

January Milk Production

Iowa: Milk production in Iowa in January totaled 321 million pounds, down 2.4 percent from January 2004. The average number of milk cows, 187 thousand head, was 9,000 head below January 2004. Production per cow averaged 1,715 pounds, thirty-five pounds above production levels one year ago.

United States: NASS added Colorado, Kansas, and Oregon to the monthly milk production estimating program beginning in January 2005. Historic estimates have been created for these States back to 2003 for comparison purposes. The 23 States in the monthly estimating program account for 91 percent of the U.S. milk production. The last major change to the monthly estimating program was in 1997, when Maryland, North Carolina and Tennessee were dropped and Arizona was added.

Milk production in the 23 major States during January totaled 13.2 billion pounds, up 1.3 percent from January 2004. December production, at 13.0 billion pounds, was up 1.2 percent from December 2003.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,637 pounds for January, 13 pounds above January 2004.

The number of cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.08 million head, 38,000 head more than January 2004, but 15,000 head less than December 2004.

Milk Cows and Production: By Selected States, January 2004-2005

State	Milk Cows ¹		Milk Per Cow ²		Milk Production ²		
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	'05 as % of '04
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>
CA	1,701	1,739	1,760	1,770	2,994	3,078	2.8
IL	108	105	1,610	1,620	174	170	-2.3
IA	196	187	1,680	1,715	329	321	-2.4
MN	465	460	1,505	1,510	700	695	-0.7
MO	125	118	1,265	1,300	158	153	-3.2
WI	1,245	1,235	1,505	1,510	1,874	1,865	-0.5
23-State Total ³	8,044	8,082	1,624	1,637	13,061	13,229	1.3

¹ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

² Excludes milk sucked by calves.

³ The 23 States are Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, and Wisconsin.