



# Iowa Ag News – Milk Production

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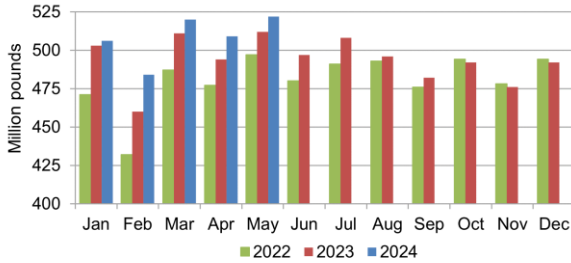
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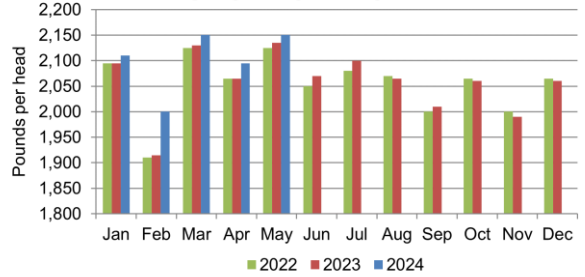
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**Milk production** in Iowa during May 2024 totaled 522 million pounds, up 2 percent from the previous May according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Milk Production* report. The average number of milk cows during May, at 243,000 head, was unchanged from last month but up 3,000 from May 2023. Monthly production per cow averaged 2,150 pounds, up 15 pounds from last May.

**Milk Production  
Iowa: 2022-2024**



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



**Milk Cows and Production – Selected States: May 2023 and 2024**

State	Milk Cows <sup>1</sup>		Milk Per Cow <sup>2</sup>		Milk Production <sup>2</sup>		
	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	Change from 2023
	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(Pounds)	(Pounds)	(Million Pounds)	(Million Pounds)	(Percent)
Arizona .....	198	193	2,190	2,190	434	423	-2.5
California .....	1,715	1,709	2,125	2,100	3,644	3,589	-1.5
Colorado .....	206	203	2,235	2,235	460	454	-1.3
Florida .....	94	102	1,820	1,850	171	189	10.5
Georgia .....	93	85	1,950	1,950	181	166	-8.3
Idaho .....	670	669	2,215	2,205	1,484	1,475	-0.6
Illinois .....	79	78	1,915	1,930	151	151	0.0
Indiana .....	189	189	2,070	2,055	391	388	-0.8
<b>Iowa .....</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>2,135</b>	<b>2,150</b>	<b>512</b>	<b>522</b>	<b>2.0</b>
Kansas .....	179	173	2,055	2,070	368	358	-2.7
Michigan .....	436	438	2,400	2,390	1,046	1,047	0.1
Minnesota .....	454	446	1,995	2,020	906	901	-0.6
New Mexico .....	280	238	2,160	2,170	605	516	-14.7
New York .....	630	630	2,225	2,220	1,402	1,399	-0.2
Ohio .....	252	255	1,945	1,935	490	493	0.6
Oregon .....	122	118	1,830	1,830	223	216	-3.1
Pennsylvania .....	466	465	1,855	1,840	864	856	-0.9
South Dakota .....	193	212	1,975	1,980	381	420	10.2
Texas .....	645	643	2,240	2,240	1,445	1,440	-0.3
Utah .....	91	90	2,030	2,035	185	183	-1.1
Vermont .....	118	115	1,890	1,870	223	215	-3.6
Virginia .....	67	67	1,845	1,840	124	123	-0.8
Washington .....	258	260	2,095	2,100	541	546	0.9
Wisconsin .....	1,270	1,272	2,185	2,205	2,775	2,805	1.1
<b>24-State Total .....</b>	<b>8,945</b>	<b>8,893</b>	<b>2,125</b>	<b>2,122</b>	<b>19,006</b>	<b>18,875</b>	<b>-0.7</b>

<sup>1</sup> Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

<sup>2</sup> Excludes milk sucked by calves.

# United States Milk Production

Milk production in the 24 major States during May totaled 18.9 billion pounds, down 0.7 percent from May 2023. April revised production, at 18.3 billion pounds, was down 0.4 percent from April 2023. The April 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 2,122 pounds for May, 3 pounds below May 2023.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 24 major States was 8.89 million head, 52,000 head less than May 2023, but 5,000 head more than April 2024.

Milk production in the United States during May totaled 19.7 billion pounds, down 0.9 percent from May 2023.

Production per cow in the United States averaged 2,105 pounds for May, 3 pounds below May 2023.

The number of milk cows on farms in the United States was 9.35 million head, 68,000 head less than May 2023, but 5,000 head more than April 2024.

The complete report can be found on the USDA NASS website at [www.nass.usda.gov/Publications](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Publications).

## Monthly Milk Production - 24 Selected States

