



# Iowa Ag News – Milk Production

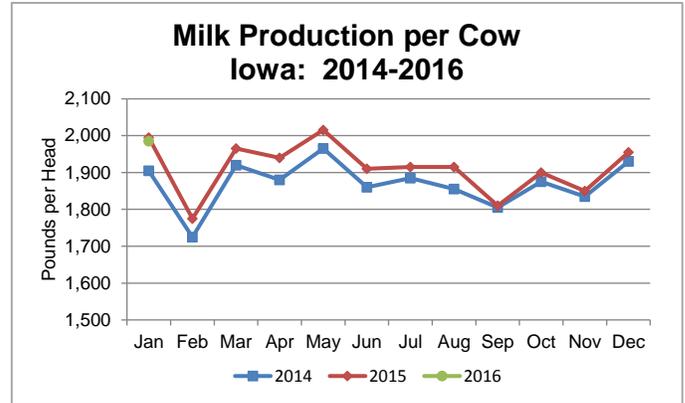
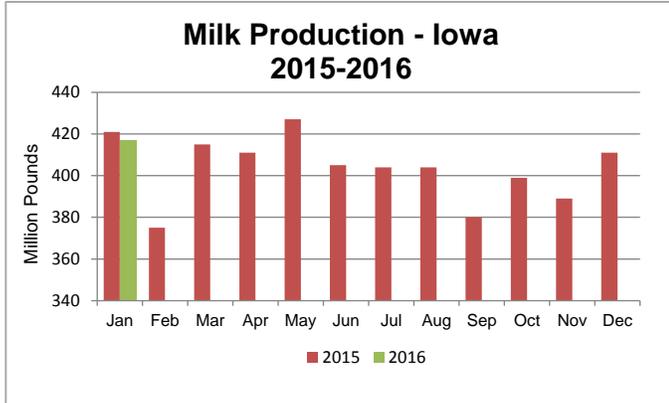
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**Milk production** in Iowa during January 2016 totaled 417 million pounds, down 1 percent from the previous January according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Milk Production* report. The average number of milk cows during January, at 210,000 head, was the same as last month but 1,000 fewer than a year ago. Monthly production per cow averaged 1,985 pounds, down 10 pounds from last January.



## Milk Cows and Production – Selected States: January 2015 and 2016

State	Milk Cows <sup>1</sup>		Milk Per Cow <sup>2</sup>		Milk Production <sup>2</sup>		Change from 2015
	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Arizona .....	195	195	2,135	2,155	416	420	1.0
California .....	1,779	1,775	1,985	1,935	3,531	3,435	-2.7
Colorado .....	145	148	2,140	2,160	310	320	3.2
Florida .....	124	126	1,875	1,875	233	236	1.3
Idaho .....	580	587	1,990	1,980	1,154	1,162	0.7
Illinois .....	95	94	1,725	1,745	164	164	0.0
Indiana .....	181	184	1,890	1,915	342	352	2.9
<b>Iowa .....</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>1,995</b>	<b>1,985</b>	<b>421</b>	<b>417</b>	<b>-1.0</b>
Kansas .....	143	142	1,890	1,900	270	270	0.0
Michigan .....	403	413	2,100	2,170	846	896	5.9
Minnesota .....	460	460	1,745	1,805	803	830	3.4
New Mexico .....	323	310	2,070	1,900	669	589	-12.0
New York .....	616	620	1,905	1,970	1,173	1,221	4.1
Ohio .....	268	266	1,750	1,765	469	469	0.0
Oregon .....	125	126	1,680	1,720	210	217	3.3
Pennsylvania .....	530	530	1,730	1,735	917	920	0.3
South Dakota .....	100	112	1,880	1,880	188	211	12.2
Texas .....	470	455	1,905	1,835	895	835	-6.7
Utah .....	96	95	1,965	1,930	189	183	-3.2
Vermont .....	132	131	1,710	1,755	226	230	1.8
Virginia .....	93	91	1,650	1,625	153	148	-3.3
Washington .....	277	277	2,005	2,020	555	560	0.9
Wisconsin .....	1,275	1,280	1,890	1,960	2,410	2,509	4.1
<b>23-State Total .....</b>	<b>8,621</b>	<b>8,627</b>	<b>1,919</b>	<b>1,923</b>	<b>16,544</b>	<b>16,594</b>	<b>0.3</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 January totaled 16.6 billion pounds, up 0.3 percent from January 2015. December revised production, at 16.4 billion pounds, was up 0.7 percent from December 2014. The December revision represented an increase of 19 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,923 pounds for January, 4 pounds above January 2015. This is the highest production per cow for the month of January 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, 6,000 head more than January 2015, but 11,000 head less than December 2015.

The annual production of milk for the United States during 2015 was 209 billion pounds, 1.3 percent above 2014. Revisions to 2014 production increased the annual total 8 million pounds. Revised 2015 production was up 139 million pounds from last month's publication.

Production per cow in the United States averaged 22,393 pounds for 2015, 134 pounds above 2014. The average annual rate of milk production per cow has increased 12.6 percent from 2006.

The average number of milk cows on farms in the United States during 2015 was 9.32 million head, up 0.6 percent from 2014. The average number of milk cows was revised up 2,000 head for 2015.

