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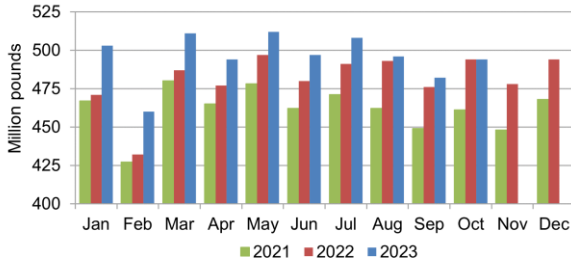
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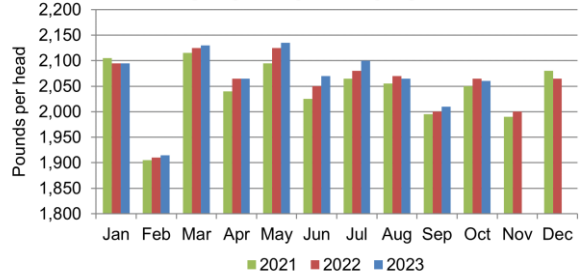
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Milk production in Iowa during October 2023 totaled 494 million pounds, unchanged from the previous October according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Milk Production* report. The average number of milk cows during October, at 240,000 head, was unchanged from last month but up 1,000 from October 2022. Monthly production per cow averaged 2,060 pounds, down 5 pounds from last October.

**Milk Production
Iowa: 2021-2023**



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



Milk Cows and Production – Selected States: October 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	195	201	1,935	1,945	377	391	3.7
California	1,724	1,714	1,975	1,935	3,405	3,317	-2.6
Colorado	205	198	2,170	2,170	445	430	-3.4
Florida	94	100	1,550	1,550	146	155	6.2
Georgia	92	94	1,810	1,810	167	170	1.8
Idaho	662	664	2,120	2,085	1,403	1,384	-1.4
Illinois	79	79	1,735	1,745	137	138	0.7
Indiana	186	191	1,980	1,975	368	377	2.4
Iowa	239	240	2,065	2,060	494	494	0.0
Kansas	175	173	2,015	2,010	353	348	-1.4
Michigan	428	439	2,300	2,300	984	1,010	2.6
Minnesota	453	451	1,940	1,955	879	882	0.3
New Mexico	284	260	2,030	2,020	577	525	-9.0
New York	627	630	2,105	2,140	1,320	1,348	2.1
Ohio	250	255	1,830	1,845	458	470	2.6
Oregon	124	120	1,755	1,740	218	209	-4.1
Pennsylvania	468	466	1,730	1,730	810	806	-0.5
South Dakota	185	198	1,955	1,950	362	386	6.6
Texas	655	635	2,150	2,175	1,408	1,381	-1.9
Utah	92	92	1,930	1,935	178	178	0.0
Vermont	117	116	1,810	1,805	212	209	-1.4
Virginia	69	69	1,670	1,715	115	118	2.6
Washington	257	257	2,025	2,015	520	518	-0.4
Wisconsin	1,271	1,270	2,100	2,120	2,669	2,692	0.9
24-State Total	8,931	8,912	2,016	2,013	18,005	17,936	-0.4

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 October totaled 17.9 billion pounds, down 0.4 percent from October 2022. September revised production, at 17.5 billion pounds, was up 0.1 percent from September 2022. The September revision represented an increase of 17 million pounds or less than 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 24 major States averaged 2,013 pounds for October, 3 pounds below October 2022.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 24 major States was 8.91 million head, 19,000 head less than October 2022, and 5,000 head less than September 2023.

Milk production in the United States during October totaled 18.7 billion pounds, down 0.5 percent from October 2022.

Production per cow in the United States averaged 1,997 pounds for October, 1 pound below October 2022.

The number of milk cows on farms in the United States was 9.37 million head, 42,000 head less than October 2022, and 6,000 head less than September 2023.

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

Monthly Milk Production - 24 Selected States

