

July Milk Production

Iowa: Milk production in Iowa in July totaled 301 million pounds, down 5.3 percent from July 2003. The average number of milk cows, 192 thousand head, was 9,000 head below July 2003. Production per cow averaged 1,570 pounds, ten pounds lower than production levels one year ago.

United States: Milk production in the 20 major States during July totaled 12.5 billion pounds, up 0.7 percent from July 2003. June revised production, at 12.4 billion pounds, was down 0.1 percent

from June 2003. The June revision represented an increase of 1 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,613 pounds for July, 16 pounds above July 2003. The number of milk cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.75 million head, 27,000 head less than July 2003, but 11,000 head more than June 2004.

July Milk Cows and Milk Production

| State | Milk cows ¹ | | Milk per cow ² | | Milk production ² | | Change from 2003 |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|-------|---------------------------|-------|------------------------------|--------|------------------|
| | 2003 | 2004 | 2003 | 2004 | 2003 | 2004 | |
| | 1,000 Head | | Pounds | | Million pounds | | Percent |
| California | 1,690 | 1,728 | 1,755 | 1,780 | 2,966 | 3,076 | 3.7 |
| Illinois | 110 | 107 | 1,490 | 1,520 | 164 | 163 | -0.6 |
| Iowa | 201 | 192 | 1,580 | 1,570 | 318 | 301 | -5.3 |
| Minnesota | 475 | 465 | 1,455 | 1,470 | 691 | 684 | -1.0 |
| Missouri | 129 | 122 | 1,150 | 1,240 | 148 | 151 | 2.0 |
| Wisconsin | 1,255 | 1,240 | 1,515 | 1,505 | 1,901 | 1,866 | -1.8 |
| 20 State Total ³ | 7,780 | 7,753 | 1,597 | 1,613 | 12,421 | 12,505 | 0.7 |

¹ Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh. ² Excludes milk sucked by calves. ³ The 20 states are Arizona, California, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, and Wisconsin.



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