



Iowa Ag News – Milk Production

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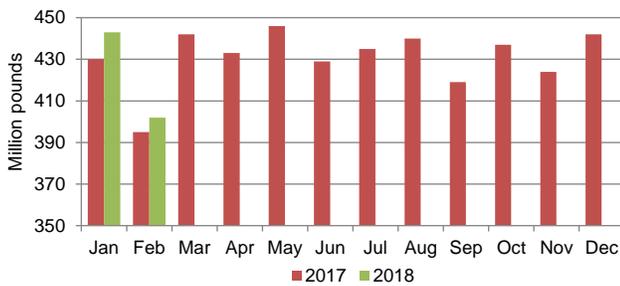
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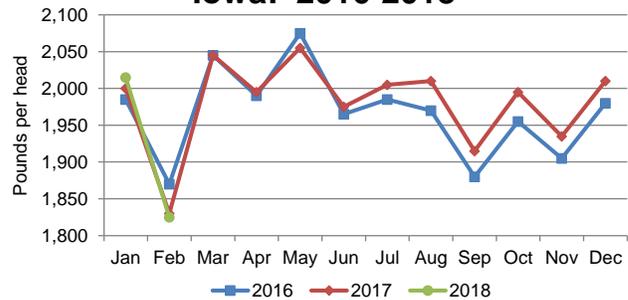
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Milk production in Iowa during February 2018 totaled 402 million pounds, up 2 percent from the previous February according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Milk Production* report. The average number of milk cows during February, at 220,000 head, was unchanged from last month but 4,000 more than last year. Monthly production per cow averaged 1,825 pounds, down 5 pounds from last February.

**Milk Production
Iowa: 2017-2018**



**Milk Production per Cow
Iowa: 2016-2018**



Milk Cows and Production – Selected States: February 2017 and 2018

State	Milk Cows ¹		Milk Per Cow ²		Milk Production ²		Change from 2017
	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Arizona	200	206	2,050	2,040	410	420	2.4
California	1,755	1,738	1,780	1,860	3,124	3,233	3.5
Colorado	156	168	2,005	2,005	313	337	7.7
Florida	123	124	1,730	1,670	213	207	-2.8
Idaho	596	605	1,800	1,860	1,073	1,125	4.8
Illinois	93	93	1,640	1,650	153	153	0.0
Indiana	186	187	1,780	1,780	331	333	0.6
Iowa	216	220	1,830	1,825	395	402	1.8
Kansas	151	155	1,805	1,845	273	286	4.8
Michigan	425	428	2,030	2,035	863	871	0.9
Minnesota	460	455	1,660	1,670	764	760	-0.5
New Mexico	325	334	1,960	1,970	637	658	3.3
New York	621	625	1,860	1,805	1,155	1,128	-2.3
Ohio	262	262	1,640	1,630	430	427	-0.7
Oregon	124	124	1,555	1,565	193	194	0.5
Pennsylvania	525	525	1,635	1,640	858	861	0.3
South Dakota	117	118	1,715	1,705	201	201	0.0
Texas	499	515	1,860	1,900	928	979	5.5
Utah	92	97	1,730	1,755	159	170	6.9
Vermont	129	128	1,645	1,625	212	208	-1.9
Virginia	87	87	1,585	1,570	138	137	-0.7
Washington	274	276	1,795	1,850	492	511	3.9
Wisconsin	1,280	1,275	1,820	1,830	2,330	2,333	0.1
23-State Total	8,696	8,745	1,799	1,822	15,645	15,934	1.8

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 February totaled 15.9 billion pounds, up 1.8 percent from February 2017. January revised production, at 17.3 billion pounds, was up 1.8 percent from January 2017. The January revision represented an increase of 9 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,822 pounds for February, 23 pounds above February 2017.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.75 million head, 49,000 head more than February 2017, and 1,000 head more than January 2018.

Milk production in the United States during February totaled 17.0 billion pounds, up 1.8 percent from February 2017.

Production per cow in the United States averaged 1,807 pounds for February, 24 pounds above February 2017.

The number of milk cows on farms in the United States was 9.41 million head, 45,000 head more than February 2017, and 1,000 head more than January 2018.

Monthly Milk Production – 23 Selected States

Million pounds

