



Iowa Ag News – Milk Production

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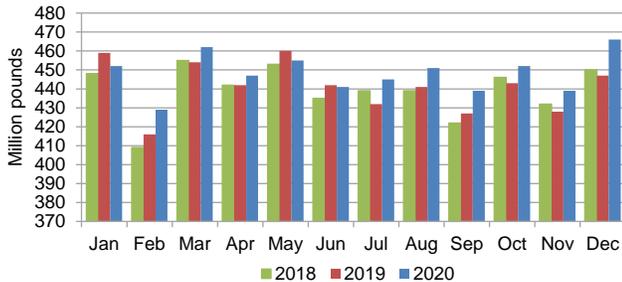
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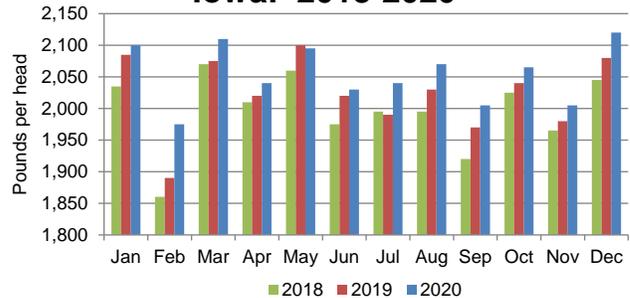
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Milk production in Iowa during December 2020 totaled 466 million pounds, up 4% from the previous December according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Milk Production* report. The average number of milk cows during December, at 220,000 head, was 1,000 more than last month and 5,000 more than last year. Monthly production per cow averaged 2,120 pounds, up 40 pounds from last December.

**Milk Production
Iowa: 2018-2020**



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



Milk Cows and Production – Selected States: December 2019 and 2020

State	Milk Cows ¹		Milk Per Cow ²		Milk Production ²		Change from 2019
	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Arizona	194	196	2,105	2,095	408	411	0.7
California	1,725	1,720	1,975	2,045	3,407	3,517	3.2
Colorado	189	201	2,185	2,185	413	439	6.3
Florida	116	111	1,740	1,730	202	192	-5.0
Georgia	81	81	1,875	1,865	152	151	-0.7
Idaho	635	646	2,085	2,075	1,324	1,340	1.2
Illinois	82	84	1,810	1,845	148	155	4.7
Indiana	176	191	1,920	1,940	338	371	9.8
Iowa	215	220	2,080	2,120	447	466	4.3
Kansas	167	173	2,010	2,040	336	353	5.1
Michigan	427	439	2,225	2,270	950	997	4.9
Minnesota	445	455	1,870	1,915	832	871	4.7
New Mexico	330	337	2,070	2,100	683	708	3.7
New York	626	626	2,025	2,070	1,268	1,296	2.2
Ohio	252	258	1,810	1,860	456	480	5.3
Oregon	127	125	1,695	1,710	215	214	-0.5
Pennsylvania	483	478	1,745	1,790	843	856	1.5
South Dakota	127	141	1,920	1,935	244	273	11.9
Texas	580	613	2,085	2,120	1,209	1,300	7.5
Utah	97	95	1,910	1,940	185	184	-0.5
Vermont	124	120	1,805	1,810	224	217	-3.1
Virginia	74	74	1,700	1,725	126	128	1.6
Washington	282	279	2,000	2,005	564	559	-0.9
Wisconsin	1,262	1,260	2,015	2,070	2,543	2,608	2.6
24-State Total	8,816	8,923	1,987	2,027	17,517	18,086	3.2

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 18.1 billion pounds, up 3.2% from December 2019. November revised production, at 17.3 billion pounds, was up 3.5% from November 2019. The November revision represented an increase of 56 million pounds or 0.3% from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 24 major States averaged 2,027 pounds for December, 40 pounds above December 2019.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 24 major States was 8.92 million head, 107,000 head more than December 2019, and 12,000 head more than November 2020.

Milk production in the United States during the October - December quarter totaled 55.6 billion pounds, up 3.0% from the October - December quarter last year.

The average number of milk cows in the United States during the quarter was 9.43 million head, 59,000 head more than the July - September quarter, and 81,000 head more than the same period last year.

Monthly Milk Production - 24 Selected States

