

## 2003 Annual Milk Production

Wisconsin's 1.26 million cows produced 22.3 billion pounds of milk in 2003, a 1 percent increase from 2002. Statewide, milk output per cow averaged 17,728 pounds, an increase of 361 pounds from a year earlier. The state's share of the national production remained at the same level as 2002 at 13 percent.

During 2003, national milk production totaled 170.3 billion pounds, up slightly from a year earlier. Thirty-five states were down in production, while fifteen states increased their milk output. Production per cow in the U.S. averaged 18,749 pounds per cow, 141 pounds above 2002, and 1,021 pounds above Wisconsin's average. The U.S. tallied 9.08 million head of milk cows on farms, down 1 percent from a year earlier.

### Milk Production, Wisconsin, 2002-2003

State	Milk cows 1/		Rate per cow 2/		Production 2/		Pro-duction % change 2003/02
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	
	Thousand head		Pounds		Million pounds		Percent
January	1,279	1,265	1,460	1,500	1,867	1,898	+2
February	1,278	1,265	1,350	1,370	1,725	1,733	n.c.
March	1,276	1,263	1,510	1,530	1,927	1,932	n.c.
April	1,275	1,260	1,475	1,480	1,881	1,865	-1
May	1,272	1,257	1,525	1,540	1,940	1,936	n.c.
June	1,270	1,256	1,450	1,505	1,842	1,890	+3
July	1,265	1,255	1,455	1,515	1,841	1,901	+3
August	1,265	1,254	1,470	1,495	1,860	1,875	+1
September	1,268	1,253	1,405	1,430	1,782	1,792	+1
October	1,268	1,250	1,420	1,465	1,801	1,831	+2
November	1,266	1,249	1,385	1,410	1,753	1,761	n.c.
December	1,266	1,247	1,465	1,485	1,855	1,852	n.c.

1/Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/Excludes milk sucked by calves. Source: Wisconsin Agricultural Statistics Service.

## Annual Milk Cows and Production Major states and United States, 2002-03

State	Milk cows 1/		Rate per cow 2/		Production 2/		Pro-duction % change 2003/02
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	
	Thousand head		Pounds		Million pounds		Percent
Wisconsin	1,271	1,256	17,367	17,728	22,074	22,266	+1
Illinois	115	111	17,835	18,441	2,051	2,047	n.c.
Iowa	209	201	18,201	18,806	3,804	3,780	-1
Michigan	301	302	20,332	21,060	6,120	6,360	+4
Minnesota	487	473	17,368	17,459	8,458	8,258	-2
California	1,648	1,688	21,277	20,993	35,065	35,437	+1
New York	675	671	18,101	17,812	12,218	11,952	-2
Pennsylvania	585	575	18,419	17,979	10,775	10,338	-4
United States	9,139	9,084	18,608	18,749	170,063	170,312	n.c.

1/Average number during year, excluding heifers not yet fresh. 2/Excludes milk sucked by calves. Source: Wisconsin Agricultural Statistics Service.

### Milk Cows and Production: United States, 1996-2003

Year	Milk cows 1/	Rate per cow 2/	Production 2/
	1,000	Pounds	Million pounds
1996	9,372	16,433	154,006
1997	9,252	16,871	156,091
1998	9,154	17,189	157,348
1999	9,156	17,772	162,716
2000	9,206	18,201	167,559
2001	9,114	18,159	165,497
2002	9,139	18,608	170,063
2003	9,084	18,749	170,312

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