



Iowa Ag News – Milk Production

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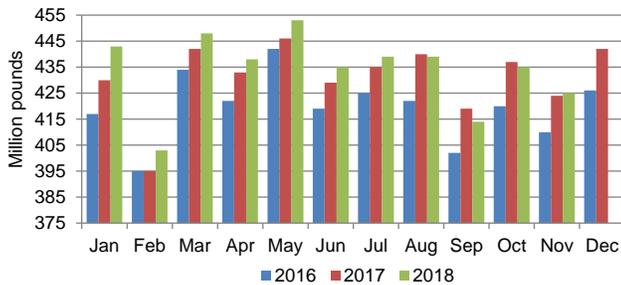
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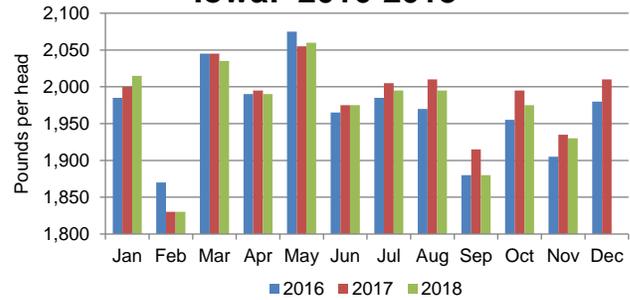
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Milk production in Iowa during November 2018 totaled 425 million pounds, up less than 1 percent from the previous November according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Milk Production* report. The average number of milk cows during November, at 220,000 head, was unchanged from last month but 1,000 more than last year. Monthly production per cow averaged 1,930 pounds, down 5 pounds from last November.

**Milk Production
Iowa: 2016-2018**



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



Milk Cows and Production – Selected States: November 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	204	1,960	1,930	400	394	-1.5
California	1,743	1,731	1,825	1,890	3,181	3,272	2.9
Colorado	164	178	2,135	2,105	350	375	7.1
Florida	124	118	1,515	1,515	188	179	-4.8
Idaho	600	610	1,955	2,000	1,173	1,220	4.0
Illinois	93	89	1,670	1,640	155	146	-5.8
Indiana	187	181	1,855	1,810	347	328	-5.5
Iowa	219	220	1,935	1,930	424	425	0.2
Kansas	153	160	1,880	1,895	288	303	5.2
Michigan	428	422	2,115	2,120	905	895	-1.1
Minnesota	456	451	1,725	1,740	787	785	-0.3
New Mexico	330	326	1,985	1,950	655	636	-2.9
New York	625	620	1,895	1,905	1,184	1,181	-0.3
Ohio	264	253	1,675	1,665	442	421	-4.8
Oregon	124	124	1,620	1,655	201	205	2.0
Pennsylvania	525	513	1,660	1,630	872	836	-4.1
South Dakota	117	121	1,795	1,825	210	221	5.2
Texas	515	539	1,890	1,900	973	1,024	5.2
Utah	97	100	1,880	1,875	182	188	3.3
Vermont	128	126	1,705	1,690	218	213	-2.3
Virginia	87	80	1,610	1,560	140	125	-10.7
Washington	274	280	1,900	1,970	521	552	6.0
Wisconsin	1,277	1,272	1,910	1,920	2,439	2,442	0.1
23-State Total	8,734	8,718	1,859	1,877	16,235	16,366	0.8

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 November totaled 16.4 billion pounds, up 0.8 percent from November 2017. October revised production, at 16.9 billion pounds, was up 0.9 percent from October 2017. The October 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 1,877 pounds for November, 18 pounds above November 2017. This is the highest production per cow for the month of November since the 23 State series began in 2003.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.72 million head, 16,000 head less than November 2017, and 8,000 head less than October 2018.

Milk production in the United States during November totaled 17.4 billion pounds, up 0.6 percent from November 2017.

Production per cow in the United States averaged 1,856 pounds for November, 19 pounds above November 2017.

The number of milk cows on farms in the United States was 9.36 million head, 38,000 head less than November 2017, and 8,000 head less than October 2018.

Monthly Milk Production – 23 Selected States

Million pounds

