



Wisconsin Milk Production

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In April 2012, Wisconsin milk production rose 4 percent to 2.27 billion pounds. Milk per cow averaged 1,785 pounds, up 55 pounds from last year. There were 1.27 million milk cows in the state during April. This was 1,000 more than last month and 4,000 more than last year. As of May 1, 2012, Wisconsin had 11,562 licensed milk cow herds, down 75 from last month and down 605 from April 2011.

Total milk production in the 23 major states was 16.0 billion pounds in April. This was an increase of 3 percent over the previous year. Production per cow rose to 1,875 pounds, 40 pounds more than last April. The number of milk cows in the major states totaled 8.53 million head, 4,000 more than last month and 94,000 more than last year.

All of the 23 major milk producing states except Pennsylvania had an increase in production from April 2011 to April 2012. Pennsylvania had a 1 percent decrease in production due to 5,000 fewer cows. Michigan had strong production growth, jumping 6 percent from last year, while production in Wisconsin, New Mexico, and New York all rose 4 percent.

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State	Milk cows 1/		Rate per cow 2/		Production 2/		Production % change 2012/11
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	
	Thousand head		Pounds		Million pounds		Percent
WI	1,266	1,270	1,730	1,785	2,190	2,267	+4
CA	1,764	1,787	1,995	2,030	3,519	3,628	+3
ID	576	577	1,870	1,920	1,077	1,108	+3
MI	362	376	1,955	2,000	708	752	+6
MN	469	465	1,620	1,655	760	770	+1
NM	326	337	2,125	2,130	693	718	+4
NY	610	610	1,770	1,835	1,080	1,119	+4
PA	543	538	1,690	1,690	918	909	-1
TX	426	440	1,915	1,915	816	843	+3
23-state total	8,431	8,525	1,835	1,875	15,475	15,983	+3

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