



Wisconsin Annual Milk Production - 2010

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Wisconsin Milk Production Continues to Grow in 2011

Wisconsin's 1.27 million milk cows produced 26.1 billion pounds of milk in 2011. This represents an increase of less than 1 percent from 2010 and is a new record for Wisconsin. Statewide, milk per cow averaged 20,646 pounds, 16 pounds more than a year earlier. In 2011 Wisconsin accounted for 13 percent of the nation's production.

Nationally 196 billion pounds of milk were produced in 2011, up 2 percent from 2010. Average milk per cow grew to 21,345, up 197 pounds from the previous year. The number of milk cows in the U.S. rose to 9.19 million in 2011. This was 75,000 more than in the previous year.

California continued to be the nation's top milk producer with 41.5 billion pounds in 2011. Wisconsin was second with 26.1 billion pounds, while Idaho produced 13.2 billion pounds to stay in third place. New York and Pennsylvania maintained their fourth and fifth places, respectively, but Texas passed Minnesota to move into sixth place in state production.

The average number of dairy farms licensed to sell milk in Wisconsin during 2011 was 12,100, down 610 from the previous year. The U.S. total was 51,481 licensed dairy herds, a loss of 1,651 herds.

Annual Milk Cows and Production,

State	Milk cows 1/		Rate per cow 2/		Production 2/		Pro-duction % change
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	
	Thousand head		Pounds		Million pounds		Percent
WI	1,262	1,265	20,630	20,646	26,035	26,117	n.c.
CA	1,754	1,769	23,025	23,438	40,385	41,462	+3
ID	564	578	22,658	22,934	12,779	13,256	+4
MI	358	366	23,277	23,164	8,333	8,478	+2
MN	470	468	19,366	18,996	9,102	8,890	-2
NM	321	329	24,551	24,854	7,881	8,177	+4
NY	611	610	20,807	21,026	12,713	12,826	+1
PA	541	541	19,847	19,601	10,737	10,604	-1
TX	413	431	21,375	22,232	8,828	9,582	+9
US	9,119	9,194	21,148	21,345	192,848	196,245	+2

1/Average number during year, excluding heifers not yet fresh. 2/Excludes milk sucked by calves. Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO.