



Iowa Ag News – Milk Production

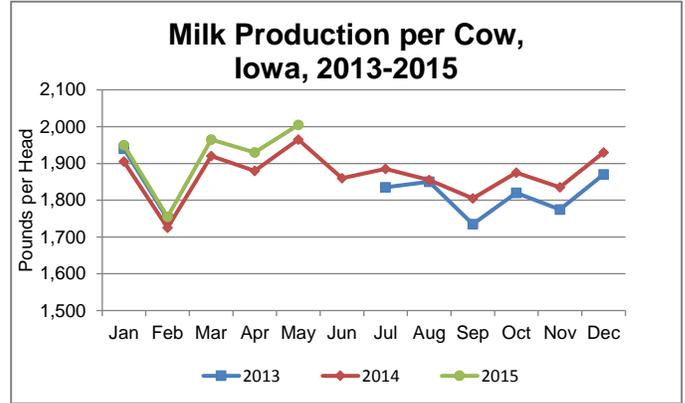
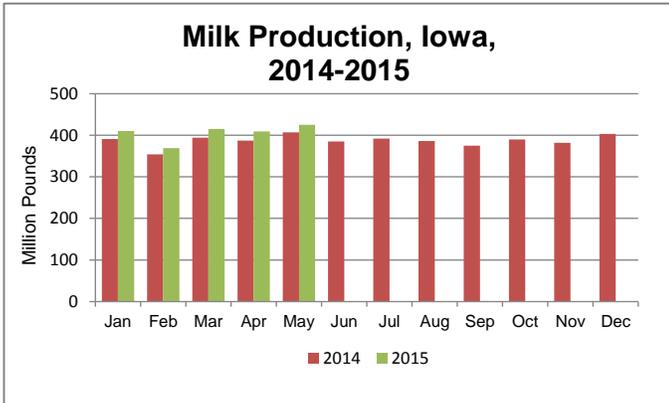
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Milk production in Iowa during May 2015 totaled 425 million pounds, up 4 percent from May 2014 according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Milk Production* report. The average number of milk cows during May, at 212,000 head, was unchanged from last month but 5,000 more than a year ago. Monthly production per cow averaged 2,005 pounds, up 40 pounds from last May. This is the first time that monthly milk per cow has exceeded 2,000 pounds.



Milk Cows and Production – Selected States: May 2014 and 2015

State	Milk Cows ¹		Milk Per Cow ²		Milk Production ²		
	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	2,225	2,185	427	426	-0.2
California	1,779	1,779	2,110	2,050	3,754	3,647	-2.9
Colorado	144	145	2,165	2,200	312	319	2.2
Florida	123	125	1,885	1,905	232	238	2.6
Idaho	574	585	2,090	2,100	1,200	1,229	2.4
Illinois	94	95	1,765	1,830	166	174	4.8
Indiana	177	181	1,935	1,935	342	350	2.3
Iowa	207	212	1,965	2,005	407	425	4.4
Kansas	141	144	1,950	1,990	275	287	4.4
Michigan	384	406	2,145	2,185	824	887	7.6
Minnesota	460	460	1,715	1,780	789	819	3.8
New Mexico	323	323	2,240	2,190	724	707	-2.3
New York	615	618	1,935	1,975	1,190	1,221	2.6
Ohio	266	268	1,800	1,810	479	485	1.3
Oregon	125	124	1,825	1,800	228	223	-2.2
Pennsylvania	530	530	1,760	1,815	933	962	3.1
South Dakota	97	103	1,855	1,905	180	196	8.9
Texas	465	462	1,990	1,970	925	910	-1.6
Utah	95	96	1,990	2,040	189	196	3.7
Vermont	131	132	1,755	1,775	230	234	1.7
Virginia	93	92	1,700	1,735	158	160	1.3
Washington	274	277	2,110	2,100	578	582	0.7
Wisconsin	1,269	1,278	1,885	1,955	2,392	2,498	4.4
23-State Total	8,558	8,630	1,979	1,990	16,934	17,175	1.4

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 May totaled 17.2 billion pounds, up 1.4 percent from May 2014. April revised production at 16.6 billion pounds, was up 1.8 percent from April 2014. The April revision represented an increase of 3.0 million pounds or less than 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,990 pounds for May, 11 pounds above May 2014. This is the highest production per cow for the month of May since the 23 State series began in 2003.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.63 million head, 72,000 head more than May 2014, and 4,000 head more than April 2015.

Milk production in the United States during May totaled 18.4 billion pounds, up 1.4 percent from May 2014.

Production per cow in the United States averaged 1,971 pounds for May, 15 pounds above May 2014.

The number of milk cows on farms in the United States was 9.31 million head, 58,000 head more than May 2014, and 3,000 head more than April 2015.

