



# Iowa Ag News – Milk Production

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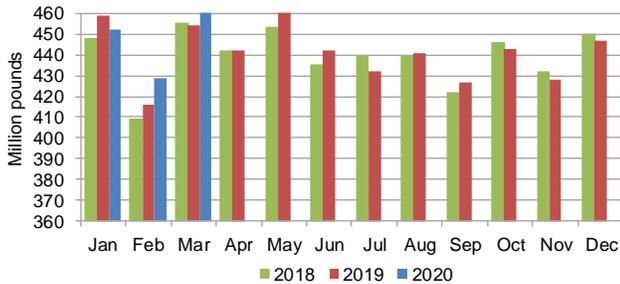
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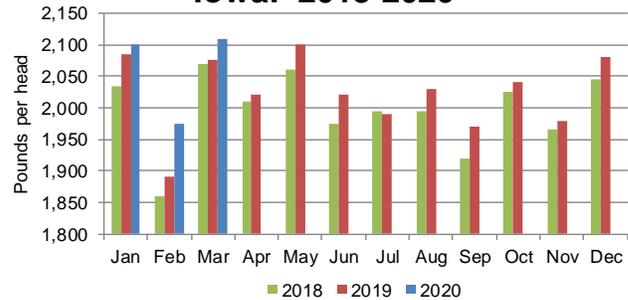
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**Milk production** in Iowa during March 2020 totaled 460 million pounds, up 1 percent from the previous March according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Milk Production* report. The average number of milk cows during March, at 218,000 head, was up 1,000 from last month but down 1,000 from last year. Monthly production per cow averaged 2,110 pounds, up 35 pounds from last March.

**Milk Production  
Iowa: 2018-2020**



**Milk Production per Cow  
Iowa: 2018-2020**



## Milk Cows and Production – Selected States: March 2019 and 2020

State	Milk Cows <sup>1</sup>		Milk Per Cow <sup>2</sup>		Milk Production <sup>2</sup>		Change from 2019
	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Arizona .....	201	197	2,195	2,225	441	438	-0.7
California .....	1,726	1,723	2,070	2,100	3,573	3,618	1.3
Colorado .....	182	193	2,200	2,230	400	430	7.5
Florida .....	116	115	1,880	1,875	218	216	-0.9
Georgia .....	82	82	2,010	2,025	165	166	0.6
Idaho .....	618	647	2,095	2,105	1,295	1,362	5.2
Illinois .....	84	82	1,880	1,940	158	159	0.6
Indiana .....	180	176	1,985	2,045	357	360	0.8
<b>Iowa .....</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>2,075</b>	<b>2,110</b>	<b>454</b>	<b>460</b>	<b>1.3</b>
Kansas .....	163	170	1,970	2,030	321	345	7.5
Michigan .....	425	428	2,285	2,320	971	993	2.3
Minnesota .....	448	445	1,880	1,910	842	850	1.0
New Mexico .....	322	332	2,210	2,195	712	729	2.4
New York .....	627	626	2,055	2,100	1,288	1,315	2.1
Ohio .....	251	253	1,855	1,915	466	484	3.9
Oregon .....	122	125	1,780	1,775	217	222	2.3
Pennsylvania .....	495	485	1,795	1,870	889	907	2.0
South Dakota .....	124	129	1,895	1,945	235	251	6.8
Texas .....	557	590	2,125	2,180	1,184	1,286	8.6
Utah .....	98	98	1,940	1,960	190	192	1.1
Vermont .....	126	124	1,855	1,870	234	232	-0.9
Virginia .....	76	75	1,760	1,830	134	137	2.2
Washington .....	277	280	2,030	2,070	562	580	3.2
Wisconsin .....	1,270	1,260	2,055	2,070	2,610	2,608	-0.1
<b>24-State Total .....</b>	<b>8,789</b>	<b>8,853</b>	<b>2,038</b>	<b>2,072</b>	<b>17,916</b>	<b>18,340</b>	<b>2.4</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 24 major States during March totaled 18.3 billion pounds, up 2.4 percent from March 2019. February revised production at 17.0 billion pounds, was up 5.6 percent from February 2019. The February revision represented a decrease of 7 million pounds or less than 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Adjusting February production for the additional day due to leap year causes February revised production to be up 1.9 percent on a per day basis.

Production per cow in the 24 major States averaged 2,072 pounds for March, 34 pounds above March 2019.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 24 major States was 8.85 million head, 64,000 head more than March 2019, and 5,000 head more than February 2020.

Milk production in the United States during the January - March quarter totaled 56.0 billion pounds, up 2.9 percent from the January - March quarter last year.

The average number of milk cows in the United States during the quarter was 9.37 million head, 27,000 head more than the October - December quarter, and 26,000 head more than the same period last year.

## Monthly Milk Production – 24 Selected States

