



Minnesota Ag News – Milk Production

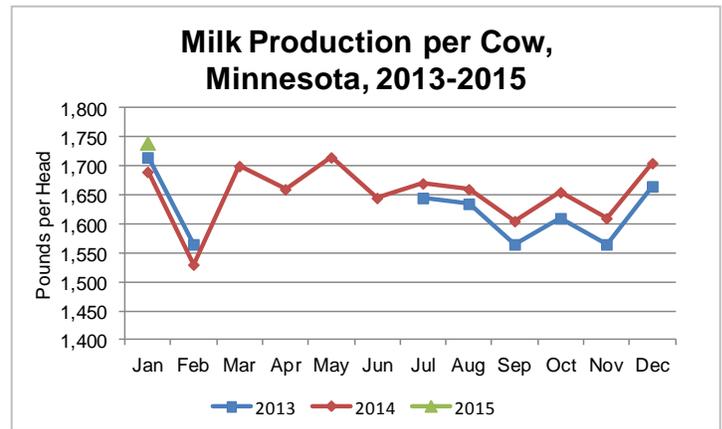
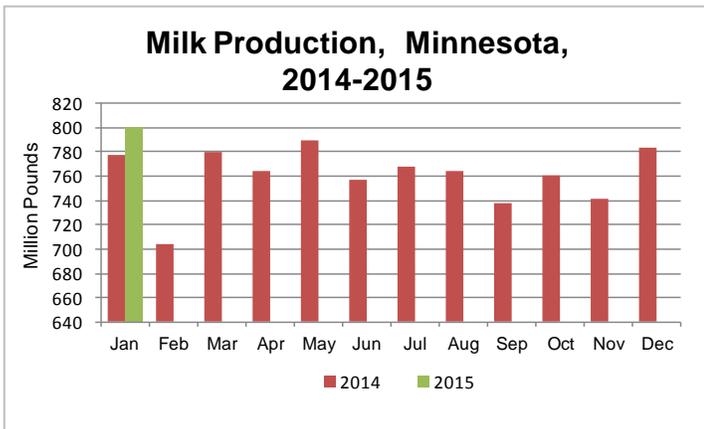
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Milk production in Minnesota during January 2015 totaled 800 million pounds, up 3 percent from last January according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Milk Production* report. This is the highest January milk production for Minnesota since 2000. The average number of milk cows during January, at 460,000 head, was unchanged from both last month and a year ago. Monthly production per cow averaged 1,740 pounds, up 50 pounds from January 2014.



Milk Cows and Production: Selected States, January 2014 and 2015

State	Milk Cows ¹		Milk Per Cow ²		Milk Production ²		
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	Change from 2014
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Arizona	192	195	2,070	2,095	397	409	3.0
California	1,781	1,779	2,035	1,985	3,624	3,531	-2.6
Colorado	140	145	2,085	2,140	292	310	6.2
Florida	123	124	1,810	1,825	223	226	1.3
Idaho	566	580	2,005	1,985	1,135	1,151	1.4
Illinois	95	94	1,675	1,700	159	160	0.6
Indiana	178	181	1,810	1,890	322	342	6.2
Iowa	205	210	1,905	1,950	391	410	4.9
Kansas	137	143	1,870	1,880	256	269	5.1
Michigan	381	403	2,045	2,120	779	854	9.6
Minnesota.....	460	460	1,690	1,740	777	800	3.0
New Mexico	323	323	2,110	2,070	682	669	-1.9
New York	615	616	1,845	1,910	1,135	1,177	3.7
Ohio	267	268	1,700	1,770	454	474	4.4
Oregon	124	125	1,735	1,720	215	215	-
Pennsylvania	531	530	1,700	1,755	903	930	3.0
South Dakota.....	95	100	1,820	1,880	173	188	8.7
Texas	445	470	1,925	1,905	857	895	4.4
Utah	95	96	1,840	1,950	175	187	6.9
Vermont	132	132	1,690	1,710	223	226	1.3
Virginia	93	93	1,650	1,650	153	153	-
Washington	268	277	2,025	2,000	543	554	2.0
Wisconsin	1,270	1,275	1,825	1,880	2,318	2,397	3.4
23-State Total.....	8,516	8,619	1,901	1,918	16,186	16,527	2.1

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 January totaled 16.5 billion pounds, up 2.1 percent from January 2014. December revised production at 16.3 billion pounds, was up 3.4 percent from December 2013. The December revision represented an increase of 14 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,918 pounds for January, 17 pounds above January 2014. This is the highest production per cow for the month of January since the 23 State series began in 2003.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.62 million head, 103,000 head more than January 2014, and 8,000 head more than December 2014.

The annual production of milk for the United States during 2014 was 206 billion pounds, 2.4 percent above 2013. Revisions to 2013 production increased the annual total 13 million pounds. Revised 2014 production was up 52 million pounds from last month's publication.

Production per cow in the United States averaged 22,258 pounds for 2014, 442 pounds above 2013. The average annual rate of milk production per cow has increased 13.9 percent from 2005.

The average number of milk cows on farms in the United States during 2014 was 9.26 million head, up 0.4 percent from 2013. The average number of milk cows was revised up 2,000 head for 2014.

