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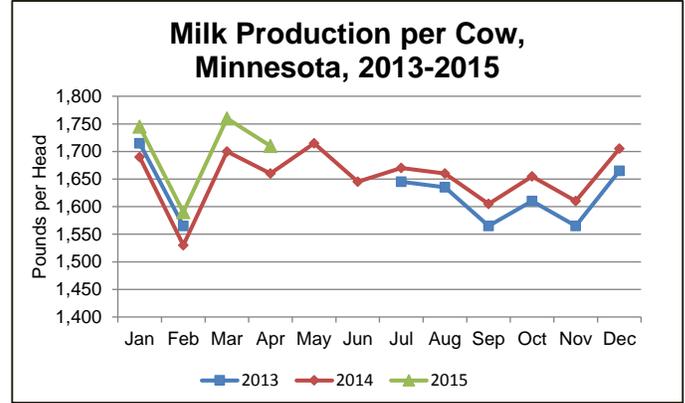
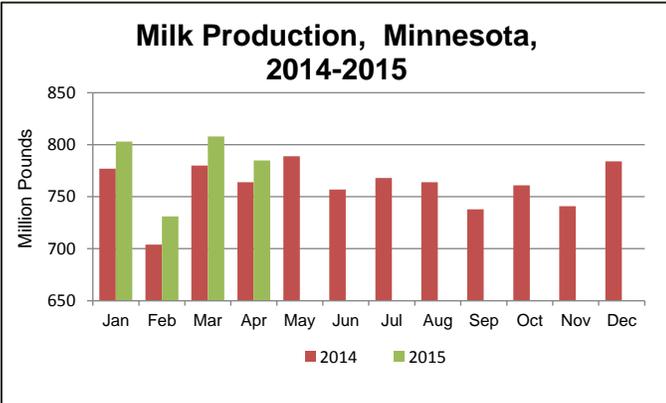
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Milk production in Minnesota during April 2015 totaled 785 million pounds, up 3 percent from last April according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Milk Production* report. The average number of milk cows during April, at 459,000 head, was unchanged from last month, but 1,000 less than a year ago. Monthly production per cow averaged 1,710 pounds, up 50 pounds from April 2014. This is the highest April milk per cow on record.



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

State	Milk Cows ¹		Milk Per Cow ²		Milk Production ²		Change from 2014
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Arizona	192	195	2,210	2,225	424	434	2.4
California	1,780	1,778	2,065	2,025	3,676	3,600	-2.1
Colorado	143	145	2,080	2,170	297	315	6.1
Florida	123	125	1,870	1,895	230	237	3.0
Idaho	572	584	1,995	2,000	1,141	1,168	2.4
Illinois	94	95	1,725	1,760	162	167	3.1
Indiana	176	181	1,845	1,855	325	336	3.4
Iowa	206	212	1,880	1,935	387	410	5.9
Kansas	140	145	1,885	1,945	264	282	6.8
Michigan	383	403	2,060	2,085	789	840	6.5
Minnesota.....	460	459	1,660	1,710	764	785	2.7
New Mexico	323	323	2,135	2,105	690	680	-1.4
New York	615	617	1,845	1,875	1,135	1,157	1.9
Ohio	267	268	1,720	1,730	459	464	1.1
Oregon	125	125	1,770	1,750	221	219	-0.9
Pennsylvania	531	530	1,705	1,755	905	930	2.8
South Dakota.....	97	103	1,785	1,840	173	190	9.8
Texas	460	462	1,930	1,940	888	896	0.9
Utah	95	96	1,895	1,975	180	190	5.6
Vermont	131	131	1,695	1,695	222	222	0.0
Virginia	93	92	1,660	1,670	154	154	0.0
Washington	272	277	2,040	2,015	555	558	0.5
Wisconsin	1,269	1,278	1,815	1,875	2,303	2,396	4.0
23-State Total.....	8,547	8,624	1,912	1,928	16,344	16,630	1.7

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 April totaled 16.6 billion pounds, up 1.7 percent from April 2014. March revised production at 16.9 billion pounds, was up 1.3 percent from March 2014. The March revision represented an increase of 30.0 million pounds or 0.2 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,928 pounds for April, 16 pounds above April 2014. This is the highest production per cow for the month of April 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, 77,000 head more than April 2014, and 2,000 head more than March 2015.

Milk production in the United States during April totaled 17.8 billion pounds, up 1.7 percent from April 2014.

Production per cow in the United States averaged 1,911 pounds for April, 19 pounds above April 2014.

The **number of milk cows** on farms in the United States was 9.31 million head, 65,000 head more than April 2014, and 1,000 head more than March 2015.

