



Iowa Ag News – Milk Production

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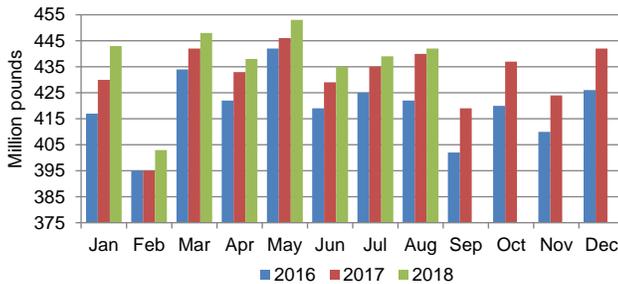
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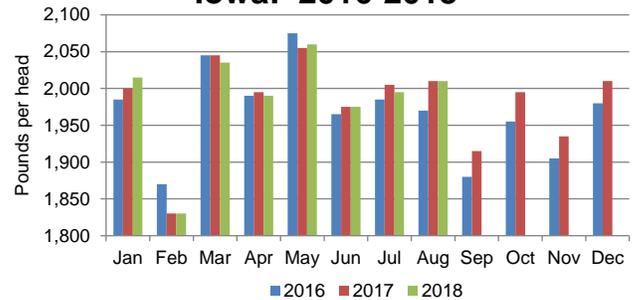
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Milk production in Iowa during August 2018 totaled 442 million pounds, up slightly from the previous August according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Milk Production* report. The average number of milk cows during August, at 220,000 head, was unchanged from last month but 1,000 more than last year. Monthly production per cow averaged 2,010 pounds, unchanged from last August.

**Milk Production
Iowa: 2016-2018**



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



Milk Cows and Production – Selected States: August 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	206	1,890	1,885	386	388	0.5
California	1,746	1,734	1,870	1,905	3,265	3,303	1.2
Colorado	161	175	2,250	2,245	362	393	8.6
Florida	124	119	1,555	1,505	193	179	-7.3
Idaho	603	607	2,155	2,160	1,299	1,311	0.9
Illinois	93	93	1,675	1,645	156	153	-1.9
Indiana	187	185	1,870	1,880	350	348	-0.6
Iowa	219	220	2,010	2,010	440	442	0.5
Kansas	152	160	1,920	1,980	292	317	8.6
Michigan	428	423	2,230	2,240	954	948	-0.6
Minnesota	458	452	1,830	1,880	838	850	1.4
New Mexico	331	328	2,065	2,095	684	687	0.4
New York	624	622	2,015	2,055	1,257	1,278	1.7
Ohio	264	257	1,790	1,805	473	464	-1.9
Oregon	123	121	1,735	1,760	213	213	0.0
Pennsylvania	525	519	1,725	1,700	906	882	-2.6
South Dakota	118	121	1,915	1,915	226	232	2.7
Texas	515	535	1,950	2,055	1,004	1,099	9.5
Utah	97	100	2,010	2,000	195	200	2.6
Vermont	129	127	1,775	1,785	229	227	-0.9
Virginia	87	83	1,610	1,585	140	132	-5.7
Washington	275	277	2,050	2,075	564	575	2.0
Wisconsin	1,278	1,274	2,025	2,060	2,588	2,624	1.4
23-State Total	8,741	8,738	1,946	1,974	17,014	17,245	1.4

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 August totaled 17.2 billion pounds, up 1.4 percent from August 2017. July revised production, at 17.3 billion pounds, was up 0.5 percent from July 2017. The July revision represented an increase of 16 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,974 pounds for August, 28 pounds above August 2017. This is the highest production per cow for the month of August 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, 3,000 head less than August 2017, but 4,000 head more than July 2018.

Milk production in the United States during August totaled 18.3 billion pounds, up 1.4 percent from August 2017.

Production per cow in the United States averaged 1,946 pounds for August, 27 pounds above August 2017.

The number of milk cows on farms in the United States was 9.40 million head, 4,000 head less than August 2017, but 5,000 head more than July 2018.

Monthly Milk Production – 23 Selected States

