



# Iowa Ag News – Milk Production

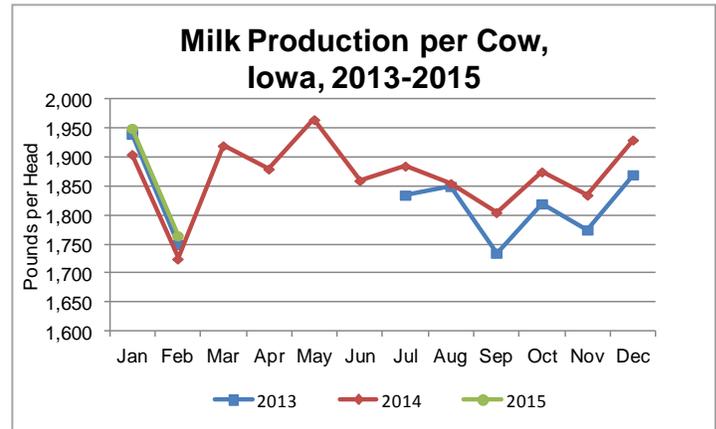
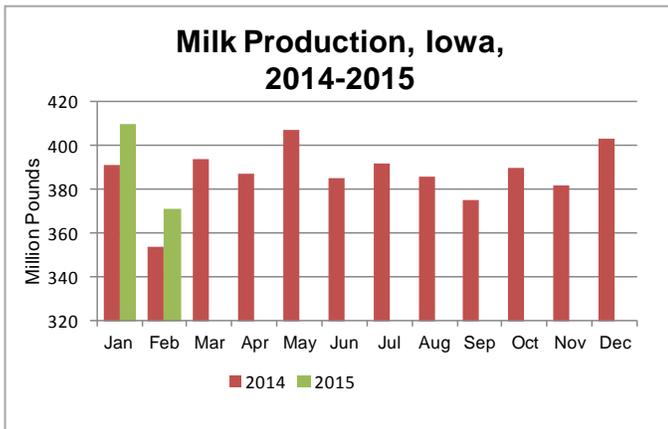
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**Milk production** in Iowa during February 2015 totaled 371 million pounds, up 5 percent from February 2014 according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Milk Production* report. This is the highest February milk production for Iowa since 1969. The average number of milk cows during February, at 210,000 head, was unchanged from last month, but 5,000 more than a year ago. Monthly production per cow averaged 1,765 pounds, up 40 pounds from last February.



## Milk Cows and Production: Selected States, February 2014 and 2015

State	Milk Cows <sup>1</sup>		Milk Per Cow <sup>2</sup>		Milk Production <sup>2</sup>		
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	Change from 2014
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Arizona .....	192	195	1,965	1,990	377	388	2.9
California .....	1,780	1,778	1,910	1,840	3,400	3,272	-3.8
Colorado .....	140	145	1,885	1,960	264	284	7.6
Florida .....	123	124	1,715	1,775	211	220	4.3
Idaho .....	567	580	1,820	1,805	1,032	1,047	1.5
Illinois .....	95	95	1,545	1,580	147	150	2.0
Indiana .....	176	181	1,660	1,705	292	309	5.8
<b>Iowa .....</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>1,725</b>	<b>1,765</b>	<b>354</b>	<b>371</b>	<b>4.8</b>
Kansas .....	137	143	1,695	1,730	232	247	6.5
Michigan .....	381	403	1,880	1,915	716	772	7.8
Minnesota .....	460	460	1,530	1,595	704	734	4.3
New Mexico .....	323	323	1,950	1,880	630	607	-3.7
New York .....	615	616	1,690	1,725	1,039	1,063	2.3
Ohio .....	266	268	1,545	1,570	411	421	2.4
Oregon .....	124	125	1,595	1,590	198	199	0.5
Pennsylvania .....	531	530	1,565	1,600	831	848	2.0
South Dakota .....	95	101	1,650	1,700	157	172	9.6
Texas .....	447	470	1,745	1,730	780	813	4.2
Utah .....	95	97	1,685	1,765	160	171	6.9
Vermont .....	132	132	1,545	1,545	204	204	0.0
Virginia .....	93	93	1,500	1,500	140	140	0.0
Washington .....	269	277	1,850	1,840	498	510	2.4
Wisconsin .....	1,270	1,276	1,665	1,730	2,115	2,207	4.3
<b>23-State Total .....</b>	<b>8,516</b>	<b>8,622</b>	<b>1,749</b>	<b>1,757</b>	<b>14,892</b>	<b>15,149</b>	<b>1.7</b>

<sup>1</sup> Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

<sup>2</sup> Excludes milk sucked by calves

## United States Milk Production

Milk production in the 23 major States during February totaled 15.1 billion pounds, up 1.7 percent from February 2014. January revised production, at 16.5 billion pounds, was up 2.2 percent from January 2014. The January revision represented an increase of 17 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,757 pounds for February, 8 pounds above February 2014. This is the highest production per cow for the month of February since the 23 State series began in 2003. This comparison is based upon all months of February being adjusted to 28 days.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.62 million head, 106,000 head more than February 2014, and 2,000 head more than January 2015.

Milk production in the United States during February totaled 16.2 billion pounds, up 1.7 percent from February 2014.

Production per cow in the United States averaged 1,736 pounds for February, 9 pounds above February 2014.

The number of milk cows on farms in the United States was 9.31 million head, 100,000 head more than February 2014, and 3,000 head more than January 2015.

