



Iowa Ag News – Milk Production

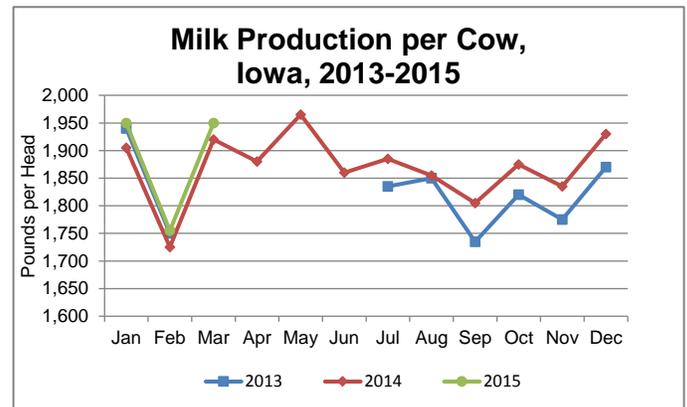
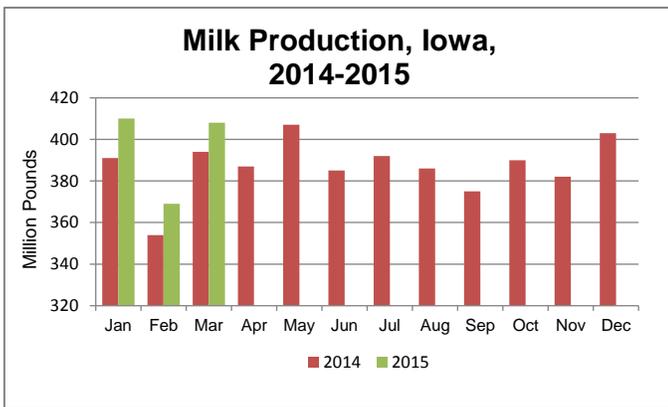
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Milk production in Iowa during March 2015 totaled 408 million pounds, up 4 percent from March 2014 according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Milk Production* report. The average number of milk cows during March, at 209,000 head, was down 1,000 from last month, but was 4,000 more than a year ago. Monthly production per cow averaged 1,950 pounds, up 30 pounds from last March. This is the highest March milk per cow for the state on record.



Milk Cows and Production: Selected States, March 2014 and 2015

State	Milk Cows ¹		Milk Per Cow ²		Milk Production ²		
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	Change from 2014
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Arizona	192	195	2,230	2,225	428	434	1.4
California	1,781	1,779	2,140	2,080	3,811	3,700	-2.9
Colorado	141	145	2,100	2,165	296	314	6.1
Florida	123	125	1,925	1,965	237	246	3.8
Idaho	570	580	2,030	2,020	1,157	1,172	1.3
Illinois	94	95	1,755	1,770	165	168	1.8
Indiana	176	181	1,875	1,895	330	343	3.9
Iowa	205	209	1,920	1,950	394	408	3.6
Kansas	138	144	1,895	1,945	262	280	6.9
Michigan	381	403	2,090	2,115	796	852	7.0
Minnesota	459	460	1,700	1,770	780	814	4.4
New Mexico	323	323	2,210	2,125	714	686	-3.9
New York	615	617	1,885	1,900	1,159	1,172	1.1
Ohio	266	268	1,730	1,745	460	468	1.7
Oregon	125	125	1,800	1,775	225	222	-1.3
Pennsylvania	531	530	1,750	1,775	929	941	1.3
South Dakota	96	102	1,845	1,900	177	194	9.6
Texas	455	463	1,965	1,920	894	889	-0.6
Utah	95	96	1,905	1,950	181	187	3.3
Vermont	131	132	1,730	1,720	227	227	-
Virginia	93	92	1,680	1,710	156	157	0.6
Washington	270	277	2,080	2,050	562	568	1.1
Wisconsin	1,270	1,275	1,850	1,910	2,350	2,435	3.6
23-State Total	8,530	8,616	1,957	1,959	16,690	16,877	1.1

¹ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

² Excludes milk sucked by calves

United States Milk Production

Milk production in the 23 major States during March totaled 16.9 billion pounds, up 1.1 percent from March 2014. February revised production at 15.1 billion pounds, was up 1.7 percent from February 2014. The February revision represented a decrease of 10 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,959 pounds for March, 2 pounds above March 2014. This is the highest production per cow for the month of March since the 23 State series began in 2003.

The number of **milk cows on farms** in the 23 major States was 8.62 million head, 86,000 head more than March 2014, but 4,000 head fewer than February 2015.

Milk production in the United States during the January - March quarter totaled 51.9 billion pounds, up 1.7 percent from the January - March quarter last year.

The **average number of milk cows** in the United States during the quarter was 9.30 million head, 17,000 head more than the October – December 2014 quarter, and 88,000 head more than the same period last year.

