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## August Milk Production

**Iowa:** Milk production in Iowa in August totaled 312 million pounds, down 1 percent from August 2004. The average number of milk cows, 186,000 head, was 6,000 head below August 2004. Production per cow averaged 1,680 pounds, 40 pounds higher than production levels one year ago.

**United States:** Milk production in the 23 major States during August totaled 13.6 billion pounds, up 4.6 percent from August 2004. July revised production, at 13.7 billion pounds, was up 4.2 percent from July 2004. The July

revision represented a decrease of 6 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,665 pounds for August, 64 pounds above August 2004.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.15 million head, 52,000 head more than August 2004, and 9,000 head more than July 2005.

**Milk Cows and Production: By Selected States, August 2004-2005**

State	Milk Cows <sup>1</sup>		Milk Per Cow <sup>2</sup>		Milk Production <sup>2</sup>		
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	'05 as % of '04
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>
CA	1,733	1,763	1,775	1,790	3,076	3,156	2.6
IL	107	104	1,490	1,515	159	158	-0.6
<b>IA</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>1,640</b>	<b>1,680</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>-1.0</b>
MN	465	455	1,440	1,505	670	685	2.2
MO	121	115	1,210	1,170	146	135	-7.5
WI	1,240	1,236	1,510	1,585	1,872	1,959	4.6
23 State Total	8,102	8,154	1,601	1,665	12,970	13,573	4.6

<sup>1</sup> Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

<sup>2</sup> Excludes milk sucked by calves.

<sup>3</sup> The 23 States are Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, and Wisconsin.

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