



Iowa Ag News – Milk Production

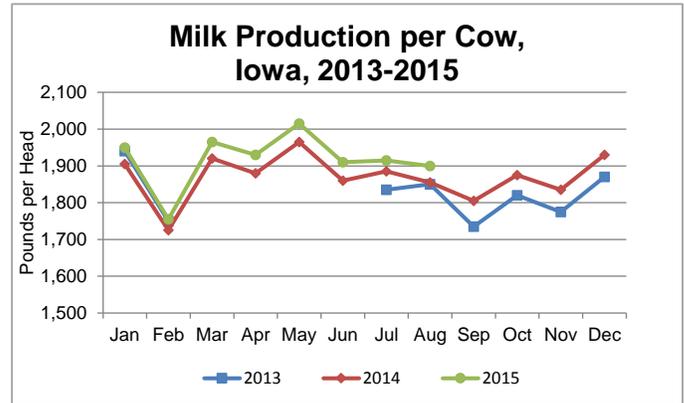
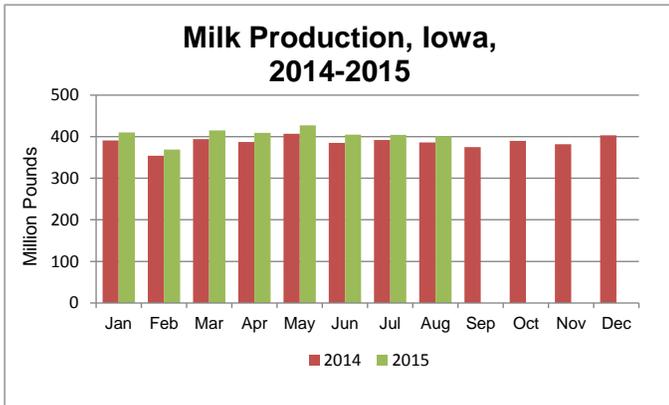
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Milk production in Iowa during August 2015 totaled 401 million pounds, up 4 percent from August 2014 according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Milk Production* report. This is the highest August milk production for Iowa since August 1970. The average number of milk cows during August, at 211,000 head, was unchanged from last month but 3,000 more than a year ago. Monthly production per cow averaged 1,900 pounds, up 45 pounds from last August.



Milk Cows and Production – Selected States: August 2014 and 2015

State	Milk Cows ¹		Milk Per Cow ²		Milk Production ²		Change from 2014
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Arizona	193	195	1,915	1,940	370	378	2.2
California	1,779	1,778	1,940	1,875	3,451	3,334	-3.4
Colorado	145	145	2,135	2,220	310	322	3.9
Florida	123	125	1,565	1,560	192	195	1.6
Idaho	579	585	2,095	2,090	1,213	1,223	0.8
Illinois	94	94	1,565	1,600	147	150	2.0
Indiana	179	181	1,830	1,840	328	333	1.5
Iowa	208	211	1,855	1,900	386	401	3.9
Kansas	143	144	1,810	1,805	259	260	0.4
Michigan	394	409	2,115	2,120	833	867	4.1
Minnesota	460	460	1,660	1,740	764	800	4.7
New Mexico	323	323	2,100	2,010	678	649	-4.3
New York	615	619	1,915	1,950	1,178	1,207	2.5
Ohio	266	266	1,720	1,750	458	466	1.7
Oregon	123	121	1,725	1,700	212	206	-2.8
Pennsylvania	530	530	1,680	1,685	890	893	0.3
South Dakota	97	107	1,855	1,905	180	204	13.3
Texas	470	462	1,785	1,790	839	827	-1.4
Utah	96	96	1,990	1,990	191	191	0.0
Vermont	132	132	1,725	1,700	228	224	-1.8
Virginia	93	91	1,580	1,595	147	145	-1.4
Washington	272	274	2,060	2,035	560	558	-0.4
Wisconsin	1,271	1,280	1,865	1,940	2,370	2,483	4.8
23-State Total	8,585	8,628	1,885	1,891	16,184	16,316	0.8

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 August totaled 16.3 billion pounds, up 0.8 percent from August 2014. July revised production at 16.6 billion pounds, was up 1.3 percent from July 2014. The July revision represented an increase of 5.0 million pounds or less than 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,891 pounds for August, 6 pounds above August 2014. This is the highest production per cow for the month of August since the 23 State series began in 2003.

The **number of milk cows on farms** in the 23 major States was 8.63 million head, 43,000 head more than August 2014, but unchanged from July 2015.

Milk production in the United States during August totaled 17.4 billion pounds, up 0.8 percent from August 2014.

Production per cow in the United States averaged 1,863 pounds for August, 5 pounds above August 2014.

The **number of milk cows on farms** in the United States was 9.32 million head, 53,000 head more than August 2014, but unchanged from July 2015.

