



# Iowa Ag News – Milk Production

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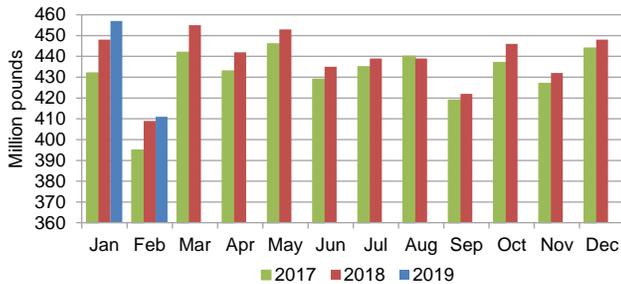
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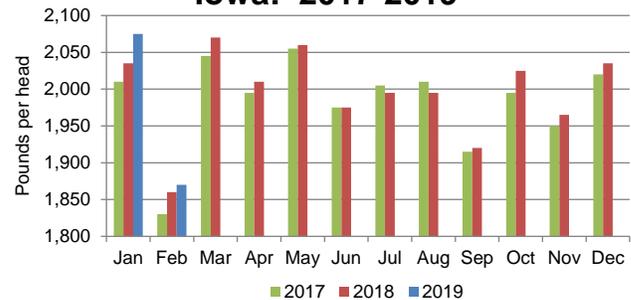
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**Milk production** in Iowa during February 2019 totaled 411 million pounds, up slightly from the previous February according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Milk Production* report. The average number of milk cows during February, at 220,000 head, was unchanged from last month and last year. Monthly production per cow averaged 1,870 pounds, up 10 pounds from last February.

**Milk Production  
Iowa: 2017-2019**



**Milk Production per Cow  
Iowa: 2017-2019**



## Milk Cows and Production – Selected States: February 2018 and 2019

State	Milk Cows <sup>1</sup>		Milk Per Cow <sup>2</sup>		Milk Production <sup>2</sup>		Change from 2018
	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Arizona .....	212	204	1,960	1,970	416	402	-3.4
California .....	1,738	1,730	1,860	1,870	3,233	3,235	0.1
Colorado .....	170	182	1,985	2,005	337	365	8.3
Florida .....	124	116	1,700	1,705	211	198	-6.2
Idaho .....	607	615	1,875	1,890	1,138	1,162	2.1
Illinois .....	93	85	1,670	1,690	155	144	-7.1
Indiana .....	186	181	1,760	1,770	327	320	-2.1
<b>Iowa .....</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>1,860</b>	<b>1,870</b>	<b>409</b>	<b>411</b>	<b>0.5</b>
Kansas .....	156	162	1,820	1,790	284	290	2.1
Michigan .....	427	424	2,015	2,050	860	869	1.0
Minnesota .....	455	450	1,670	1,715	760	772	1.6
New Mexico .....	334	322	1,975	1,970	660	634	-3.9
New York .....	625	627	1,805	1,850	1,128	1,160	2.8
Ohio .....	262	253	1,665	1,655	436	419	-3.9
Oregon .....	123	126	1,555	1,625	191	205	7.3
Pennsylvania .....	525	500	1,630	1,610	856	805	-6.0
South Dakota .....	119	124	1,700	1,730	202	215	6.4
Texas .....	530	550	1,845	1,915	978	1,053	7.7
Utah .....	99	100	1,755	1,760	174	176	1.1
Vermont .....	128	126	1,625	1,665	208	210	1.0
Virginia .....	87	78	1,570	1,545	137	121	-11.7
Washington .....	275	278	1,850	1,830	509	509	0.0
Wisconsin .....	1,275	1,270	1,825	1,860	2,327	2,362	1.5
<b>23-State Total .....</b>	<b>8,770</b>	<b>8,723</b>	<b>1,817</b>	<b>1,838</b>	<b>15,936</b>	<b>16,037</b>	<b>0.6</b>

<sup>1</sup> Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

<sup>2</sup> Excludes milk sucked by calves.

# United States Milk Production

Milk production in the 23 major States during February totaled 16.0 billion pounds, up 0.6 percent from February 2018. January revised production, at 17.5 billion pounds, was up 1.3 percent from January 2018. The January revision represented a decrease of 7 million pounds or less than 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,838 pounds for February, 21 pounds above February 2018. This is the highest production per cow for the month of February 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, 47,000 head less than February 2018, but unchanged from January 2019.

Milk production in the United States during February totaled 17.0 billion pounds, up 0.2 percent from February 2018.

Production per cow in the United States averaged 1,818 pounds for February, 19 pounds above February 2018.

The number of milk cows on farms in the United States was 9.36 million head, 77,000 head less than February 2018, but unchanged from January 2019.

## Monthly Milk Production – 23 Selected States

Million pounds

