



Minnesota Ag News – Milk Production

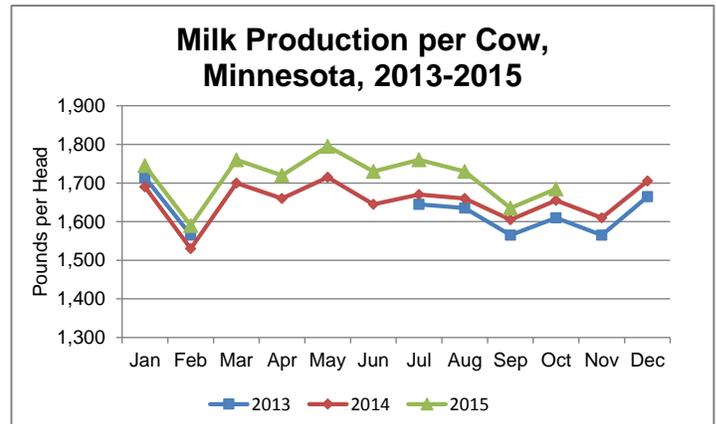
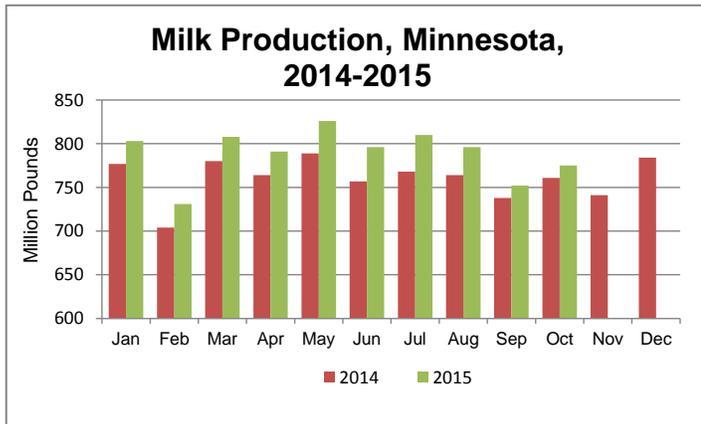
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Milk production in Minnesota during October 2015 totaled 775 million pounds, up 2 percent from last October according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Milk Production* report. The average number of milk cows during October, at 460,000 head, was unchanged from both last month and last year. Monthly production per cow averaged 1,685 pounds, up 30 pounds from October 2014. This is the highest monthly milk per cow for October on record for Minnesota.



Milk Cows and Production – Selected States: October 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	195	195	1,955	1,930	381	376	-1.3
California	1,779	1,777	1,930	1,825	3,433	3,243	-5.5
Colorado	145	145	2,105	2,170	305	315	3.3
Florida	123	125	1,470	1,495	181	187	3.3
Idaho	579	586	2,010	2,010	1,164	1,178	1.2
Illinois	93	94	1,600	1,610	149	151	1.3
Indiana	179	183	1,820	1,850	326	339	4.0
Iowa	208	210	1,875	1,880	390	395	1.3
Kansas	143	143	1,855	1,845	265	264	-0.4
Michigan	397	410	2,055	2,080	816	853	4.5
Minnesota.....	460	460	1,655	1,685	761	775	1.8
New Mexico	323	323	2,050	1,990	662	643	-2.9
New York	615	620	1,880	1,910	1,156	1,184	2.4
Ohio	267	266	1,685	1,705	450	454	0.9
Oregon	124	123	1,685	1,675	209	206	-1.4
Pennsylvania	530	530	1,680	1,650	890	875	-1.7
South Dakota.....	97	108	1,860	1,885	180	204	13.3
Texas	470	462	1,825	1,845	858	852	-0.7
Utah	96	96	1,925	1,900	185	182	-1.6
Vermont	132	131	1,680	1,670	222	219	-1.4
Virginia	92	90	1,580	1,590	145	143	-1.4
Washington	275	275	1,995	1,980	549	545	-0.7
Wisconsin	1,272	1,280	1,840	1,910	2,340	2,445	4.5
23-State Total.....	8,594	8,632	1,864	1,857	16,017	16,028	0.1

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 October totaled 16.0 billion pounds, up 0.1 percent from October 2014. September revised production, at 15.6 billion pounds, was up 0.5 percent from September 2014. The September revision represented an increase of 12 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,857 pounds for October, 7 pounds below October 2014. This is the second highest production per cow for the month of October since the 23 State series began in 2003.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.63 million head, 38,000 head more than October 2014, but 1,000 head less than September 2015.

Milk production in the United States during October totaled 17.1 billion pounds, up 0.1 percent from October 2014.

Production per cow in the United States averaged 1,835 pounds for October, 5 pounds below October 2014.

The number of milk cows on farms in the United States was 9.31 million head, 32,000 head more than October 2014, but 1,000 head less than September 2015.

