



Minnesota Ag News – Milk Production

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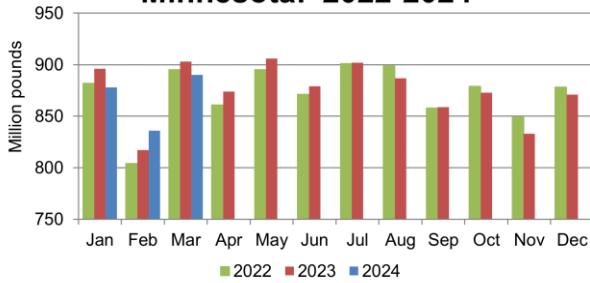
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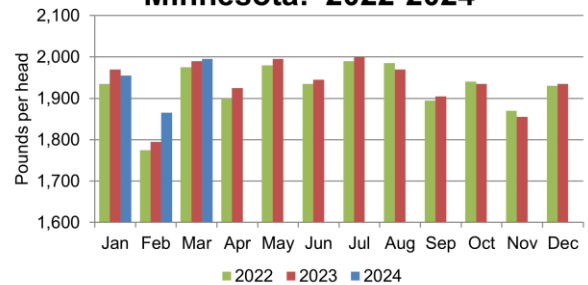
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Milk production in Minnesota during March 2024 totaled 890 million pounds, down 1 percent from the previous March according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Milk Production* report. The average number of milk cows during March, at 446,000 head, was 2,000 below last month and down 8,000 from March 2023. Monthly production per cow averaged 1,995 pounds, up 5 pounds from last March.

**Milk Production
Minnesota: 2022-2024**



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



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

State	Milk Cows ¹		Milk Per Cow ²		Milk Production ²		Change from 2023 (Percent)
	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	
	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(Pounds)	(Pounds)	(Million Pounds)	(Million Pounds)	
Arizona	194	193	2,270	2,275	440	439	-0.2
California	1,717	1,709	2,120	2,145	3,640	3,666	0.7
Colorado	203	201	2,230	2,230	453	448	-1.1
Florida	92	97	1,900	1,870	175	181	3.4
Georgia	92	87	2,040	2,000	188	174	-7.4
Idaho	669	665	2,160	2,145	1,445	1,426	-1.3
Illinois	79	79	1,930	1,940	152	153	0.7
Indiana	189	190	2,080	2,045	393	389	-1.0
Iowa	240	242	2,130	2,150	511	520	1.8
Kansas	180	175	2,065	2,070	372	362	-2.7
Michigan	435	439	2,380	2,350	1,035	1,032	-0.3
Minnesota	454	446	1,990	1,995	903	890	-1.4
New Mexico	281	240	2,220	2,200	624	528	-15.4
New York	630	630	2,170	2,165	1,367	1,364	-0.2
Ohio	252	254	1,945	1,920	490	488	-0.4
Oregon	126	116	1,820	1,795	229	208	-9.2
Pennsylvania	466	465	1,870	1,870	871	870	-0.1
South Dakota	189	210	1,940	1,945	367	408	11.2
Texas	660	642	2,280	2,225	1,505	1,428	-5.1
Utah	90	90	1,960	1,970	176	177	0.6
Vermont	118	116	1,860	1,845	219	214	-2.3
Virginia	67	67	1,865	1,840	125	123	-1.6
Washington	260	258	2,080	2,080	541	537	-0.7
Wisconsin	1,269	1,270	2,155	2,175	2,735	2,762	1.0
24-State Total	8,952	8,881	2,118	2,115	18,956	18,787	-0.9

¹ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

² Excludes milk sucked by calves.

United States Milk Production

Milk production in the 24 major States during March totaled 18.8 billion pounds, down 0.9 percent from March 2023. February revised production, at 17.4 billion pounds, was up 2.9 percent from February 2023. The February revision represented an increase of 82 million pounds or 0.5 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Adjusting February production for the additional day due to leap year causes February revised production to be down 0.7 percent on a per day basis.

Production per cow in the 24 major States averaged 2,115 pounds for March, 3 pounds below March 2023.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 24 major States was 8.88 million head, 71,000 head less than March 2023, and 7,000 head less than February 2024.

Milk production in the United States during the January - March quarter totaled 56.9 billion pounds, up 0.1 percent from the January - March quarter last year.

The average number of milk cows in the United States during the quarter was 9.33 million head, 16,000 head less than the October - December quarter, and 85,000 head less than the same period last year.

The complete report can be found on the USDA NASS website at www.nass.usda.gov/Publications.

Monthly Milk Production - 24 Selected States

