



Iowa Ag News – Milk Production

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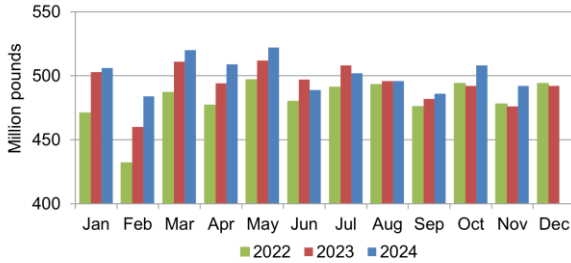
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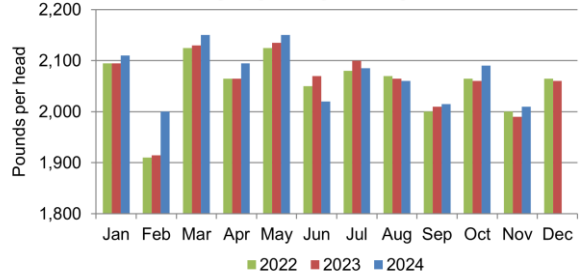
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Milk production in Iowa during November 2024 totaled 492 million pounds, up 3 percent from the previous November according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Milk Production* report. The average number of milk cows during November, at 245,000 head, was 2,000 above last month and up 6,000 from November 2023. Monthly production per cow averaged 2,010 pounds, up 20 pounds from last November.

**Milk Production
Iowa: 2022-2024**



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



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

State	Milk Cows ¹		Milk Per Cow ²		Milk Production ²		
	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	Change from 2023
	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(Pounds)	(Pounds)	(Million Pounds)	(Million Pounds)	(Percent)
Arizona	199	191	1,960	1,960	390	374	-4.1
California	1,710	1,709	1,905	1,730	3,258	2,957	-9.2
Colorado	197	206	2,105	2,110	415	435	4.8
Florida	98	98	1,630	1,595	160	156	-2.5
Georgia	90	85	1,745	1,880	157	160	1.9
Idaho	663	674	1,995	2,005	1,323	1,351	2.1
Illinois	79	77	1,720	1,740	136	134	-1.5
Indiana	190	190	1,915	1,930	364	367	0.8
Iowa	239	245	1,990	2,010	476	492	3.4
Kansas	176	181	1,945	1,940	342	351	2.6
Michigan	439	439	2,210	2,220	970	975	0.5
Minnesota	449	442	1,855	1,885	833	833	0.0
New Mexico	255	240	1,950	1,960	497	470	-5.4
New York	630	630	2,040	2,065	1,285	1,301	1.2
Ohio	255	251	1,800	1,830	459	459	0.0
Oregon	120	117	1,675	1,690	201	198	-1.5
Pennsylvania	466	465	1,680	1,700	783	791	1.0
South Dakota	202	215	1,860	1,875	376	403	7.2
Texas	635	675	2,090	2,110	1,327	1,424	7.3
Utah	88	90	1,875	1,870	165	168	1.8
Vermont	116	113	1,735	1,760	201	199	-1.0
Virginia	68	66	1,670	1,690	114	112	-1.8
Washington	257	258	1,925	1,900	495	490	-1.0
Wisconsin	1,270	1,266	2,035	2,035	2,584	2,576	-0.3
24-State Total	8,891	8,923	1,947	1,925	17,311	17,176	-0.8

¹ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.
² Excludes milk sucked by calves.

This will be the last monthly state-level publication for Milk Production. All data collected for Iowa will be published in the national release which you can find and subscribe to [here](#).

United States Milk Production

Milk production in the 24 major States during November totaled 17.2 billion pounds, down 0.8 percent from November 2023. October revised production, at 18.0 billion pounds, was up 0.6 percent from October 2023. The October revision represented an increase of 32 million pounds or 0.2 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 24 major States averaged 1,925 pounds for November, 22 pounds below November 2023.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 24 major States was 8.92 million head, 32,000 head more than November 2023, but 2,000 head less than October 2024.

Milk production in the United States during November totaled 17.9 billion pounds, down 1.0 percent from November 2023.

Production per cow in the United States averaged 1,909 pounds for November, 23 pounds below November 2023.

The number of milk cows on farms in the United States was 9.37 million head, 20,000 head more than November 2023, but 5,000 head less than October 2024.

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

