



Iowa Ag News – Milk Production

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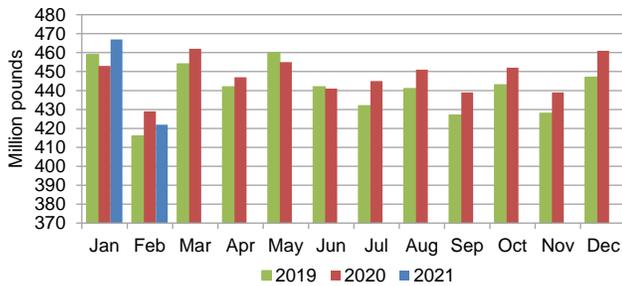
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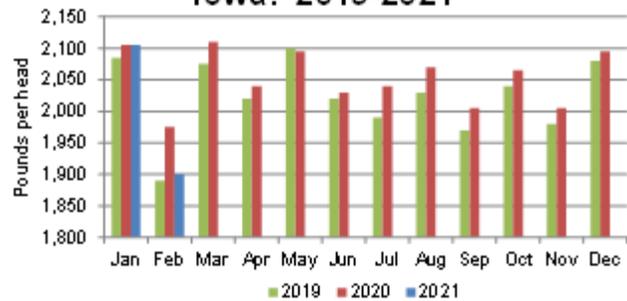
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Milk production in Iowa during February 2021 totaled 422 million pounds, down 2% from the previous February according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Milk Production* report. However, production was up 2 percent when adjusted for the leap year. The average number of milk cows during February, at 222,000 head, was the same as last month but 5,000 more than February 2020. Monthly production per cow averaged 1,900 pounds, down 75 pounds from last February.

**Milk Production
Iowa: 2019-2021**



**Milk Production per Cow
Iowa: 2019-2021**



Milk Cows and Production – Selected States: February 2020 and 2021

State	Milk Cows ¹		Milk Per Cow ²		Milk Production ²		Change from 2020
	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Arizona	198	197	2,100	2,020	416	398	-4.3
California	1,723	1,720	1,960	1,935	3,377	3,328	-1.5
Colorado	193	203	2,065	1,990	399	404	1.3
Florida	116	109	1,770	1,725	205	188	-8.3
Georgia	82	80	1,855	1,815	152	145	-4.6
Idaho	645	648	1,965	1,895	1,267	1,228	-3.1
Illinois	82	84	1,790	1,725	147	145	-1.4
Indiana	176	193	1,870	1,820	329	351	6.7
Iowa	217	222	1,975	1,900	429	422	-1.6
Kansas	169	174	1,905	1,860	322	324	0.6
Michigan	427	440	2,150	2,090	918	920	0.2
Minnesota	445	457	1,780	1,770	792	809	2.1
New Mexico	333	336	2,025	1,955	674	657	-2.5
New York	626	626	1,945	1,910	1,218	1,196	-1.8
Ohio	253	260	1,760	1,700	445	442	-0.7
Oregon	127	125	1,660	1,605	211	201	-4.7
Pennsylvania	483	475	1,725	1,680	833	798	-4.2
South Dakota	129	142	1,835	1,765	237	251	5.9
Texas	585	615	2,005	1,940	1,173	1,193	1.7
Utah	97	96	1,820	1,765	177	169	-4.5
Vermont	124	120	1,725	1,660	214	199	-7.0
Virginia	76	74	1,670	1,600	127	118	-7.1
Washington	282	278	1,930	1,845	544	513	-5.7
Wisconsin	1,260	1,262	1,930	1,920	2,432	2,423	-0.4
24-State Total	8,848	8,936	1,926	1,882	17,038	16,822	-1.3

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 February totaled 16.8 billion pounds, down 1.3% from February 2020. However, production was 2.3% above last year after adjusting for the leap year. January revised production, at 18.4 billion pounds, was up 2.6% from January 2020. The January revision represented an increase of 150 million pounds or 0.8% from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 24 major States averaged 1,882 pounds for February, 44 pounds below February 2020.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 24 major States was 8.94 million head, 88,000 head more than February 2020, and 2,000 head more than January 2021.

Milk production in the United States during February totaled 17.6 billion pounds, down 1.5% from February 2020. However, production was 2.0% above last year after adjusting for the leap year.

Production per cow in the United States averaged 1,864 pounds for February, 44 pounds below February 2020.

The number of milk cows on farms in the United States was 9.46 million head, 81,000 head more than February 2020, and 3,000 head more than January 2021.

Monthly Milk Production - 24 Selected States

Million pounds

