

## 2007 Annual Milk Production

Wisconsin's 1.25 million milk cows produced 24.1 billion pounds of milk in 2007. This represents a 3 percent increase from 2006 and is the state's highest annual milk production since 1990. Statewide, milk per cow averaged 19,310 pounds, 486 pounds more than a year earlier. In 2007, Wisconsin accounted for 13 percent of the nation's production.

Nationally, 186 billion pounds of milk were produced in 2007, up 2 percent from 2006. Average milk per cow grew to 20,267, an increase of 2 percent over the previous year. The number of milk cows in the U.S. continued to grow in 2007. There were 9.16 million cows, 46,000 more than in the previous year.

California continues to be the nation's top milk producer with 40.7 billion pounds in 2007. Wisconsin was second with 24.1 billion pounds, followed by New York with 12.1 billion pounds. Idaho and Pennsylvania remained in fourth and fifth places with 11.5 and 10.7 billion pounds of milk, respectively.

During 2007, Wisconsin had 14,400 operations with milk cows, 500 fewer than a year ago. Nationally the number of operations with milk cows declined from 74,980 in 2006 to 71,510 in 2007. A milk cow operation is defined as any place having one or more head of milk cows, excluding cows used to nurse calves, on hand at any time during the year. The average number of dairy farms licensed to sell milk in Wisconsin during 2007 was 14,170, down 470 from the previous year. The U.S. total was 59,135 licensed dairy herds, a loss of 2,935 herds.

## Milk Production, Wisconsin, 2006-2007

Month	Milk cows 1/		Rate per cow 2/		Production 2/		Production % chnge 2007/06
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	
	Thousand head		Pounds		Million pounds		Percent
January	1,240	1,245	1,585	1,630	1,965	2,029	+3
February	1,240	1,246	1,455	1,470	1,804	1,832	+2
March	1,241	1,246	1,620	1,640	2,010	2,043	+2
April	1,241	1,246	1,580	1,615	1,961	2,012	+3
May	1,242	1,247	1,650	1,685	2,049	2,101	+3
June	1,243	1,247	1,590	1,620	1,976	2,020	+2
July	1,243	1,248	1,610	1,675	2,001	2,090	+4
August	1,244	1,248	1,575	1,645	1,959	2,053	+5
September	1,244	1,248	1,520	1,575	1,891	1,966	+4
October	1,244	1,249	1,555	1,600	1,934	1,998	+3
November	1,245	1,249	1,500	1,550	1,868	1,936	+4
December	1,245	1,250	1,590	1,600	1,980	2,000	+1

1/Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/Excludes milk sucked by calves. Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO.

## Annual Milk Cows and Production, Major States and United States, 2006-2007

State	Milk cows 1/		Rate per cow 2/		Production 2/		Production % chnge 2007/06
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	
	Thousand head		Pounds		Million pounds		Percent
WI	1,243	1,247	18,824	19,310	23,398	24,080	+3
CA	1,780	1,813	21,815	22,440	38,830	40,683	+5
ID	488	513	22,346	22,513	10,905	11,549	+6
MI	320	335	22,234	22,681	7,115	7,598	+7
MN	450	460	18,600	18,817	8,370	8,656	+3
NM	355	342	21,493	21,363	7,630	7,306	-4
NY	638	627	18,879	19,303	12,045	12,103	n.c.
PA	554	550	19,390	19,422	10,742	10,682	-1
TX	335	349	21,328	21,143	7,145	7,379	+3
US	9,112	9,158	19,951	20,267	181,796	185,602	+2

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