



Iowa Ag News – Milk Production

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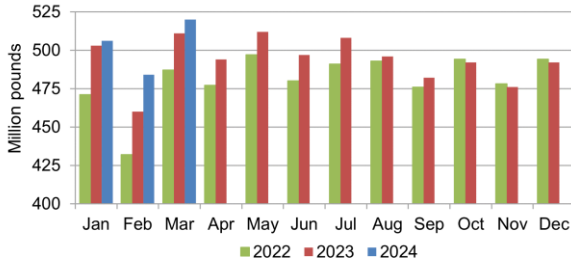
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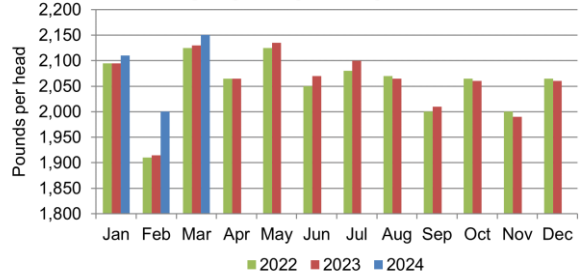
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Milk production in Iowa during March 2024 totaled 520 million pounds, up 2 percent from the previous March according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Milk Production* report. The average number of milk cows during March, at 242,000 head, was unchanged from last month but up 2,000 from March 2023. Monthly production per cow averaged 2,150 pounds, up 20 pounds from last March.

**Milk Production
Iowa: 2022-2024**



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



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

| State | Milk Cows ¹ | | Milk Per Cow ² | | Milk Production ² | | Change from 2023 (Percent) |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|--------------|---------------------------|--------------|------------------------------|------------------|----------------------------|
| | 2023 | 2024 | 2023 | 2024 | 2023 | 2024 | |
| | (1,000 Head) | (1,000 Head) | (Pounds) | (Pounds) | (Million Pounds) | (Million Pounds) | |
| Arizona | 194 | 193 | 2,270 | 2,275 | 440 | 439 | -0.2 |
| California | 1,717 | 1,709 | 2,120 | 2,145 | 3,640 | 3,666 | 0.7 |
| Colorado | 203 | 201 | 2,230 | 2,230 | 453 | 448 | -1.1 |
| Florida | 92 | 97 | 1,900 | 1,870 | 175 | 181 | 3.4 |
| Georgia | 92 | 87 | 2,040 | 2,000 | 188 | 174 | -7.4 |
| Idaho | 669 | 665 | 2,160 | 2,145 | 1,445 | 1,426 | -1.3 |
| Illinois | 79 | 79 | 1,930 | 1,940 | 152 | 153 | 0.7 |
| Indiana | 189 | 190 | 2,080 | 2,045 | 393 | 389 | -1.0 |
| Iowa | 240 | 242 | 2,130 | 2,150 | 511 | 520 | 1.8 |
| Kansas | 180 | 175 | 2,065 | 2,070 | 372 | 362 | -2.7 |
| Michigan | 435 | 439 | 2,380 | 2,350 | 1,035 | 1,032 | -0.3 |
| Minnesota | 454 | 446 | 1,990 | 1,995 | 903 | 890 | -1.4 |
| New Mexico | 281 | 240 | 2,220 | 2,200 | 624 | 528 | -15.4 |
| New York | 630 | 630 | 2,170 | 2,165 | 1,367 | 1,364 | -0.2 |
| Ohio | 252 | 254 | 1,945 | 1,920 | 490 | 488 | -0.4 |
| Oregon | 126 | 116 | 1,820 | 1,795 | 229 | 208 | -9.2 |
| Pennsylvania | 466 | 465 | 1,870 | 1,870 | 871 | 870 | -0.1 |
| South Dakota | 189 | 210 | 1,940 | 1,945 | 367 | 408 | 11.2 |
| Texas | 660 | 642 | 2,280 | 2,225 | 1,505 | 1,428 | -5.1 |
| Utah | 90 | 90 | 1,960 | 1,970 | 176 | 177 | 0.6 |
| Vermont | 118 | 116 | 1,860 | 1,845 | 219 | 214 | -2.3 |
| Virginia | 67 | 67 | 1,865 | 1,840 | 125 | 123 | -1.6 |
| Washington | 260 | 258 | 2,080 | 2,080 | 541 | 537 | -0.7 |
| Wisconsin | 1,269 | 1,270 | 2,155 | 2,175 | 2,735 | 2,762 | 1.0 |
| 24-State Total | 8,952 | 8,881 | 2,118 | 2,115 | 18,956 | 18,787 | -0.9 |

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 March totaled 18.8 billion pounds, down 0.9 percent from March 2023. February revised production, at 17.4 billion pounds, was up 2.9 percent from February 2023. The February revision represented an increase of 82 million pounds or 0.5 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Adjusting February production for the additional day due to leap year causes February revised production to be down 0.7 percent on a per day basis.

Production per cow in the 24 major States averaged 2,115 pounds for March, 3 pounds below March 2023.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 24 major States was 8.88 million head, 71,000 head less than March 2023, and 7,000 head less than February 2024.

Milk production in the United States during the January - March quarter totaled 56.9 billion pounds, up 0.1 percent from the January - March quarter last year.

The average number of milk cows in the United States during the quarter was 9.33 million head, 16,000 head less than the October - December quarter, and 85,000 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

Million pounds

