



Minnesota Ag News – Milk Production

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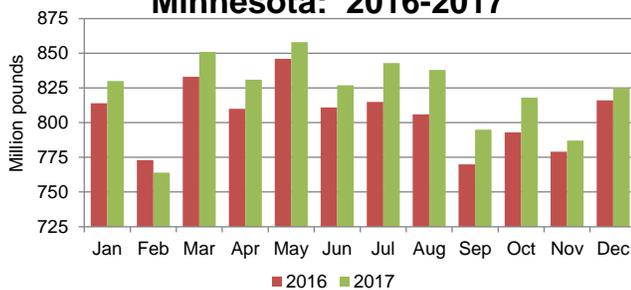
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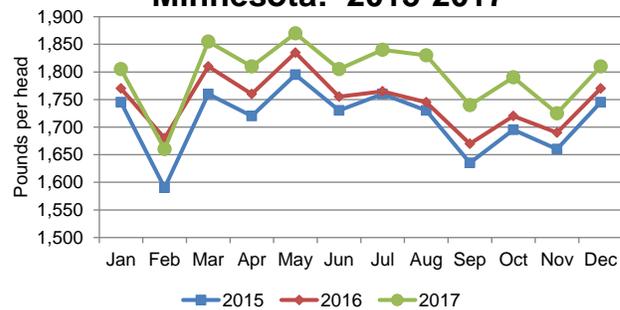
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Milk production in Minnesota during December 2017 totaled 825 million pounds, up 1 percent from the previous December according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Milk Production* report. The average number of milk cows during December, at 456,000 head, was the same as last month but down 5,000 from last year. Monthly production per cow averaged 1,810 pounds, up 40 pounds from last December.

**Milk Production
Minnesota: 2016-2017**



**Milk Production per Cow
Minnesota: 2015-2017**



Milk Cows and Production – Selected States: December 2016 and 2017

State	Milk Cows ¹		Milk Per Cow ²		Milk Production ²		Change from 2016 (percent)
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	
Arizona	196	203	2,050	2,010	402	408	1.5
California	1,756	1,742	1,925	1,935	3,380	3,371	-0.3
Colorado	155	166	2,180	2,225	338	369	9.2
Florida	122	124	1,785	1,675	218	208	-4.6
Idaho	600	600	2,015	2,010	1,209	1,206	-0.2
Illinois	93	93	1,720	1,770	160	165	3.1
Indiana	185	187	1,890	1,900	350	355	1.4
Iowa	215	220	1,980	2,010	426	442	3.8
Kansas	150	153	1,925	1,950	289	298	3.1
Michigan	425	428	2,140	2,180	910	933	2.5
Minnesota.....	461	456	1,770	1,810	816	825	1.1
New Mexico	325	332	2,055	2,075	668	689	3.1
New York	620	625	2,010	1,950	1,246	1,219	-2.2
Ohio	262	264	1,750	1,755	459	463	0.9
Oregon	124	124	1,670	1,675	207	208	0.5
Pennsylvania	525	525	1,735	1,745	911	916	0.5
South Dakota.....	116	118	1,875	1,865	218	220	0.9
Texas	490	515	1,945	2,000	953	1,030	8.1
Utah	92	97	1,920	1,935	177	188	6.2
Vermont	129	128	1,775	1,775	229	227	-0.9
Virginia	88	87	1,640	1,690	144	147	2.1
Washington	275	274	1,990	1,975	547	541	-1.1
Wisconsin	1,279	1,276	1,970	1,995	2,520	2,546	1.0
23-State Total.....	8,683	8,737	1,932	1,943	16,777	16,974	1.2

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 December totaled 17.0 billion pounds, up 1.2 percent from December 2016. November revised production at 16.2 billion pounds, was up 1.0 percent from November 2016. The November revision represented a decrease of 24 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,943 pounds for December, 11 pounds above December 2016. This is the highest production per cow for the month of December since the 23 State series began in 2003.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.74 million head, 54,000 head more than December 2016, and 3,000 head more than November 2017.

Milk production in the United States during the October - December quarter totaled 53.1 billion pounds, up 1.1 percent from the October - December quarter last year.

The average number of milk cows in the United States during the quarter was 9.40 million head, 3,000 head less than the July - September quarter, but 55,000 head more than the same period last year.

Monthly Milk Production – 23 Selected States

Million pounds

