



# Iowa Ag News – Milk Production

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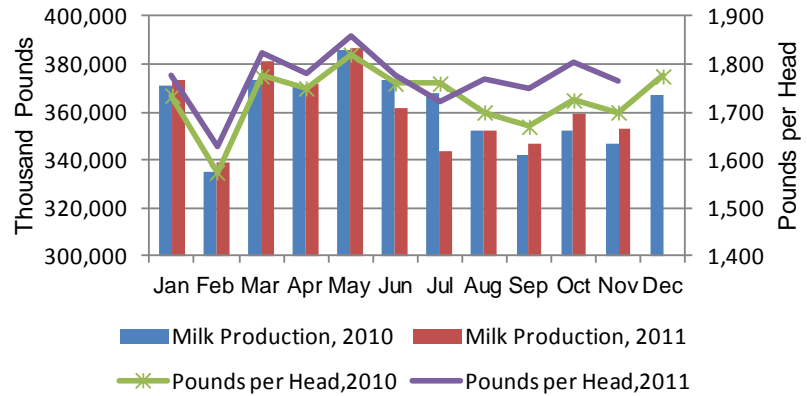
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**Milk production** in Iowa during November 2011 totaled 353 million pounds, up nearly 2 percent from November 2010 according to the *Milk Production* report released by USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service. The average number of milk cows at 200,000 head, was down nearly 2 percent from November 2010. Production per cow averaged 1,765 pounds, up 4 percent from November 2010.

## Milk Production & Pounds per Head, Iowa, 2010-2011



## Milk Cows and Production: Selected States, November 2010 and 2011

State	Milk Cows <sup>1</sup>		Milk Per Cow <sup>2</sup>		Milk Production <sup>2</sup>		Change from 2010
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	
	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(Pounds)	(Pounds)	(Million Pounds)	(Million Pounds)	(Percent)
Arizona .....	183	192	1,835	1,855	336	356	6.0
California .....	1,751	1,778	1,865	1,880	3,266	3,343	2.4
Colorado .....	122	131	1,920	1,870	234	245	4.7
Florida .....	114	120	1,465	1,480	167	178	6.6
Idaho .....	572	579	1,830	1,840	1,047	1,065	1.7
Illinois .....	98	98	1,550	1,580	152	155	2.0
Indiana .....	170	172	1,650	1,680	281	289	2.8
Iowa .....	204	200	1,700	1,765	347	353	1.7
Kansas .....	121	124	1,730	1,735	209	215	2.9
Michigan .....	360	369	1,840	1,865	662	688	3.9
Minnesota .....	470	471	1,525	1,520	717	716	-0.1
Missouri .....	96	94	1,180	1,190	113	112	-0.9
New Mexico .....	319	333	1,985	2,020	633	673	6.3
New York .....	611	610	1,680	1,660	1,026	1,013	-1.3
Ohio .....	270	269	1,560	1,560	421	420	-0.2
Oregon .....	121	122	1,610	1,615	195	197	1.0
Pennsylvania .....	542	538	1,600	1,580	867	850	-2.0
Texas .....	415	435	1,750	1,810	726	787	8.4
Utah .....	85	88	1,720	1,740	146	153	4.8
Vermont .....	136	134	1,485	1,510	202	202	-0.7
Virginia .....	95	96	1,465	1,435	139	138	
Washington .....	253	263	1,870	1,880	473	494	4.4
Wisconsin .....	1,265	1,265	1,630	1,655	2,062	2,094	1.6
23-State Total <sup>3</sup> .....	8,373	8,481	1,722	1,738	14,421	14,736	2.2

<sup>1</sup> Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. <sup>2</sup> Excludes milk sucked by calves. <sup>3</sup> As of February 2009, the 23 States are Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, and Wisconsin.

## United States Milk Production

**Milk production** in the 23 major States during November totaled 14.7 billion pounds, up 2.2 percent from November 2010. October revised production at 15.2 billion pounds, was up 2.5 percent from October 2010. The October revision represented an increase of 1 million pounds or less than 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,738 pounds for November, 16 pounds above November 2010.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.48 million head, 108,000 head more than November 2010, but unchanged from October 2011.

### Monthly Milk Production – 23 Selected States

Million pounds

