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California Milk Production

California milk producers had a total of 1.76 million milk cows for April that produced 3.44 billion pounds of milk. Milk production is down 2 percent from March, 2017 and down 1 percent from April 2016. Monthly milk per cow averaged 1,960 pounds, down 35 pounds from March 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	3,501	8,621	8,691	1,920	1,955	16,553	16,995
Feb	1,769	1,755	1,865	1,780	3,299	3,124	3,299	3,123	8,628	8,694	1,833	1,797	15,817	15,627
Mar	1,767	1,755	2,040	1,995	3,605	3,501	3,603	3,499	8,637	8,711	1,994	2,015	17,222	17,554
Apr	1,766	1,755	1,970	1,960	3,479	3,440	3,478	3,501	8,638	8,719	1,947	1,967	16,817	17,153
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.