



# Iowa Ag News – Milk Production

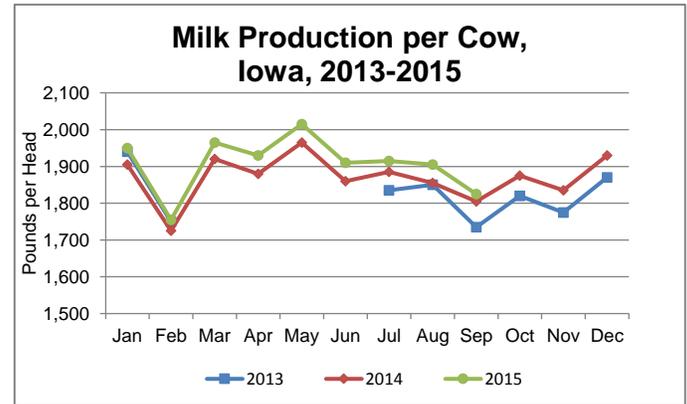
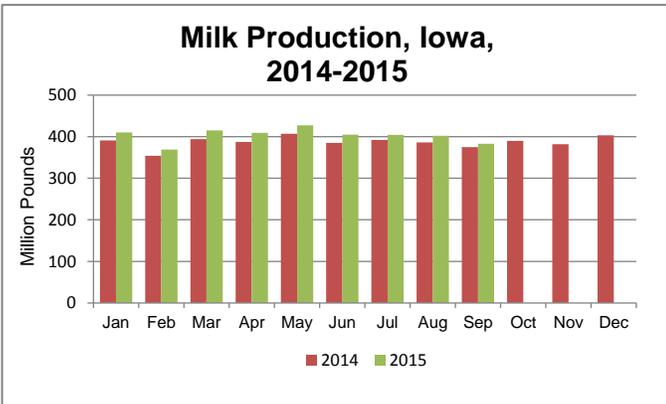
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**Milk production** in Iowa during September 2015 totaled 383 million pounds, up 2 percent from September 2014 according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Milk Production* report. The average number of milk cows during September, at 210,000 head, was 1,000 fewer than last month but 2,000 more than a year ago. Monthly production per cow averaged 1,825 pounds, up 20 pounds from last September. This is the highest monthly milk per cow for September on record for Iowa.



## Milk Cows and Production – Selected States: September 2014 and 2015

State	Milk Cows <sup>1</sup>		Milk Per Cow <sup>2</sup>		Milk Production <sup>2</sup>		Change from 2014
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Arizona .....	193	195	1,780	1,785	344	348	1.2
California .....	1,779	1,778	1,850	1,785	3,291	3,174	-3.6
Colorado .....	145	145	2,055	2,145	298	311	4.4
Florida .....	123	125	1,420	1,425	175	178	1.7
Idaho .....	579	586	1,975	1,985	1,144	1,163	1.7
Illinois .....	94	94	1,510	1,520	142	143	0.7
Indiana .....	179	183	1,770	1,780	317	326	2.8
<b>Iowa .....</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>1,805</b>	<b>1,825</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>383</b>	<b>2.1</b>
Kansas .....	143	144	1,770	1,785	253	257	1.6
Michigan .....	396	410	2,000	2,010	792	824	4.0
Minnesota .....	460	460	1,605	1,640	738	754	2.2
New Mexico .....	323	323	2,000	1,960	646	633	-2.0
New York .....	615	620	1,835	1,840	1,129	1,141	1.1
Ohio .....	267	266	1,650	1,660	441	442	0.2
Oregon .....	124	123	1,670	1,635	207	201	-2.9
Pennsylvania .....	530	530	1,630	1,600	864	848	-1.9
South Dakota .....	97	107	1,795	1,835	174	196	12.6
Texas .....	470	462	1,745	1,785	820	825	0.6
Utah .....	96	96	1,885	1,885	181	181	-
Vermont .....	132	131	1,645	1,625	217	213	-1.8
Virginia .....	93	90	1,495	1,545	139	139	-
Washington .....	275	276	1,970	1,960	542	541	-0.2
Wisconsin .....	1,272	1,280	1,800	1,845	2,290	2,362	3.1
<b>23-State Total .....</b>	<b>8,593</b>	<b>8,634</b>	<b>1,806</b>	<b>1,805</b>	<b>15,519</b>	<b>15,583</b>	<b>0.4</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 September totaled 15.6 billion pounds, up 0.4 percent from September 2014. August revised production at 16.3 billion pounds, was up 0.9 percent from August 2014. The August revision represented an increase of 15 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,805 pounds for September, 1 pound below September 2014. This is the second highest production per cow for the month of September 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, 41,000 head more than September 2014, but unchanged from August 2015.

Milk production in the United States during the July - September quarter totaled 51.6 billion pounds, up 0.9 percent from the July - September quarter last year.

The average number of milk cows in the United States during the quarter was 9.31 million head, 7,000 head fewer than the April - June quarter, but 43,000 head more than the same period last year.

