



# Iowa Ag News – Milk Production

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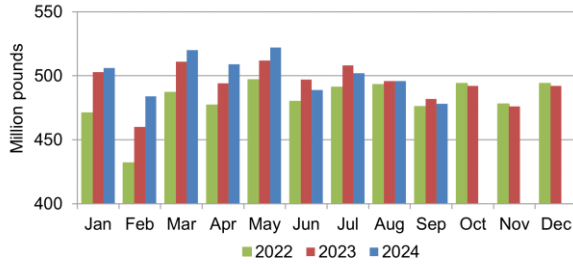
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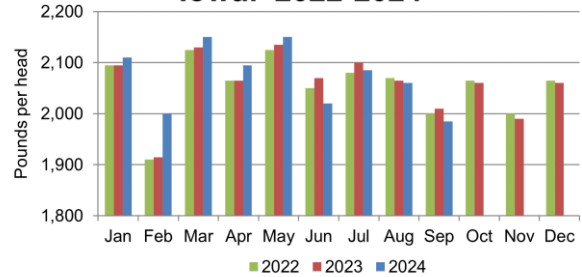
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**Milk production** in Iowa during September 2024 totaled 478 million pounds, down 1 percent from the previous September according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Milk Production* report. The average number of milk cows during September, at 241,000 head, was unchanged from last month but up 1,000 from September 2023. Monthly production per cow averaged 1,985 pounds, down 25 pounds from last September.

**Milk Production  
Iowa: 2022-2024**



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



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

State	Milk Cows <sup>1</sup>		Milk Per Cow <sup>2</sup>		Milk Production <sup>2</sup>		Change from 2023 (Percent)
	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	
	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(Pounds)	(Pounds)	(Million Pounds)	(Million Pounds)	
Arizona .....	201	192	1,835	1,835	369	352	-4.6
California .....	1,712	1,708	1,875	1,880	3,210	3,211	0.0
Colorado .....	198	200	2,125	2,135	421	427	1.4
Florida .....	100	100	1,510	1,510	151	151	0.0
Georgia .....	90	85	1,680	1,800	151	153	1.3
Idaho .....	665	672	2,065	2,080	1,373	1,398	1.8
Illinois .....	79	77	1,705	1,680	135	129	-4.4
Indiana .....	191	189	1,910	1,930	365	365	0.0
<b>Iowa .....</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>2,010</b>	<b>1,985</b>	<b>482</b>	<b>478</b>	<b>-0.8</b>
Kansas .....	172	178	1,955	1,945	336	346	3.0
Michigan .....	439	436	2,240	2,235	983	974	-0.9
Minnesota .....	451	442	1,905	1,905	859	842	-2.0
New Mexico .....	265	239	1,960	1,975	519	472	-9.1
New York .....	630	630	2,070	2,095	1,304	1,320	1.2
Ohio .....	255	252	1,795	1,820	458	459	0.2
Oregon .....	120	118	1,715	1,715	206	202	-1.9
Pennsylvania .....	466	465	1,670	1,675	778	779	0.1
South Dakota .....	198	214	1,925	1,920	381	411	7.9
Texas .....	635	655	2,095	2,130	1,330	1,395	4.9
Utah .....	88	90	1,910	1,915	168	172	2.4
Vermont .....	116	113	1,750	1,750	203	198	-2.5
Virginia .....	69	66	1,650	1,640	114	108	-5.3
Washington .....	257	259	1,995	1,975	513	512	-0.2
Wisconsin .....	1,270	1,266	2,075	2,070	2,635	2,621	-0.5
<b>24-State Total .....</b>	<b>8,907</b>	<b>8,887</b>	<b>1,958</b>	<b>1,966</b>	<b>17,444</b>	<b>17,475</b>	<b>0.2</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 September totaled 17.5 billion pounds, up 0.2 percent from September 2023. August revised production, at 18.2 billion pounds, was up 0.5 percent from August 2023. The August revision represented an increase of 85 million pounds or 0.5 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 24 major States averaged 1,966 pounds for September, 8 pounds above September 2023.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 24 major States was 8.89 million head, 20,000 head less than September 2023, but unchanged from August 2024.

Milk production in the United States during the July - September quarter totaled 56.0 billion pounds, up slightly from the July - September quarter last year.

The average number of milk cows in the United States during the quarter was 9.33 million head, 3,000 head less than the April - June quarter, and 41,000 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](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Publications).

## Monthly Milk Production - 24 Selected States

Million pounds

