



Minnesota Ag News – Milk Production

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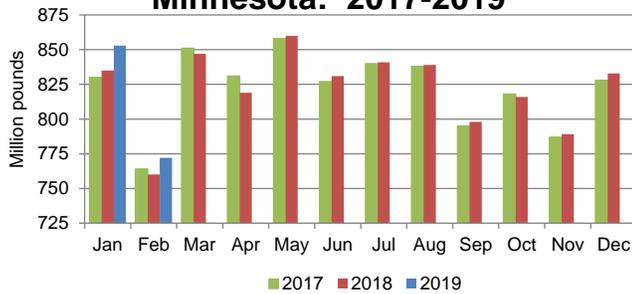
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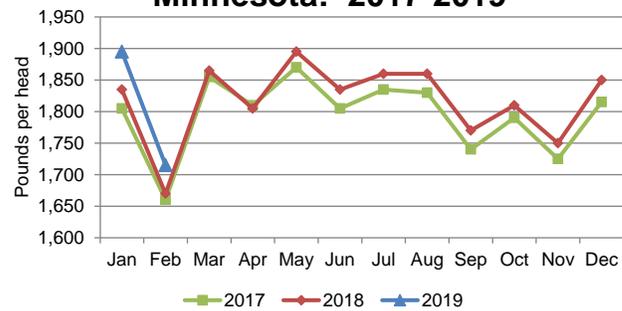
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Milk production in Minnesota during February 2019 totaled 772 million pounds, up 2 percent from the previous February according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Milk Production* report. The average number of milk cows during February, at 450,000 head, was the same as last month and down 5,000 from last year. Monthly production per cow averaged 1,715 pounds, up 45 pounds from last February.

**Milk Production
Minnesota: 2017-2019**



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



Milk Cows and Production – Selected States: February 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	1,960	1,970	416	402	-3.4
California	1,738	1,730	1,860	1,870	3,233	3,235	0.1
Colorado	170	182	1,985	2,005	337	365	8.3
Florida	124	116	1,700	1,705	211	198	-6.2
Idaho	607	615	1,875	1,890	1,138	1,162	2.1
Illinois	93	85	1,670	1,690	155	144	-7.1
Indiana	186	181	1,760	1,770	327	320	-2.1
Iowa	220	220	1,860	1,870	409	411	0.5
Kansas	156	162	1,820	1,790	284	290	2.1
Michigan	427	424	2,015	2,050	860	869	1.0
Minnesota.....	455	450	1,670	1,715	760	772	1.6
New Mexico	334	322	1,975	1,970	660	634	-3.9
New York	625	627	1,805	1,850	1,128	1,160	2.8
Ohio	262	253	1,665	1,655	436	419	-3.9
Oregon	123	126	1,555	1,625	191	205	7.3
Pennsylvania	525	500	1,630	1,610	856	805	-6.0
South Dakota.....	119	124	1,700	1,730	202	215	6.4
Texas	530	550	1,845	1,915	978	1,053	7.7
Utah	99	100	1,755	1,760	174	176	1.1
Vermont	128	126	1,625	1,665	208	210	1.0
Virginia	87	78	1,570	1,545	137	121	-11.7
Washington	275	278	1,850	1,830	509	509	0.0
Wisconsin	1,275	1,270	1,825	1,860	2,327	2,362	1.5
23-State Total.....	8,770	8,723	1,817	1,838	15,936	16,037	0.6

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 February totaled 16.0 billion pounds, up 0.6 percent from February 2018. January revised production, at 17.5 billion pounds, was up 1.3 percent from January 2018. The January revision represented a decrease of 7 million pounds or less than 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,838 pounds for February, 21 pounds above February 2018. This is the highest production per cow for the month of February 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, 47,000 head less than February 2018, but unchanged from January 2019.

Milk production in the United States during February totaled 17.0 billion pounds, up 0.2 percent from February 2018.

Production per cow in the United States averaged 1,818 pounds for February, 19 pounds above February 2018.

The number of milk cows on farms in the United States was 9.36 million head, 77,000 head less than February 2018, but unchanged from January 2019.

Monthly Milk Production – 23 Selected States

Million pounds

