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California Milk Production

California milk producers had a total of 1.75 million milk cows for February that produced 3.12 billion pounds of milk. Milk production is down 9 percent from January, 2017 and down 5 percent from February 2016. Monthly milk per cow averaged 1,780 pounds, down 165 pounds from January 2017.

Milk Cows and Production by Month – California and United States: 2016 and 2017

| Month | California | | | | | | Total milk receipts ⁴ | | United States ¹ | | | | | |
|-----------|------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|---------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|---------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| | Milk cows ² | | Milk per cow ³ | | Milk production ³ | | | | Milk cows ² | | Milk per cow ³ | | Milk production ³ | |
| | 2016 | 2017 | 2016 | 2017 | 2016 | 2017 | 2016 | 2017 | 2016 | 2017 | 2016 | 2017 | 2016 | 2017 |
| | <i>1,000 head</i> | <i>1,000 head</i> | <i>pounds</i> | <i>pounds</i> | <i>million pounds</i> | <i>million pounds</i> | <i>million pounds</i> | <i>million pounds</i> | <i>1,000 head</i> | <i>1,000 head</i> | <i>pounds</i> | <i>pounds</i> | <i>million pounds</i> | <i>million pounds</i> |
| Jan | 1,769 | 1,755 | 1,940 | 1,945 | 3,432 | 3,413 | 3,430 | 3,408 | 8,621 | 8,691 | 1,920 | 1,955 | 16,553 | 16,995 |
| Feb | 1,769 | 1,754 | 1,865 | 1,780 | 3,299 | 3,122 | 3,299 | 3,121 | 8,628 | 8,694 | 1,833 | 1,801 | 15,817 | 15,654 |
| Mar | 1,767 | | 2,040 | | 3,605 | | 3,603 | | 8,637 | | 1,994 | | 17,222 | |
| Apr | 1,766 | | 1,970 | | 3,479 | | 3,478 | | 8,638 | | 1,947 | | 16,817 | |
| May | 1,764 | | 2,015 | | 3,554 | | 3,551 | | 8,641 | | 2,019 | | 17,442 | |
| Jun | 1,763 | | 1,905 | | 3,359 | | 3,357 | | 8,648 | | 1,926 | | 16,654 | |
| Jul | 1,760 | | 1,920 | | 3,379 | | 3,375 | | 8,658 | | 1,948 | | 16,863 | |
| Aug | 1,759 | | 1,870 | | 3,289 | | 3,285 | | 8,666 | | 1,922 | | 16,659 | |
| Sep | 1,758 | | 1,805 | | 3,173 | | 3,169 | | 8,664 | | 1,845 | | 15,989 | |
| Oct | 1,758 | | 1,880 | | 3,305 | | 3,304 | | 8,668 | | 1,904 | | 16,503 | |
| Nov | 1,757 | | 1,830 | | 3,215 | | 3,211 | | 8,675 | | 1,852 | | 16,066 | |
| Dec | 1,756 | | 1,925 | | 3,380 | | 3,375 | | 8,683 | | 1,932 | | 16,777 | |

¹ Twenty-three state total.

² Includes dry cows, but excludes heifers not yet fresh.

³ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

⁴ Milk receipts are from the California Department of Food and Agriculture's Dairy Marketing and Milk Pooling branches. Excludes on-farm usage.