



# Minnesota Ag News – Milk Production

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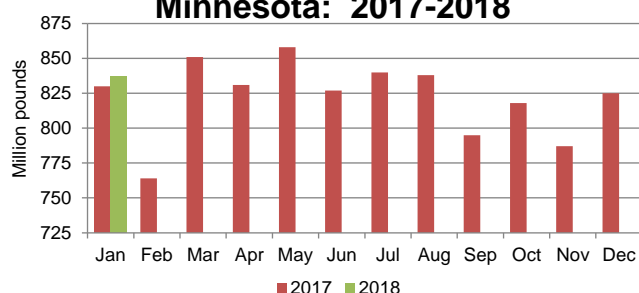
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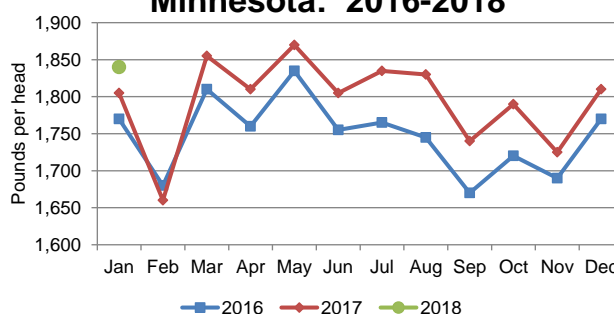
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**Milk production** in Minnesota during January 2018 totaled 837 million pounds, up 1 percent from the previous January according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Milk Production* report. The average number of milk cows during January, at 455,000 head, was 1,000 fewer than last month and down 5,000 from last year. Monthly production per cow averaged 1,840 pounds, up 35 pounds from last January.

**Milk Production  
Minnesota: 2017-2018**



**Milk Production per Cow  
Minnesota: 2016-2018**



## Milk Cows and Production – Selected States: January 2017 and 2018

State	Milk Cows <sup>1</sup>		Milk Per Cow <sup>2</sup>		Milk Production <sup>2</sup>		
	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	Change from 2017
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Arizona .....	198	204	2,145	2,140	425	437	2.8
California .....	1,755	1,739	1,945	2,005	3,413	3,487	2.2
Colorado .....	155	167	2,175	2,230	337	372	10.4
Florida .....	122	124	1,850	1,800	226	223	-1.3
Idaho .....	600	602	1,995	2,030	1,197	1,222	2.1
Illinois .....	93	93	1,765	1,800	164	167	1.8
Indiana .....	186	187	1,930	1,945	359	364	1.4
Iowa .....	215	220	2,000	2,025	430	446	3.7
Kansas .....	151	153	1,935	1,975	292	302	3.4
Michigan .....	425	428	2,190	2,200	931	942	1.2
<b>Minnesota.....</b>	<b>460</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>1,805</b>	<b>1,840</b>	<b>830</b>	<b>837</b>	<b>0.8</b>
New Mexico .....	325	334	2,090	2,135	679	713	5.0
New York .....	621	625	2,030	1,950	1,261	1,219	-3.3
Ohio .....	262	264	1,790	1,800	469	475	1.3
Oregon .....	124	124	1,685	1,700	209	211	1.0
Pennsylvania .....	525	525	1,765	1,790	927	940	1.4
South Dakota.....	117	119	1,880	1,885	220	224	1.8
Texas .....	494	515	2,015	2,045	995	1,053	5.8
Utah .....	92	97	1,905	1,945	175	189	8.0
Vermont .....	129	128	1,805	1,780	233	228	-2.1
Virginia .....	87	87	1,700	1,700	148	148	0.0
Washington .....	275	275	1,960	2,000	539	550	2.0
Wisconsin .....	1,280	1,275	1,980	1,995	2,534	2,544	0.4
<b>23-State Total.....</b>	<b>8,691</b>	<b>8,740</b>	<b>1,955</b>	<b>1,979</b>	<b>16,993</b>	<b>17,293</b>	<b>1.8</b>

<sup>1</sup> Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

<sup>2</sup> Excludes milk sucked by calves.

# United States Milk Production

Milk production in the 23 major States during January totaled 17.3 billion pounds, up 1.8 percent from January 2017. December revised production, at 17.0 billion pounds, was up 1.1 percent from December 2016. The December revision represented an increase of 4 million pounds or less than 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,979 pounds for January, 24 pounds above January 2017. 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 8.74 million head, 49,000 head more than January 2017, and 4,000 head more than December 2017.

The annual production of milk for the United States during 2017 was 215 billion pounds, 1.4 percent above 2016. Revisions to 2016 production decreased the annual total 31 million pounds. Revised 2017 production was up 35 million pounds from last month's publication. Annual total milk production has increased 13.4 percent from 2008.

Production per cow in the United States averaged 22,941 pounds for 2017, 163 pounds above 2016. The average annual rate of milk production per cow has increased 12.5 percent from 2008.

The average number of milk cows on farms in the United States during 2017 was 9.39 million head, up 0.7 percent from 2016. The average number of milk cows was unrevised for 2017. The average annual number of milk cows has increased 0.8 percent from 2008.

## Monthly Milk Production – 23 Selected States

