

Dairy

The average number of milk cows maintained by Arizona's dairy operations in 2001 increased 1,000 head from a year ago to 140,000 head. As of January 1, 2002, the number of milk cows totaled 140,000, the same as January 1, 2001. Milk production per cow during 2001 was 20,679 pounds, down 5 percent from last year.

Milk production totaled 2.90 billion pounds in 2001, a decrease of 5 percent from 2000. Value of milk produced, at \$425.6 million dollars, was an 18 percent increase from the 2000 value. The average returns per 100 pounds of milk in 2001 was \$14.70, up \$2.80 from 2000.

Milk Cows: Monthly and Annual Average Inventory

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
	-----1,000 Head-----						
January	112	118	122	130	132	137	140
February	112	118	123	130	132	137	140
March	112	118	125	130	132	137	140
April	112	119	127	130	132	138	140
May	112	120	128	130	134	138	140
June	112	121	128	131	134	138	140
July	112	122	128	132	135	140	140
August	112	122	128	132	135	140	140
September	113	122	129	132	135	140	140
October	114	122	130	132	135	140	140
November	115	122	130	132	135	140	140
December	117	122	130	132	135	140	140
Annual average	113	121	127	131	134	139	140

Milk: Monthly and Annual Average Produced per Cow

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
	-----Lbs-----						
January	1,715	1,790	1,965	1,800	1,925	1,925	1,825
February	1,650	1,770	1,855	1,660	1,835	1,935	1,690
March	1,900	1,975	2,095	1,885	2,135	2,115	1,855
April	1,820	1,910	1,985	1,885	2,075	2,080	1,855
May	1,830	1,900	1,920	1,945	2,060	2,095	1,850
June	1,680	1,685	1,760	1,780	1,830	1,890	1,730
July	1,555	1,445	1,655	1,530	1,620	1,735	1,740
August	1,400	1,445	1,460	1,410	1,580	1,580	1,520
September	1,390	1,475	1,395	1,440	1,550	1,555	1,545
October	1,570	1,625	1,555	1,650	1,725	1,645	1,670
November	1,555	1,690	1,600	1,675	1,755	1,585	1,660
December	1,685	1,850	1,710	1,795	1,830	1,735	1,730
Annual average 1/	19,735	20,446	20,976	20,458	21,873	21,820	20,679

1/ Numbers may not add due to rounding.

Milk: Monthly and Annual Average Production

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
	-----Million Lbs-----						
January	192	211	240	234	254	264	256
February	185	209	228	216	242	265	237
March	213	233	262	245	282	290	260
April	204	227	252	245	274	287	260
May	205	228	246	253	276	289	259
June	188	204	225	233	245	261	242
July	174	176	212	202	219	243	244
August	157	176	187	186	213	221	213
September	157	180	180	190	209	218	216
October	179	198	202	218	233	230	234
November	179	206	208	221	237	222	232
December	197	226	222	237	247	243	242
Annual average	2,230	2,474	2,664	2,680	2,931	3,033	2,895