



Iowa Ag News – Milk Production

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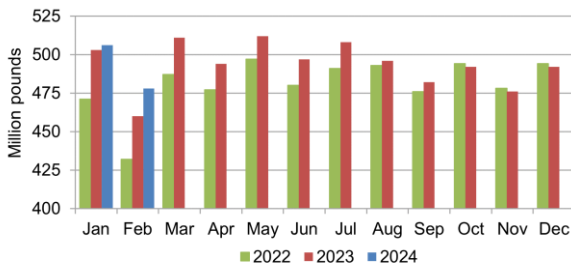
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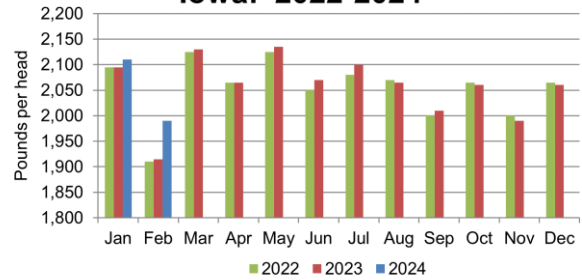
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Milk production in Iowa during February 2024 totaled 478 million pounds, up 4 percent from the previous February according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Milk Production* report. However, adjusting production for the additional day due to the leap year causes February milk production to be up less than 1 percent on a per day basis. The average number of milk cows during February, at 240,000 head, was unchanged from last month and unchanged from February 2023. Monthly production per cow averaged 1,990 pounds, up 75 pounds from last February.

**Milk Production
Iowa: 2022-2024**



**Milk Production per Cow
Iowa: 2022-2024**



Milk Cows and Production – Selected States: February 2023 and 2024

State	Milk Cows ¹		Milk Per Cow ²		Milk Production ²		Change from 2023
	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	
	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(Pounds)	(Pounds)	(Million Pounds)	(Million Pounds)	(Percent)
Arizona	194	196	2,000	2,060	388	404	4.1
California	1,718	1,710	1,905	1,965	3,273	3,360	2.7
Colorado	201	198	1,995	2,065	401	409	2.0
Florida	91	98	1,715	1,735	156	170	9.0
Georgia	92	87	1,840	1,850	169	161	-4.7
Idaho	668	663	1,935	1,965	1,293	1,303	0.8
Illinois	79	79	1,710	1,785	135	141	4.4
Indiana	189	190	1,845	1,870	349	355	1.7
Iowa	240	240	1,915	1,990	460	478	3.9
Kansas	178	172	1,850	1,905	329	328	-0.3
Michigan	435	439	2,135	2,185	929	959	3.2
Minnesota	455	448	1,795	1,850	817	829	1.5
New Mexico	280	243	1,955	2,030	547	493	-9.9
New York	630	630	1,950	2,000	1,229	1,260	2.5
Ohio	252	254	1,730	1,785	436	453	3.9
Oregon	124	114	1,620	1,640	201	187	-7.0
Pennsylvania	466	465	1,675	1,710	781	795	1.8
South Dakota	189	208	1,750	1,825	331	380	14.8
Texas	655	645	2,025	2,115	1,326	1,364	2.9
Utah	90	89	1,770	1,830	159	163	2.5
Vermont	118	116	1,665	1,725	196	200	2.0
Virginia	68	67	1,640	1,710	112	115	2.7
Washington	257	257	1,865	1,910	479	491	2.5
Wisconsin	1,270	1,270	1,935	2,015	2,457	2,559	4.2
24-State Total	8,939	8,878	1,897	1,955	16,953	17,357	2.4

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 February totaled 17.4 billion pounds, up 2.4 percent from February 2023. However, adjusting production for the additional day due to leap year causes February milk production to be down 1.1 percent on a per day basis. January revised production, at 18.3 billion pounds, was down 1.0 percent from January 2023. The January revision represented a decrease of 6 million pounds or less than 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 24 major States averaged 1,955 pounds for February, 58 pounds above February 2023.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 24 major States was 8.88 million head, 61,000 head less than February 2023, but 8,000 head more than January 2024.

Milk production in the United States during February totaled 18.1 billion pounds, up 2.2 percent from February 2023.

Production per cow in the United States averaged 1,941 pounds for February, 60 pounds above February 2023.

The number of milk cows on farms in the United States was 9.33 million head, 89,000 head less than February 2023, but 10,000 head more than January 2024.

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

Monthly Milk Production - 24 Selected States

