



Iowa Ag News – Milk Production

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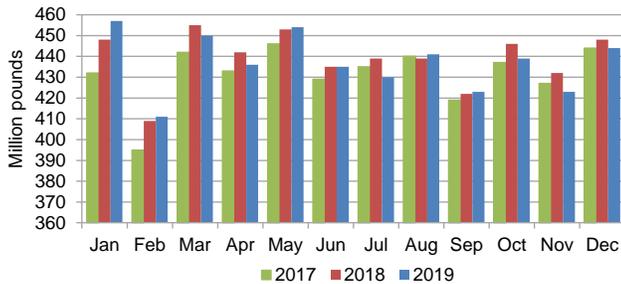
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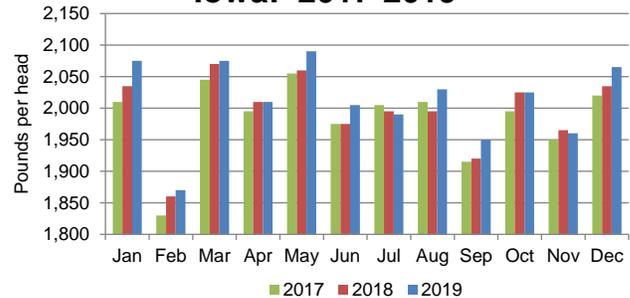
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Milk production in Iowa during December 2019 totaled 444 million pounds, down 1 percent from the previous December according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Milk Production* report. The average number of milk cows during December, at 215,000 head, was down 1,000 from last month and down 5,000 from last year. Monthly production per cow averaged 2,065 pounds, up 30 pounds from last December.

**Milk Production
Iowa: 2017-2019**



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



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

State	Milk Cows ¹		Milk Per Cow ²		Milk Production ²		Change from 2018
	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Arizona	205	193	2,060	2,045	422	395	-6.4
California	1,730	1,725	1,970	1,985	3,408	3,424	0.5
Colorado	178	189	2,195	2,180	391	412	5.4
Florida	116	116	1,665	1,685	193	195	1.0
Georgia	81	81	1,810	1,830	147	148	0.7
Idaho	614	635	2,060	2,055	1,265	1,305	3.2
Illinois	85	82	1,770	1,810	150	148	-1.3
Indiana	181	176	1,890	1,905	342	335	-2.0
Iowa	220	215	2,035	2,065	448	444	-0.9
Kansas	161	167	1,970	1,990	317	332	4.7
Michigan	422	427	2,205	2,205	931	942	1.2
Minnesota	450	445	1,850	1,870	833	832	-0.1
New Mexico	325	330	2,060	2,070	670	683	1.9
New York	625	626	1,990	2,025	1,244	1,268	1.9
Ohio	253	252	1,780	1,810	450	456	1.3
Oregon	125	127	1,735	1,710	217	217	0.0
Pennsylvania	505	483	1,695	1,745	856	843	-1.5
South Dakota	122	127	1,900	1,900	232	241	3.9
Texas	544	578	1,985	2,030	1,080	1,173	8.6
Utah	100	97	1,920	1,910	192	185	-3.6
Vermont	126	124	1,785	1,805	225	224	-0.4
Virginia	79	74	1,620	1,675	128	124	-3.1
Washington	280	282	2,025	2,000	567	564	-0.5
Wisconsin	1,271	1,263	2,025	2,015	2,574	2,545	-1.1
24-State Total	8,798	8,814	1,964	1,978	17,282	17,435	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 24 major States during December totaled 17.4 billion pounds, up 0.9 percent from December 2018. November revised production at 16.7 billion pounds, was up 0.9 percent from November 2018. The November revision represented an increase of 4 million pounds or less than 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 24 major States averaged 1,978 pounds for December, 14 pounds above December 2018.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 24 major States was 8.81 million head, 16,000 head more than December 2018, but unchanged from November 2019.

Milk production in the United States during the October - December quarter totaled 53.8 billion pounds, up 0.8 percent from the October - December quarter last year.

The average number of milk cows in the United States during the quarter was 9.34 million head, 18,000 head more than the July - September quarter, but 22,000 head less than the same period last year.

Monthly Milk Production – 24 Selected States

