



Wisconsin - Milk Production

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Wisconsin Milk Production Rises 3 Percent in October

In October 2009, Wisconsin milk production rose 3 percent to total 2.11 billion pounds. Milk per cow averaged 1,675 pounds, up 50 pounds from last year. There were 1.26 million milk cows in the state during October, the same as last month and 5,000 more than a year ago. As of November 1, 2009, Wisconsin had 12,965 licensed milk cow herds, down 44 from last month and down 560 from November 2008.

Total milk production in the 23 major states totaled 14.3 billion pounds in October. This was a decrease of 1 percent from the previous year. Production per cow rose to 1,721 pounds, 21 pounds more than last October. The number of milk cows in the major states totaled 8.32 million head, down 22,000 from last month and down 196,000 from last year.

Eight of the 23 major milk producing states had higher milk production when compared with last October, while 13 states had lower production. Two states, Iowa and Pennsylvania, were unchanged. Wisconsin had the second largest gain in production, following only Indiana. California's production fell by 5 percent.

Cow numbers continued to decrease in most states. Only Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin had more cows this November than last November. Iowa had the same number of cows, while the remaining 18 states had fewer cows.

October Milk Production

State	Milk cows 1/		Rate per cow 2/		Production 2/		Pro-duction % chnge 2009/08
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	
	Thousand head		Pounds		Million pounds		Percent
WI	1,253	1,258	1,625	1,675	2,036	2,107	+3
CA	1,845	1,767	1,835	1,815	3,386	3,207	-5
ID	554	546	1,870	1,870	1,036	1,021	-1
MI	353	355	1,845	1,860	651	660	+1
MN	466	469	1,555	1,585	725	743	+2
NM	334	317	1,920	2,020	641	640	n.c.
NY	625	614	1,620	1,625	1,013	998	-1
PA	549	539	1,570	1,600	862	862	n.c.
TX	428	413	1,625	1,720	696	710	+2
23-state total	8,512	8,316	1,700	1,721	14,469	14,313	-1

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