



Minnesota Ag News – Milk Production

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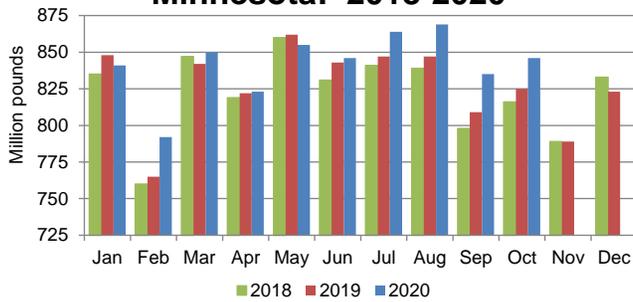
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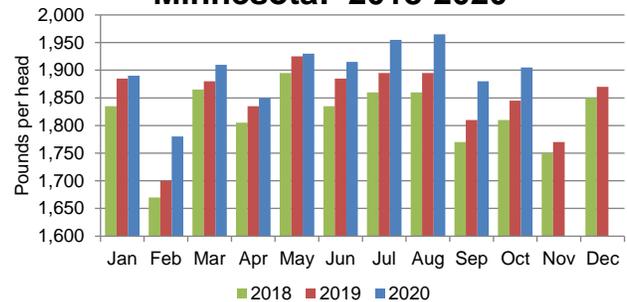
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Milk production in Minnesota during October 2020 totaled 846 million pounds, up 3% from the previous October according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Milk Production* report. The average number of milk cows during October, at 444,000 head, was the same as the previous month but down 3,000 from last year. Monthly production per cow averaged 1,905 pounds, up 60 pounds from last October.

**Milk Production
Minnesota: 2018-2020**



**Milk Production per Cow
Minnesota: 2018-2020**



Milk Cows and Production – Selected States: October 2019 and 2020

State	Milk Cows ¹		Milk Per Cow ²		Milk Production ²		Change from 2019
	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Arizona	197	196	1,985	1,965	391	385	-1.5
California	1,725	1,720	1,940	1,970	3,347	3,388	1.2
Colorado	190	200	2,160	2,185	410	437	6.6
Florida	118	113	1,515	1,560	179	176	-1.7
Georgia	81	80	1,715	1,725	139	138	-0.7
Idaho	632	646	2,095	2,105	1,324	1,360	2.7
Illinois	81	84	1,690	1,760	137	148	8.0
Indiana	176	191	1,920	1,960	338	374	10.7
Iowa	217	219	2,040	2,085	443	457	3.2
Kansas	164	171	1,975	1,965	324	336	3.7
Michigan	428	431	2,230	2,280	954	983	3.0
Minnesota	447	444	1,845	1,905	825	846	2.5
New Mexico	330	332	2,040	2,065	673	686	1.9
New York	626	626	2,015	2,035	1,261	1,274	1.0
Ohio	252	256	1,790	1,850	451	474	5.1
Oregon	126	124	1,745	1,735	220	215	-2.3
Pennsylvania	485	482	1,705	1,760	827	848	2.5
South Dakota	127	140	1,900	1,945	241	272	12.9
Texas	575	603	2,035	2,100	1,170	1,266	8.2
Utah	97	94	1,945	1,940	189	182	-3.7
Vermont	125	120	1,790	1,765	224	212	-5.4
Virginia	74	74	1,620	1,660	120	123	2.5
Washington	281	279	2,025	2,030	569	566	-0.5
Wisconsin	1,265	1,256	2,010	2,060	2,543	2,587	1.7
24-State Total	8,819	8,881	1,962	1,997	17,299	17,733	2.5

¹ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.
² Excludes milk sucked by calves.

United States Milk Production

Milk production in the 24 major States during October totaled 17.7 billion pounds, up 2.5% from October 2019. September revised production, at 17.2 billion pounds, was up 2.4% from September 2019. The September revision represented a decrease of 5 million pounds or less than 0.1% from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 24 major States averaged 1,997 pounds for October, 35 pounds above October 2019.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 24 major States was 8.88 million head, 62,000 head more than October 2019, and 17,000 head more than September 2020.

Milk production in the United States during October totaled 18.6 billion pounds, up 2.3% from October 2019.

Production per cow in the United States averaged 1,977 pounds for October, 37 pounds above October 2019.

The number of milk cows on farms in the United States was 9.39 million head, 43,000 head more than October 2019, and 14,000 head more than September 2020.

Monthly Milk Production - 24 Selected States

Million pounds

