



# Minnesota Ag News – Milk Production

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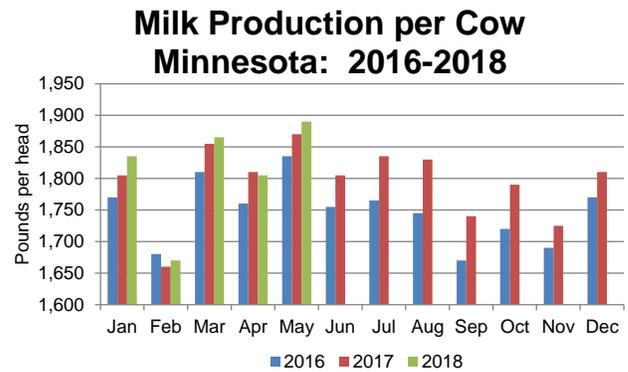
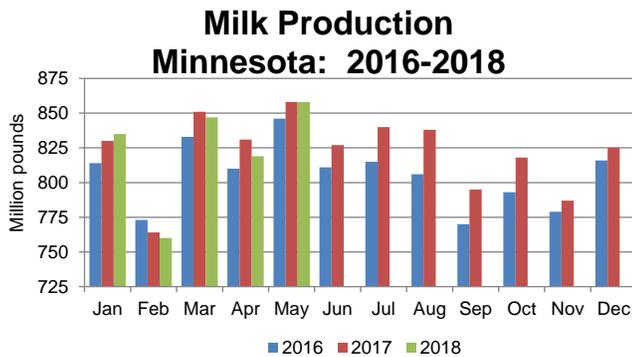
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**Milk production** in Minnesota during May 2018 totaled 858 million pounds, the same as the previous May according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Milk Production* report. The average number of milk cows during May, at 454,000 head, was the same as last month but down 5,000 from last year. Monthly production per cow averaged 1,890 pounds, up 20 pounds from last May.



## Milk Cows and Production – Selected States: May 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	2,240	2,225	457	461	0.9
California .....	1,753	1,735	2,005	2,035	3,515	3,531	0.5
Colorado .....	159	175	2,215	2,245	352	393	11.6
Florida .....	124	121	1,865	1,800	231	218	-5.6
Idaho .....	600	605	2,130	2,125	1,278	1,286	0.6
Illinois .....	93	93	1,860	1,850	173	172	-0.6
Indiana .....	187	187	2,055	2,060	384	385	0.3
Iowa .....	217	220	2,055	2,050	446	451	1.1
Kansas .....	150	157	1,930	2,025	290	318	9.7
Michigan .....	427	423	2,315	2,330	989	986	-0.3
<b>Minnesota.....</b>	<b>459</b>	<b>454</b>	<b>1,870</b>	<b>1,890</b>	<b>858</b>	<b>858</b>	<b>0.0</b>
New Mexico .....	329	332	2,210	2,190	727	727	0.0
New York .....	624	624	2,120	2,095	1,323	1,307	-1.2
Ohio .....	262	257	1,905	1,905	499	490	-1.8
Oregon .....	124	121	1,790	1,800	222	218	-1.8
Pennsylvania .....	525	523	1,855	1,825	974	954	-2.1
South Dakota.....	117	121	1,915	1,925	224	233	4.0
Texas .....	513	525	2,075	2,160	1,064	1,134	6.6
Utah .....	95	99	2,040	2,060	194	204	5.2
Vermont .....	129	127	1,855	1,845	239	234	-2.1
Virginia .....	87	84	1,775	1,725	154	145	-5.8
Washington .....	273	276	2,080	2,105	568	581	2.3
Wisconsin .....	1,279	1,274	2,050	2,080	2,622	2,650	1.1
<b>23-State Total.....</b>	<b>8,730</b>	<b>8,740</b>	<b>2,037</b>	<b>2,052</b>	<b>17,783</b>	<b>17,936</b>	<b>0.9</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 May totaled 17.9 billion pounds, up 0.9 percent from May 2017. April revised production, at 17.3 billion pounds, was up 0.5 percent from April 2017. The April revision represented a decrease of 18 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 2,052 pounds for May, 15 pounds above May 2017. This is the highest production per cow for the month of May 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, 10,000 head more than May 2017, and 2,000 head more than April 2018.

Milk production in the United States during May totaled 19.1 billion pounds, up 0.8 percent from May 2017.

Production per cow in the United States averaged 2,031 pounds for May, 15 pounds above May 2017.

The number of milk cows on farms in the United States was 9.40 million head, 3,000 head more than May 2017, and 2,000 head more than April 2018.

## Monthly Milk Production – 23 Selected States

