



Iowa Ag News – Milk Production

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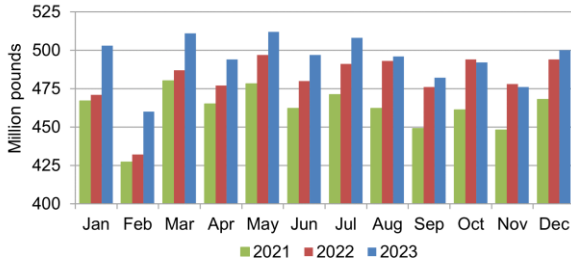
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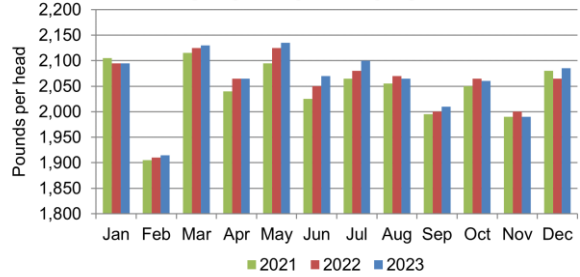
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Milk production in Iowa during December 2023 totaled 500 million pounds, up 1 percent from the previous December according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Milk Production* report. The average number of milk cows during December, at 240,000 head, was 1,000 above last month and up 1,000 from December 2022. Monthly production per cow averaged 2,085 pounds, up 20 pounds from last December.

**Milk Production
Iowa: 2021-2023**



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



Milk Cows and Production – Selected States: December 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	199	2,085	2,085	407	415	2.0
California	1,724	1,715	2,020	2,010	3,482	3,447	-1.0
Colorado	203	197	2,180	2,185	443	430	-2.9
Florida	92	98	1,710	1,705	157	167	6.4
Georgia	92	91	1,900	1,870	175	170	-2.9
Idaho	661	663	2,085	2,065	1,378	1,369	-0.7
Illinois	79	79	1,800	1,820	142	144	1.4
Indiana	187	190	2,000	1,995	374	379	1.3
Iowa	239	240	2,065	2,085	494	500	1.2
Kansas	175	176	2,010	2,010	352	354	0.6
Michigan	432	439	2,305	2,290	996	1,005	0.9
Minnesota	455	450	1,940	1,935	883	871	-1.4
New Mexico	279	250	2,060	2,045	575	511	-11.1
New York	630	630	2,090	2,120	1,317	1,336	1.4
Ohio	250	255	1,865	1,870	466	477	2.4
Oregon	123	120	1,725	1,725	212	207	-2.4
Pennsylvania	465	465	1,780	1,765	828	821	-0.8
South Dakota	186	207	1,910	1,910	355	395	11.3
Texas	650	635	2,135	2,170	1,388	1,378	-0.7
Utah	92	92	1,925	1,930	177	178	0.6
Vermont	118	116	1,815	1,800	214	209	-2.3
Virginia	67	67	1,710	1,755	115	118	2.6
Washington	254	257	1,975	2,005	502	515	2.6
Wisconsin	1,270	1,270	2,095	2,105	2,661	2,673	0.5
24-State Total	8,918	8,901	2,029	2,030	18,093	18,069	-0.1

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 December totaled 18.1 billion pounds, down 0.1 percent from December 2022. November revised production, at 17.3 billion pounds, was down 0.6 percent from November 2022. The November revision represented a decrease of 14 million pounds or less than 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 24 major States averaged 2,030 pounds for December, 1 pound above December 2022.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 24 major States was 8.90 million head, 17,000 head less than December 2022, but unchanged from November 2023.

Milk production in the United States during the October - December quarter totaled 55.6 billion pounds, down 0.6 percent from the October - December quarter last year.

The average number of milk cows in the United States during the quarter was 9.36 million head, 16,000 head less than the July - September quarter, and 44,000 head less 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

