



Iowa Ag News – Milk Production

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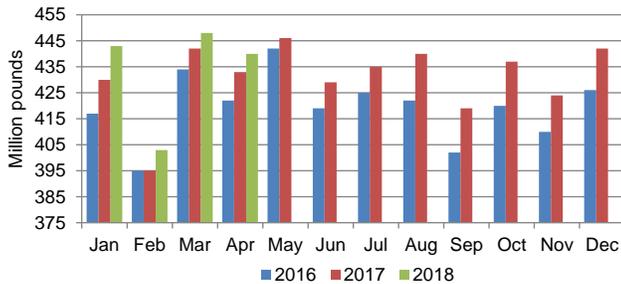
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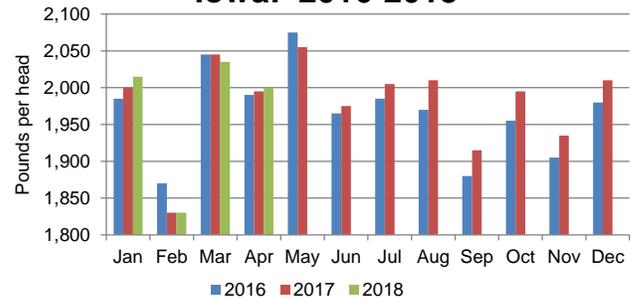
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Milk production in Iowa during April 2018 totaled 440 million pounds, up 2 percent from the previous April according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Milk Production* report. The average number of milk cows during April, at 220,000 head, was unchanged from last month but 3,000 more than last year. Monthly production per cow averaged 2,000 pounds, up 5 pounds from last April.

**Milk Production
Iowa: 2016-2018**



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



Milk Cows and Production – Selected States: April 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	204	207	2,205	2,200	450	455	1.1
California	1,755	1,736	1,960	1,990	3,440	3,455	0.4
Colorado	159	171	2,165	2,210	344	378	9.9
Florida	124	123	1,830	1,805	227	222	-2.2
Idaho	596	605	2,000	2,040	1,192	1,234	3.5
Illinois	93	93	1,810	1,800	168	167	-0.6
Indiana	186	187	1,955	1,960	364	367	0.8
Iowa	217	220	1,995	2,000	433	440	1.6
Kansas	152	157	1,955	1,990	297	312	5.1
Michigan	426	423	2,225	2,210	948	935	-1.4
Minnesota	459	454	1,810	1,790	831	813	-2.2
New Mexico	328	334	2,150	2,165	705	723	2.6
New York	623	625	2,035	1,980	1,268	1,238	-2.4
Ohio	262	257	1,835	1,825	481	469	-2.5
Oregon	124	121	1,725	1,720	214	208	-2.8
Pennsylvania	525	525	1,805	1,775	948	932	-1.7
South Dakota	117	120	1,855	1,840	217	221	1.8
Texas	510	520	2,010	2,110	1,025	1,097	7.0
Utah	94	97	1,940	1,975	182	192	5.5
Vermont	129	127	1,785	1,755	230	223	-3.0
Virginia	87	85	1,765	1,740	154	148	-3.9
Washington	273	275	1,990	2,035	543	560	3.1
Wisconsin	1,279	1,274	1,985	1,980	2,539	2,523	-0.6
23-State Total	8,722	8,736	1,972	1,982	17,200	17,312	0.7

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 April totaled 17.3 billion pounds, up 0.7 percent from April 2017. March revised production, at 17.8 billion pounds, was up 1.4 percent from March 2017. The March revision represented a decrease of 9 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,982 pounds for April, 10 pounds above April 2017. This is the highest production per cow for the month of April since the 23 State series began in 2003.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.74 million head, 14,000 head more than April 2017, but 2,000 head less than March 2018.

Milk production in the United States during April totaled 18.4 billion pounds, up 0.6 percent from April 2017.

Production per cow in the United States averaged 1,961 pounds for April, 9 pounds above April 2017.

The number of milk cows on farms in the United States was 9.40 million head, 8,000 head more than April 2017, but 2,000 head less than March 2018.

Monthly Milk Production – 23 Selected States

