



# Iowa Ag News – Milk Production

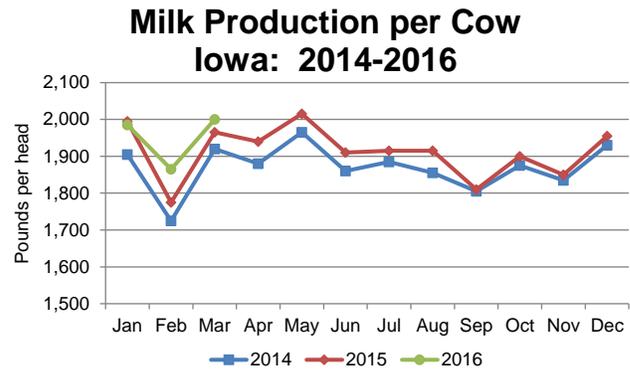
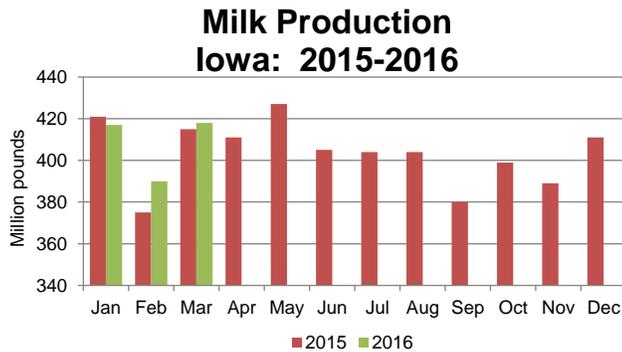
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**Milk production** in Iowa during March 2016 totaled 418 million pounds, up 1 percent from the previous March according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Milk Production* report. The average number of milk cows during March, at 209,000 head, was the same as last month but 2,000 fewer than a year ago. Monthly production per cow averaged 2,000 pounds, up 35 pounds from last March. This is the highest monthly milk per cow for March on record in Iowa.



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

State	Milk Cows <sup>1</sup>		Milk Per Cow <sup>2</sup>		Milk Production <sup>2</sup>		Change from 2015 (percent)
	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	
Arizona .....	195	199	2,265	2,290	442	456	3.2
California .....	1,779	1,774	2,080	2,035	3,700	3,610	-2.4
Colorado .....	145	148	2,190	2,210	318	327	2.8
Florida .....	125	125	1,960	1,845	245	231	-5.7
Idaho .....	583	591	2,035	2,055	1,186	1,215	2.4
Illinois .....	95	94	1,770	1,840	168	173	3.0
Indiana .....	181	184	1,895	1,945	343	358	4.4
<b>Iowa .....</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>1,965</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>415</b>	<b>418</b>	<b>0.7</b>
Kansas .....	144	144	1,970	1,990	284	287	1.1
Michigan .....	403	416	2,130	2,220	858	924	7.7
Minnesota .....	460	460	1,760	1,810	810	833	2.8
New Mexico .....	323	311	2,125	2,140	686	666	-2.9
New York .....	617	620	1,905	2,000	1,175	1,240	5.5
Ohio .....	268	266	1,745	1,770	468	471	0.6
Oregon .....	125	126	1,785	1,785	223	225	0.9
Pennsylvania .....	530	530	1,770	1,800	938	954	1.7
South Dakota .....	102	113	1,890	1,890	193	214	10.9
Texas .....	464	458	1,925	1,990	893	911	2.0
Utah .....	96	95	1,990	1,975	191	188	-1.6
Vermont .....	132	131	1,720	1,780	227	233	2.6
Virginia .....	92	91	1,685	1,695	155	154	-0.6
Washington .....	277	277	2,055	2,065	569	572	0.5
Wisconsin .....	1,276	1,280	1,905	2,000	2,431	2,560	5.3
<b>23-State Total .....</b>	<b>8,623</b>	<b>8,642</b>	<b>1,962</b>	<b>1,993</b>	<b>16,918</b>	<b>17,220</b>	<b>1.8</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 March totaled 17.2 billion pounds, up 1.8 percent from March 2015. February revised production at 15.8 billion pounds, was up 4.6 percent from February 2015. The February revision represented an increase of 4 million pounds or less than 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Adjusting February production for the additional day due to leap year causes February revised production to be up 1.0 percent on a per day basis.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,993 pounds for March, 31 pounds above March 2015. This is the highest production per cow for the month of March since the 23 State series began in 2003.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.64 million head, 19,000 head more than March 2015, and 9,000 head more than February 2016.

Milk production in the United States during the January - March quarter totaled 53.0 billion pounds, up 2.1 percent from the January - March quarter last year.

The average number of milk cows in the United States during the quarter was 9.32 million head, 5,000 head less than the October - December 2015 quarter, but 7,000 head more than the same period last year.

## Monthly Milk Production – 23 Selected States

Million pounds

