



Iowa Ag News – Milk Production

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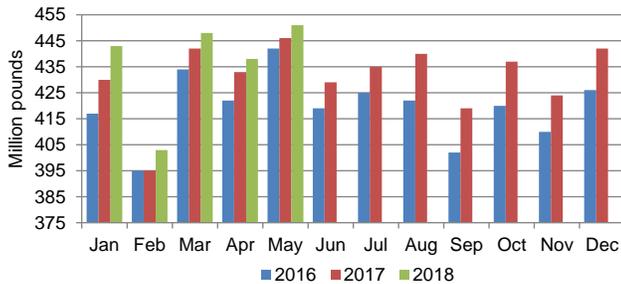
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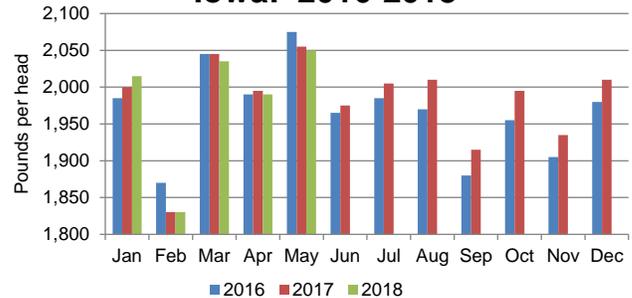
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Milk production in Iowa during May 2018 totaled 451 million pounds, up 1 percent from the previous May according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Milk Production* report. The average number of milk cows during May, at 220,000 head, was unchanged from last month but 3,000 more than last year. Monthly production per cow averaged 2,050 pounds, down 5 pounds from last May.

**Milk Production
Iowa: 2016-2018**



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



Milk Cows and Production – Selected States: May 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	2,240	2,225	457	461	0.9
California	1,753	1,735	2,005	2,035	3,515	3,531	0.5
Colorado	159	175	2,215	2,245	352	393	11.6
Florida	124	121	1,865	1,800	231	218	-5.6
Idaho	600	605	2,130	2,125	1,278	1,286	0.6
Illinois	93	93	1,860	1,850	173	172	-0.6
Indiana	187	187	2,055	2,060	384	385	0.3
Iowa	217	220	2,055	2,050	446	451	1.1
Kansas	150	157	1,930	2,025	290	318	9.7
Michigan	427	423	2,315	2,330	989	986	-0.3
Minnesota	459	454	1,870	1,890	858	858	0.0
New Mexico	329	332	2,210	2,190	727	727	0.0
New York	624	624	2,120	2,095	1,323	1,307	-1.2
Ohio	262	257	1,905	1,905	499	490	-1.8
Oregon	124	121	1,790	1,800	222	218	-1.8
Pennsylvania	525	523	1,855	1,825	974	954	-2.1
South Dakota	117	121	1,915	1,925	224	233	4.0
Texas	513	525	2,075	2,160	1,064	1,134	6.6
Utah	95	99	2,040	2,060	194	204	5.2
Vermont	129	127	1,855	1,845	239	234	-2.1
Virginia	87	84	1,775	1,725	154	145	-5.8
Washington	273	276	2,080	2,105	568	581	2.3
Wisconsin	1,279	1,274	2,050	2,080	2,622	2,650	1.1
23-State Total	8,730	8,740	2,037	2,052	17,783	17,936	0.9

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 May totaled 17.9 billion pounds, up 0.9 percent from May 2017. April revised production, at 17.3 billion pounds, was up 0.5 percent from April 2017. The April revision represented a decrease of 18 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 2,052 pounds for May, 15 pounds above May 2017. This is the highest production per cow for the month of May 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, 10,000 head more than May 2017, and 2,000 head more than April 2018.

Milk production in the United States during May totaled 19.1 billion pounds, up 0.8 percent from May 2017.

Production per cow in the United States averaged 2,031 pounds for May, 15 pounds above May 2017.

The number of milk cows on farms in the United States was 9.40 million head, 3,000 head more than May 2017, and 2,000 head more than April 2018.

Monthly Milk Production – 23 Selected States

