



Wisconsin Ag News – Milk Production

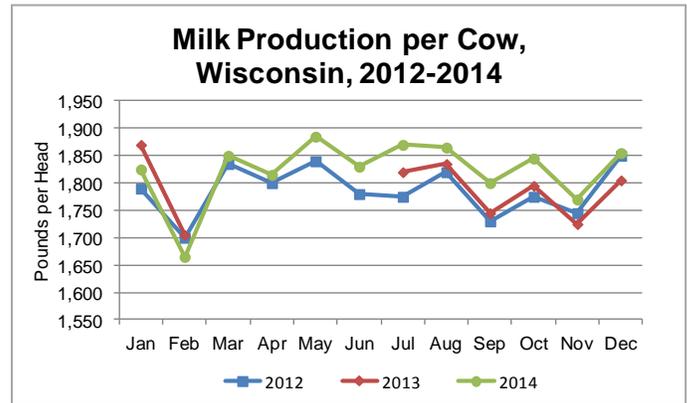
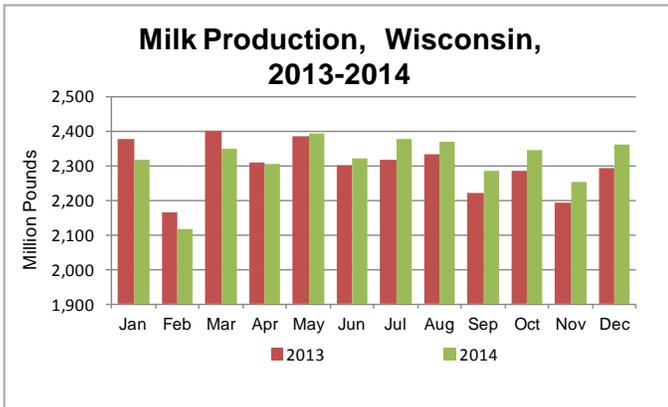
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Milk production in Wisconsin during December 2014 totaled 2.36 billion pounds, up 3 percent over the previous December, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Milk Production* report. The average number of milk cows during December, at 1.27 million head, was 2,000 more than last month and 4,000 more than a year ago. This is the highest number of milk cows since April 2002. Monthly production per cow averaged 1,855 pounds, up 50 pounds from a year ago.



Milk Cows and Production: Selected States, December 2013 and 2014

State	Milk Cows ¹		Milk Per Cow ²		Milk Production ²		Change from 2013
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Arizona	191	194	1,985	2,040	379	396	4.5
California	1,781	1,780	1,950	1,950	3,473	3,471	-0.1
Colorado	140	145	2,055	2,115	288	307	6.6
Florida	123	124	1,600	1,650	197	205	4.1
Idaho	565	579	1,960	1,980	1,107	1,146	3.5
Illinois	96	94	1,630	1,650	156	155	-0.6
Indiana	178	180	1,820	1,865	324	336	3.7
Iowa	206	209	1,870	1,935	385	404	4.9
Kansas	136	143	1,845	1,870	251	267	6.4
Michigan	380	402	2,020	2,060	768	828	7.8
Minnesota.....	460	460	1,665	1,705	766	784	2.3
New Mexico	323	323	2,050	2,060	662	665	0.5
New York	613	615	1,820	1,890	1,116	1,162	4.1
Ohio	267	268	1,680	1,710	449	458	2.0
Oregon	124	125	1,675	1,655	208	207	-0.5
Pennsylvania	530	530	1,675	1,730	888	917	3.3
South Dakota.....	95	98	1,815	1,870	172	183	6.4
Texas	440	470	1,820	1,870	801	879	9.7
Utah	94	96	1,820	1,940	171	186	8.8
Vermont	132	132	1,650	1,705	218	225	3.2
Virginia	94	93	1,600	1,630	150	152	1.3
Washington	266	277	1,955	1,970	520	546	5.0
Wisconsin	1,270	1,274	1,805	1,855	2,292	2,363	3.1
23-State Total.....	8,504	8,611	1,851	1,886	15,741	16,242	3.2

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 December totaled 16.2 billion pounds, up 3.2 percent from December 2013. November revised production at 15.5 billion pounds, was up 3.5 percent from November 2013. The November revision represented an increase of 12 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,886 pounds for December, 35 pounds above December 2013. This is the highest production per cow for the month of December since the 23 State series began in 2003.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States for December, was 8.61 million head, 107,000 head more than December 2013, and 16,000 head more than November 2014.

Milk production in the United States during the October - December quarter totaled 50.9 billion pounds, up 3.4 percent from the October - December quarter last year.

The average number of milk cows in the United States during the quarter was 9.28 million head, 16,000 head more than the July - September quarter, and 83,000 head more than the same period last year.

