



Iowa Ag News – Milk Production

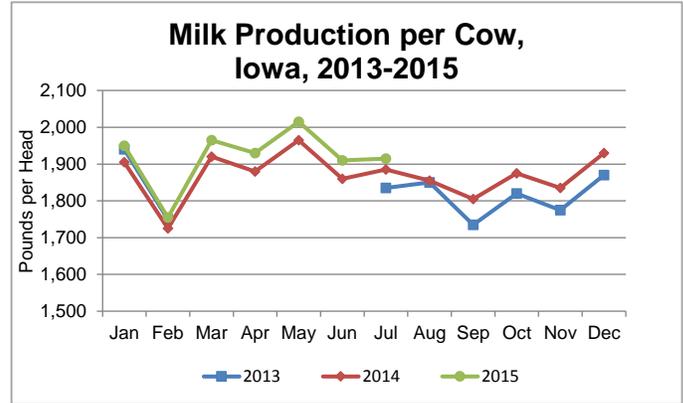
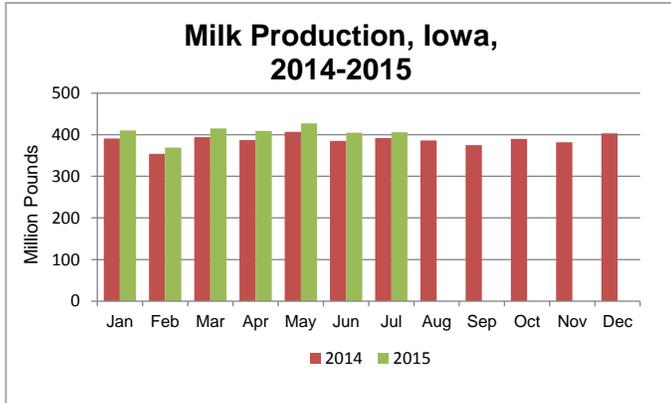
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Milk production in Iowa during July 2015 totaled 406 million pounds, up 4 percent from July 2014 according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Milk Production* report. The average number of milk cows during July, at 212,000 head, was unchanged from last month but 4,000 more than a year ago. Monthly production per cow averaged 1,915 pounds, up 30 pounds from last July. This is the highest monthly milk per cow for July on record for Iowa.



Milk Cows and Production – Selected States: July 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	193	195	1,960	1,985	378	387	2.4
California	1,779	1,778	1,980	1,915	3,522	3,405	-3.3
Colorado	145	145	2,150	2,210	312	320	2.6
Florida	123	125	1,715	1,710	211	214	1.4
Idaho	579	586	2,115	2,105	1,225	1,234	0.7
Illinois	94	94	1,640	1,670	154	157	1.9
Indiana	179	181	1,830	1,855	328	336	2.4
Iowa	208	212	1,885	1,915	392	406	3.6
Kansas	142	143	1,845	1,860	262	266	1.5
Michigan	394	409	2,120	2,170	835	888	6.3
Minnesota	460	460	1,670	1,740	768	800	4.2
New Mexico	323	323	2,130	2,040	688	659	-4.2
New York	615	619	1,920	1,970	1,181	1,219	3.2
Ohio	266	266	1,745	1,760	464	468	0.9
Oregon	123	122	1,755	1,730	216	211	-2.3
Pennsylvania	530	530	1,690	1,730	896	917	2.3
South Dakota	97	106	1,845	1,900	179	201	12.3
Texas	470	462	1,840	1,850	865	855	-1.2
Utah	95	96	2,000	2,020	190	194	2.1
Vermont	132	132	1,730	1,740	228	230	0.9
Virginia	93	91	1,580	1,630	147	148	0.7
Washington	272	275	2,070	2,050	563	564	0.2
Wisconsin	1,271	1,280	1,870	1,955	2,377	2,502	5.3
23-State Total	8,583	8,630	1,909	1,921	16,381	16,581	1.2

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 July totaled 16.6 billion pounds, up 1.2 percent from July 2014. June revised production at 16.4 billion pounds, was up 0.9 percent from June 2014. The June revision represented an increase of 40.0 million pounds or 0.2 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,921 pounds for July, 12 pounds above July 2014. This is the highest production per cow for the month of July 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, 47,000 head more than July 2014, and 2,000 head more than June 2015.

Milk production in the United States during July totaled 17.7 billion pounds, up 1.2 percent from July 2014.

Production per cow in the United States averaged 1,893 pounds for July, 12 pounds above July 2014.

The number of milk cows on farms in the United States was 9.32 million head, 54,000 head more than July 2014, and 1,000 head more than June 2015.

