona .....	199	196	2,175	2,180	433	427	-1.4
California .....	1,722	1,719	2,130	2,120	3,668	3,644	-0.7
Colorado .....	206	205	2,235	2,235	460	458	-0.4
Florida .....	99	92	1,815	1,825	180	168	-6.7
Georgia .....	92	92	1,920	1,940	177	178	0.6
Idaho .....	653	670	2,200	2,210	1,437	1,481	3.1
Illinois .....	80	79	1,915	1,935	153	153	0.0
Indiana .....	187	189	2,060	2,070	385	391	1.6
<b>Iowa .....</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>2,125</b>	<b>2,135</b>	<b>497</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>2.6</b>
Kansas .....	173	180	2,080	2,070	360	373	3.6
Michigan .....	427	435	2,380	2,385	1,016	1,037	2.1
Minnesota .....	452	454	1,980	2,020	895	917	2.5
New Mexico .....	292	282	2,165	2,155	632	608	-3.8
New York .....	623	630	2,190	2,210	1,364	1,392	2.1
Ohio .....	251	252	1,920	1,945	482	490	1.7
Oregon .....	127	124	1,835	1,840	233	228	-2.1
Pennsylvania .....	467	466	1,890	1,885	883	878	-0.6
South Dakota .....	178	190	1,985	1,975	353	375	6.2
Texas .....	644	645	2,225	2,240	1,433	1,445	0.8
Utah .....	94	93	2,030	2,030	191	189	-1.0
Vermont .....	118	118	1,880	1,890	222	223	0.5
Virginia .....	70	67	1,820	1,845	127	124	-2.4
Washington .....	260	259	2,075	2,095	540	543	0.6
Wisconsin .....	1,273	1,269	2,160	2,195	2,750	2,785	1.3
<b>24-State Total .....</b>	<b>8,921</b>	<b>8,945</b>	<b>2,115</b>	<b>2,126</b>	<b>18,871</b>	<b>19,017</b>	<b>0.8</b>

<sup>1</sup> Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.  
<sup>2</sup> Excludes milk sucked by calves.

# United States Milk Production

Milk production in the 24 major States during May totaled 19.0 billion pounds, up 0.8 percent from May 2022. April revised production, at 18.4 billion pounds, was up 0.6 percent from April 2022. The April revision represented an increase of 23 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 24 major States averaged 2,126 pounds for May, 11 pounds above May 2022.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 24 major States was 8.95 million head, 24,000 head more than May 2022, but unchanged from April 2023.

Milk production in the United States during May totaled 19.9 billion pounds, up 0.6 percent from May 2022.

Production per cow in the United States averaged 2,108 pounds for May, 10 pounds above May 2022.

The number of milk cows on farms in the United States was 9.43 million head, 13,000 head more than May 2022, but unchanged from April 2023.

The complete report can be found on the USDA NASS website at [www.nass.usda.gov/Publications](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Publications).

## Monthly Milk Production - 24 Selected States

