



# Minnesota Ag News – Milk Production

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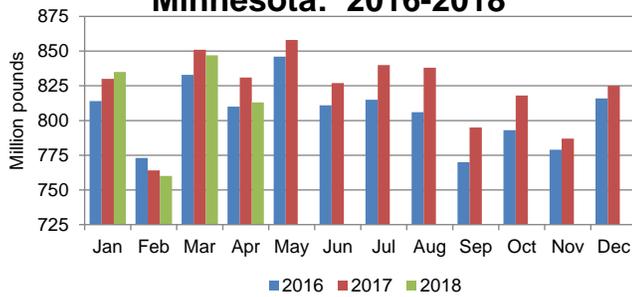
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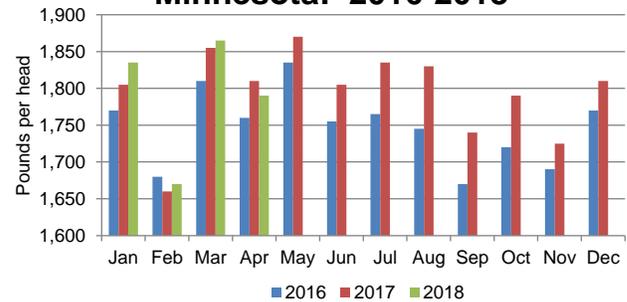
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**Milk production** in Minnesota during April 2018 totaled 813 million pounds, down 2 percent from the previous April according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Milk Production* report. The average number of milk cows during April, at 454,000 head, was the same as last month but down 5,000 from last year. Monthly production per cow averaged 1,790 pounds, down 20 pounds from last April.

**Milk Production  
Minnesota: 2016-2018**



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



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

State	Milk Cows <sup>1</sup>		Milk Per Cow <sup>2</sup>		Milk Production <sup>2</sup>		Change from 2017
	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Arizona .....	204	207	2,205	2,200	450	455	1.1
California .....	1,755	1,736	1,960	1,990	3,440	3,455	0.4
Colorado .....	159	171	2,165	2,210	344	378	9.9
Florida .....	124	123	1,830	1,805	227	222	-2.2
Idaho .....	596	605	2,000	2,040	1,192	1,234	3.5
Illinois .....	93	93	1,810	1,800	168	167	-0.6
Indiana .....	186	187	1,955	1,960	364	367	0.8
Iowa .....	217	220	1,995	2,000	433	440	1.6
Kansas .....	152	157	1,955	1,990	297	312	5.1
Michigan .....	426	423	2,225	2,210	948	935	-1.4
<b>Minnesota.....</b>	<b>459</b>	<b>454</b>	<b>1,810</b>	<b>1,790</b>	<b>831</b>	<b>813</b>	<b>-2.2</b>
New Mexico .....	328	334	2,150	2,165	705	723	2.6
New York .....	623	625	2,035	1,980	1,268	1,238	-2.4
Ohio .....	262	257	1,835	1,825	481	469	-2.5
Oregon .....	124	121	1,725	1,720	214	208	-2.8
Pennsylvania .....	525	525	1,805	1,775	948	932	-1.7
South Dakota.....	117	120	1,855	1,840	217	221	1.8
Texas .....	510	520	2,010	2,110	1,025	1,097	7.0
Utah .....	94	97	1,940	1,975	182	192	5.5
Vermont .....	129	127	1,785	1,755	230	223	-3.0
Virginia .....	87	85	1,765	1,740	154	148	-3.9
Washington .....	273	275	1,990	2,035	543	560	3.1
Wisconsin .....	1,279	1,274	1,985	1,980	2,539	2,523	-0.6
<b>23-State Total.....</b>	<b>8,722</b>	<b>8,736</b>	<b>1,972</b>	<b>1,982</b>	<b>17,200</b>	<b>17,312</b>	<b>0.7</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 April totaled 17.3 billion pounds, up 0.7 percent from April 2017. March revised production, at 17.8 billion pounds, was up 1.4 percent from March 2017. The March revision represented a decrease of 9 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,982 pounds for April, 10 pounds above April 2017. 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 8.74 million head, 14,000 head more than April 2017, but 2,000 head less than March 2018.

Milk production in the United States during April totaled 18.4 billion pounds, up 0.6 percent from April 2017.

Production per cow in the United States averaged 1,961 pounds for April, 9 pounds above April 2017.

The number of milk cows on farms in the United States was 9.40 million head, 8,000 head more than April 2017, but 2,000 head less than March 2018.

**Monthly Milk Production – 23 Selected States**

