



Iowa Ag News – Milk Production

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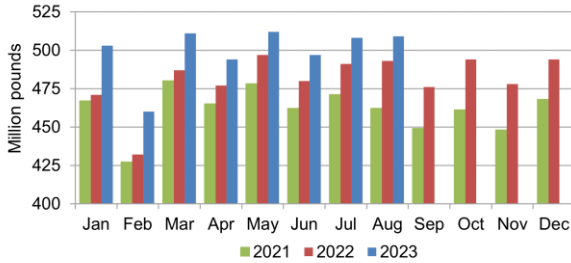
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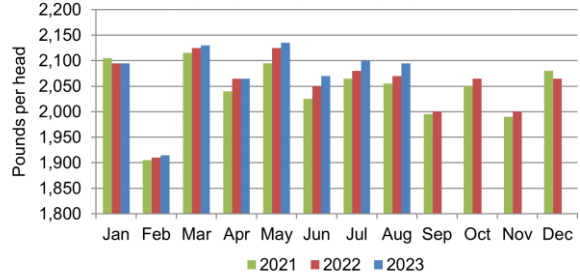
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Milk production in Iowa during August 2023 totaled 509 million pounds, up 3 percent from the previous August according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Milk Production* report. The average number of milk cows during August, at 243,000 head, was 1,000 above last month and up 5,000 from August 2022. Monthly production per cow averaged 2,095 pounds, up 25 pounds from last August.

**Milk Production
Iowa: 2021-2023**



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



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

| State | Milk Cows ¹ | | Milk Per Cow ² | | Milk Production ² | | |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|--------------|---------------------------|--------------|------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | 2022 | 2023 | 2022 | 2023 | 2022 | 2023 | Change from 2022 |
| | (1,000 Head) | (1,000 Head) | (Pounds) | (Pounds) | (Million Pounds) | (Million Pounds) | (Percent) |
| Arizona | 196 | 198 | 1,840 | 1,830 | 361 | 362 | 0.3 |
| California | 1,723 | 1,714 | 2,010 | 1,945 | 3,463 | 3,334 | -3.7 |
| Colorado | 206 | 200 | 2,215 | 2,200 | 456 | 440 | -3.5 |
| Florida | 95 | 94 | 1,545 | 1,575 | 147 | 148 | 0.7 |
| Georgia | 93 | 93 | 1,750 | 1,805 | 163 | 168 | 3.1 |
| Idaho | 657 | 668 | 2,205 | 2,190 | 1,449 | 1,463 | 1.0 |
| Illinois | 80 | 79 | 1,730 | 1,755 | 138 | 139 | 0.7 |
| Indiana | 186 | 190 | 1,950 | 1,970 | 363 | 374 | 3.0 |
| Iowa | 238 | 243 | 2,070 | 2,095 | 493 | 509 | 3.2 |
| Kansas | 174 | 167 | 2,000 | 1,995 | 348 | 333 | -4.3 |
| Michigan | 427 | 440 | 2,325 | 2,340 | 993 | 1,030 | 3.7 |
| Minnesota | 453 | 451 | 1,985 | 1,980 | 899 | 893 | -0.7 |
| New Mexico | 287 | 270 | 2,050 | 2,005 | 588 | 541 | -8.0 |
| New York | 624 | 630 | 2,130 | 2,190 | 1,329 | 1,380 | 3.8 |
| Ohio | 250 | 253 | 1,860 | 1,890 | 465 | 478 | 2.8 |
| Oregon | 124 | 120 | 1,775 | 1,775 | 220 | 213 | -3.2 |
| Pennsylvania | 468 | 466 | 1,755 | 1,770 | 821 | 825 | 0.5 |
| South Dakota | 185 | 197 | 1,990 | 1,980 | 368 | 390 | 6.0 |
| Texas | 655 | 635 | 2,115 | 2,110 | 1,385 | 1,340 | -3.2 |
| Utah | 93 | 93 | 1,995 | 1,990 | 186 | 185 | -0.5 |
| Vermont | 117 | 117 | 1,830 | 1,845 | 214 | 216 | 0.9 |
| Virginia | 69 | 68 | 1,675 | 1,730 | 116 | 118 | 1.7 |
| Washington | 255 | 257 | 2,035 | 2,050 | 519 | 527 | 1.5 |
| Wisconsin | 1,272 | 1,269 | 2,145 | 2,175 | 2,728 | 2,760 | 1.2 |
| 24-State Total | 8,927 | 8,912 | 2,040 | 2,038 | 18,212 | 18,166 | -0.3 |

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 August totaled 18.2 billion pounds, down 0.3 percent from August 2022. July revised production, at 18.2 billion pounds, was down 0.8 percent from July 2022. The July revision represented a decrease of 27 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 24 major States averaged 2,038 pounds for August, 2 pounds below August 2022.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 24 major States was 8.91 million head, 15,000 head less than August 2022, but 1,000 head more than July 2023.

Milk production in the United States during August totaled 19.0 billion pounds, down 0.2 percent from August 2022.

Production per cow in the United States averaged 2,021 pounds for August, 1 pound below August 2022.

The number of milk cows on farms in the United States was 9.39 million head, 16,000 head less than August 2022, but no change from July 2023.

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

Monthly Milk Production - 24 Selected States

