



Minnesota Ag News – Milk Production

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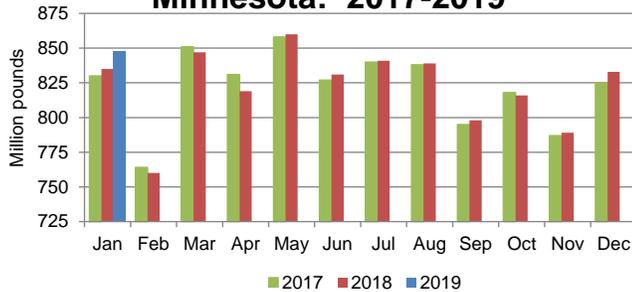
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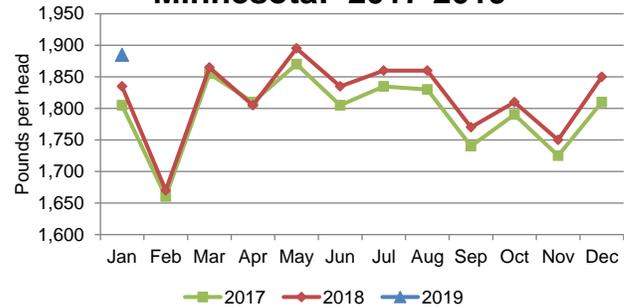
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Milk production in Minnesota during January 2019 totaled 848 million pounds, up 2 percent from the previous January according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Milk Production* report. The average number of milk cows during January, at 450,000 head, was the same as last month and down 5,000 from last year. Monthly production per cow averaged 1,885 pounds, up 50 pounds from last January.

**Milk Production
Minnesota: 2017-2019**



**Milk Production per Cow
Minnesota: 2017-2019**



Milk Cows and Production – Selected States: January 2018 and 2019

State	Milk Cows ¹		Milk Per Cow ²		Milk Production ²		Change from 2018
	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Arizona	212	204	2,095	2,095	444	427	-3.8
California	1,738	1,730	2,005	2,030	3,485	3,512	0.8
Colorado	170	180	2,195	2,210	373	398	6.7
Florida	124	116	1,775	1,810	220	210	-4.5
Idaho	605	615	2,055	2,095	1,243	1,288	3.6
Illinois	93	85	1,800	1,800	167	153	-8.4
Indiana	187	181	1,930	1,935	361	350	-3.0
Iowa	220	220	2,035	2,075	448	457	2.0
Kansas	156	162	1,960	2,005	306	325	6.2
Michigan	428	422	2,190	2,245	937	947	1.1
Minnesota.....	455	450	1,835	1,885	835	848	1.6
New Mexico	334	324	2,140	2,130	715	690	-3.5
New York	625	627	1,955	2,015	1,222	1,263	3.4
Ohio	262	253	1,800	1,795	472	454	-3.8
Oregon	124	125	1,695	1,760	210	220	4.8
Pennsylvania	525	500	1,760	1,745	924	873	-5.5
South Dakota.....	119	123	1,855	1,910	221	235	6.3
Texas	530	548	1,985	2,060	1,052	1,129	7.3
Utah	98	100	1,930	1,930	189	193	2.1
Vermont	128	126	1,780	1,825	228	230	0.9
Virginia	87	78	1,700	1,680	148	131	-11.5
Washington	276	280	2,020	2,060	558	577	3.4
Wisconsin	1,275	1,270	2,000	2,065	2,550	2,623	2.9
23-State Total.....	8,771	8,719	1,973	2,011	17,308	17,533	1.3

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 January totaled 17.5 billion pounds, up 1.3 percent from January 2018. December revised production, at 17.1 billion pounds, was up 0.8 percent from December 2017. The December revision represented an increase of 2 million pounds or less than 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 2,011 pounds for January, 38 pounds above January 2018. 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 8.72 million head, 52,000 head less than January 2018, but 2,000 head more than December 2018.

The annual production of milk for the United States during 2018 was 218 billion pounds, 1.0 percent above 2017. Revisions to 2017 production increased the annual total 61 million pounds. Revised 2018 production was up 99 million pounds from last month's publication. Annual total milk production has increased 15.0 percent from 2009.

Production per cow in the United States averaged 23,149 pounds for 2018, 235 pounds above 2017. The average annual rate of milk production per cow has increased 12.6 percent from 2009.

The average number of milk cows on farms in the United States during 2018 was 9.40 million head, down 0.1 percent from 2017. The average number of milk cows was revised up 14,000 head for 2018. The average annual number of milk cows has increased 2.1 percent from 2009.

Monthly Milk Production – 23 Selected States

