



# Iowa Ag News – Milk Production

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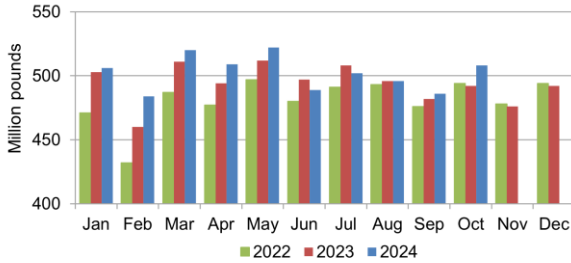
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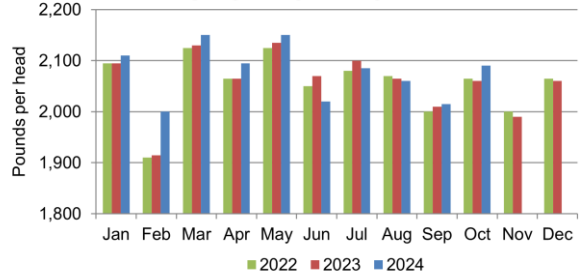
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**Milk production** in Iowa during October 2024 totaled 508 million pounds, up 3 percent from the previous October according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Milk Production* report. The average number of milk cows during October, at 243,000 head, was 2,000 above last month and up 4,000 from October 2023. Monthly production per cow averaged 2,090 pounds, up 30 pounds from last October.

**Milk Production  
Iowa: 2022-2024**



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



**Milk Cows and Production – Selected States: October 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 .....	201	193	1,960	1,970	394	380	-3.6
California .....	1,711	1,707	1,935	1,865	3,311	3,184	-3.8
Colorado .....	198	202	2,175	2,180	431	440	2.1
Florida .....	100	100	1,580	1,570	158	157	-0.6
Georgia .....	90	85	1,775	1,920	160	163	1.9
Idaho .....	663	672	2,080	2,110	1,379	1,418	2.8
Illinois .....	79	77	1,745	1,740	138	134	-2.9
Indiana .....	191	189	1,965	1,990	375	376	0.3
<b>Iowa .....</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>2,060</b>	<b>2,090</b>	<b>492</b>	<b>508</b>	<b>3.3</b>
Kansas .....	175	183	2,015	2,010	353	368	4.2
Michigan .....	439	438	2,290	2,305	1,005	1,010	0.5
Minnesota .....	451	442	1,935	1,965	873	869	-0.5
New Mexico .....	260	242	2,000	2,055	520	497	-4.4
New York .....	630	630	2,130	2,135	1,342	1,345	0.2
Ohio .....	255	251	1,845	1,870	470	469	-0.2
Oregon .....	119	118	1,745	1,745	208	206	-1.0
Pennsylvania .....	466	465	1,710	1,725	797	802	0.6
South Dakota .....	198	215	1,955	1,970	387	424	9.6
Texas .....	635	675	2,175	2,225	1,381	1,502	8.8
Utah .....	88	90	1,940	1,935	171	174	1.8
Vermont .....	116	113	1,805	1,840	209	208	-0.5
Virginia .....	69	66	1,700	1,705	117	113	-3.4
Washington .....	257	259	2,010	2,000	517	518	0.2
Wisconsin .....	1,270	1,266	2,120	2,125	2,692	2,690	-0.1
<b>24-State Total .....</b>	<b>8,900</b>	<b>8,921</b>	<b>2,009</b>	<b>2,013</b>	<b>17,880</b>	<b>17,955</b>	<b>0.4</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 October totaled 18.0 billion pounds, up 0.4 percent from October 2023. September revised production, at 17.5 billion pounds, was up 0.5 percent from September 2023. The September revision represented an increase of 52 million pounds or 0.3 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 24 major States averaged 2,013 pounds for October, 4 pounds above October 2023.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 24 major States was 8.92 million head, 21,000 head more than October 2023, and 16,000 head more than September 2024.

Milk production in the United States during October totaled 18.7 billion pounds, up 0.2 percent from October 2023.

Production per cow in the United States averaged 1,996 pounds for October, 3 pounds above October 2023.

The number of milk cows on farms in the United States was 9.37 million head, 10,000 head more than October 2023, and 19,000 head more than September 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**

