



Iowa Ag News – Milk Production

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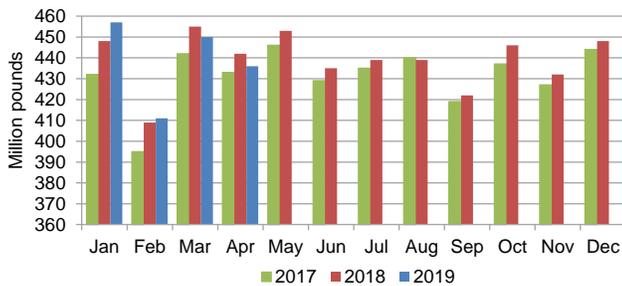
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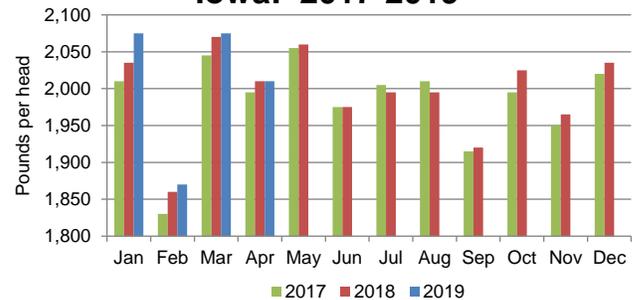
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Milk production in Iowa during April 2019 totaled 436 million pounds, down 1 percent from the previous April according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Milk Production* report. The average number of milk cows during April, at 217,000 head, was the same as last month but down 3,000 from last year. Monthly production per cow averaged 2,010 pounds, even with last April.

**Milk Production
Iowa: 2017-2019**



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



Milk Cows and Production – Selected States: April 2018 and 2019

State	Milk Cows ¹		Milk Per Cow ²		Milk Production ²		
	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	Change from 2018
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Arizona	210	200	2,135	2,135	448	427	-4.7
California	1,735	1,728	1,990	2,050	3,453	3,542	2.6
Colorado	175	182	2,160	2,155	378	392	3.7
Florida	122	115	1,780	1,785	217	205	-5.5
Idaho	607	617	2,035	2,045	1,235	1,262	2.2
Illinois	93	84	1,800	1,800	167	151	-9.6
Indiana	185	179	1,950	1,940	361	347	-3.9
Iowa	220	217	2,010	2,010	442	436	-1.4
Kansas	157	162	1,990	1,950	312	316	1.3
Michigan	423	425	2,210	2,235	935	950	1.6
Minnesota	454	448	1,805	1,825	819	818	-0.1
New Mexico	334	321	2,165	2,165	723	695	-3.9
New York	624	627	1,980	2,010	1,236	1,260	1.9
Ohio	262	250	1,830	1,810	479	453	-5.4
Oregon	121	122	1,740	1,745	211	213	0.9
Pennsylvania	524	495	1,775	1,745	930	864	-7.1
South Dakota	120	124	1,855	1,830	223	227	1.8
Texas	533	562	2,060	2,085	1,098	1,172	6.7
Utah	99	98	1,945	1,920	193	188	-2.6
Vermont	127	126	1,755	1,800	223	227	1.8
Virginia	85	76	1,715	1,715	146	130	-11.0
Washington	276	277	2,030	2,020	560	560	0.0
Wisconsin	1,274	1,270	1,985	2,000	2,529	2,540	0.4
23-State Total	8,760	8,705	1,977	1,996	17,318	17,375	0.3

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 17.4 billion pounds, up 0.3 percent from April 2018. March revised production, at 17.8 billion pounds, was down 0.3 percent from March 2018. The March revision represented a decrease of 40 million pounds or 0.2 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,996 pounds for April, 19 pounds above April 2018. 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 8.71 million head, 55,000 head less than April 2018, and 1,000 head less than March 2019.

Monthly Milk Production – 23 Selected States

