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Iowa Milk Production Up from Last March

Iowa: Milk production in Iowa in April 2008 totalled 361 million pounds, unchanged from April 2007. The average number of milk cows, 216,000 head, was 5,000 head higher than April 2007. Production per cow averaged 1,670 pounds, down 40 pounds from a year ago.

United States: Milk production in the 23 major States during April totaled 14.8 billion pounds, up 2.5 percent from April 2007. March revised production at 15.1 billion pounds, was up 2.3 percent from March 2007. The March revision represented a decrease of

10 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,757 pounds for April, 12 pounds above April 2007.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.44 million head, 152,000 head more than April 2007, and 8,000 head more than March 2008.

Milk Cows and Production: By Selected States, April 2007-2008

State	Milk Cows ¹		Milk Per Cow ²		Milk Production ²		
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	Change from 2007
	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	Pounds	Pounds	Million Pounds	Million Pounds	Percent
AZ	182	186	2,090	2,140	380	398	4.7
CA	1,801	1,848	1,915	1,900	3,449	3,511	1.8
CO	115	127	1,900	1,910	219	243	11.0
FL	129	123	1,580	1,575	204	194	-4.9
ID	503	540	1,860	1,840	936	994	6.2
IL	103	102	1,645	1,615	169	165	-2.4
IN	168	168	1,725	1,690	290	284	-2.1
IA	211	216	1,710	1,670	361	361	
KS	110	110	1,680	1,820	185	200	8.1
KY	92	92	1,270	1,230	117	113	-3.4
MI	331	345	1,915	1,825	634	630	-0.6
MN	455	463	1,610	1,570	733	727	-0.8
MO	114	111	1,395	1,325	159	147	-7.5
NM	345	342	1,740	1,990	600	681	13.5
NY	627	626	1,605	1,670	1,006	1,045	3.9
OH	275	280	1,550	1,540	426	431	1.2
OR	115	113	1,670	1,565	192	177	-7.8
PA	550	549	1,690	1,670	930	917	-1.4
TX	347	370	1,860	1,965	645	727	12.7
VT	140	140	1,495	1,560	209	218	4.3
VA	100	98	1,550	1,580	155	155	
WA	233	244	1,970	1,950	459	476	3.7
WI	1,246	1,251	1,615	1,630	2,012	2,039	1.3
23-State Total ³	8,292	8,444	1,745	1,757	14,470	14,833	2.5

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.

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