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September Milk Production in California down 1.8 percent from last September

Milk production during September totaled 3.21 billion pounds, down 1.8 percent from September 2022 and down 2.8 percent August 2023. The number of milk cows on farms in California was 1.71 million head, down 9 thousand from September 2022 and unchanged from August 2023. Production per cow in California averaged 1,875 pounds, down 25 pounds from September 2022 and down 55 pounds from August 2023.

Milk Cows and Production by Month – 24 Selected States: September 2022 and 2023

[May not add due to rounding]

State	Milk cows ¹		Milk per cow ²		Milk production ²		
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	Change from 2022
	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>pounds</i>	<i>pounds</i>	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>(percent)</i>
Arizona	195	201	1,790	1,800	349	362	3.7
California	1,723	1,714	1,900	1,875	3,274	3,214	-1.8
Colorado	206	198	2,130	2,130	439	422	-3.9
Florida	93	100	1,430	1,485	133	149	12.0
Georgia	92	94	1,695	1,745	156	164	5.1
Idaho	660	665	2,105	2,075	1,389	1,380	-0.6
Illinois	80	79	1,650	1,660	132	131	-0.8
Indiana	186	191	1,900	1,910	353	365	3.4
Iowa	238	240	2,000	2,000	476	480	0.8
Kansas	175	169	1,955	1,945	342	329	-3.8
Michigan	428	439	2,235	2,240	957	983	2.7
Minnesota	453	450	1,895	1,895	858	853	-0.6
New Mexico	284	265	1,970	1,960	559	519	-7.2
New York	625	630	2,055	2,080	1,284	1,310	2.0
Ohio	250	255	1,770	1,795	443	458	3.4
Oregon	125	120	1,710	1,710	214	205	-4.2
Pennsylvania	468	466	1,680	1,685	786	785	-0.1
South Dakota	185	197	1,920	1,910	355	376	5.9
Texas	655	635	2,050	2,095	1,343	1,330	-1.0
Utah	92	92	1,905	1,905	175	175	-
Vermont	117	116	1,770	1,750	207	203	-1.9
Virginia	69	68	1,615	1,660	111	113	1.8
Washington	257	257	2,010	1,990	517	511	-1.2
Wisconsin	1,271	1,270	2,060	2,085	2,618	2,648	1.1
24-State Total	8,927	8,911	1,957	1,960	17,470	17,465	(Z)

- Represents zero.

(Z) Less than half of the unit shown.

¹ Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh.

² Excludes milk sucked by calves.

Milk Cows and Production – Selected States and United States: Preliminary July - September 2022 and 2023

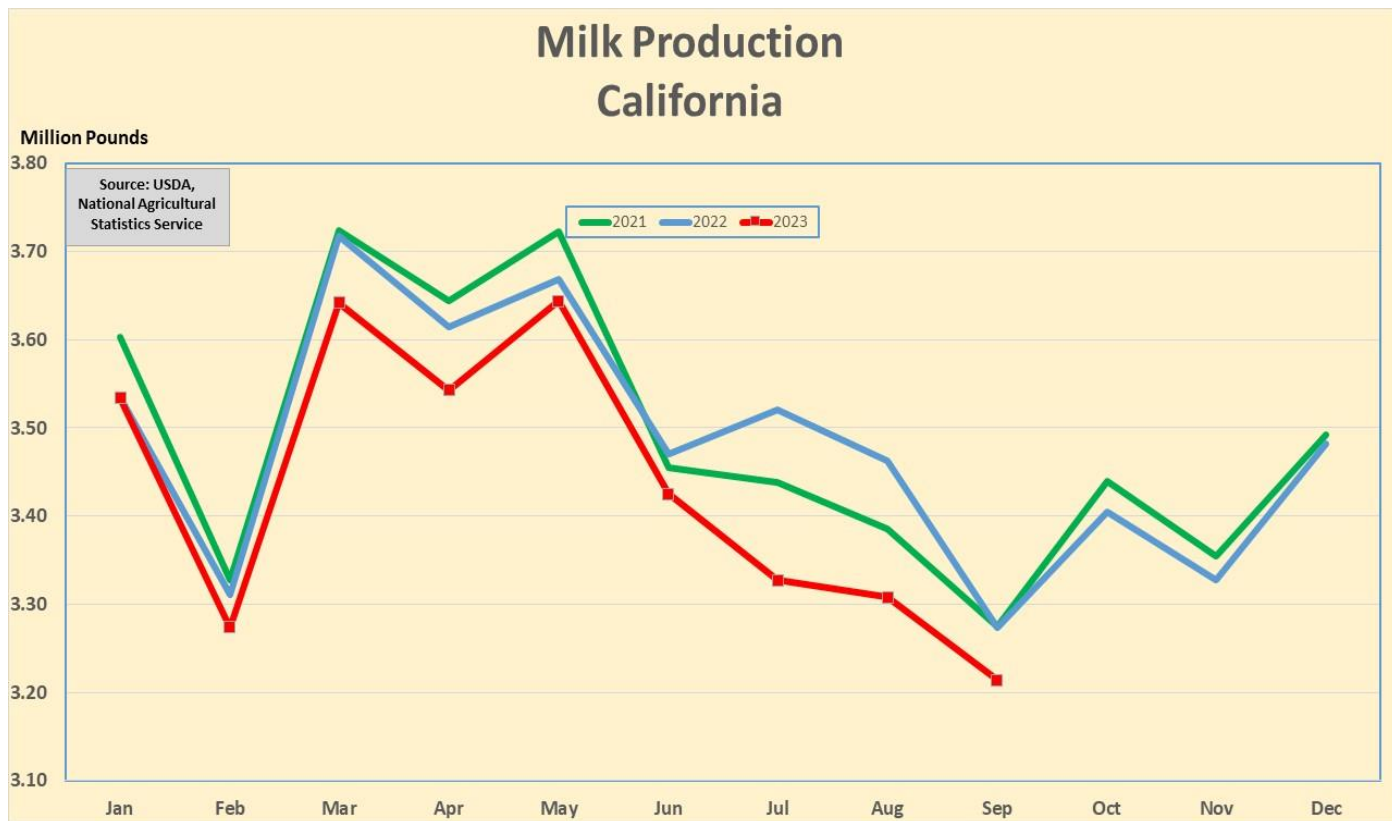
State	July - September milk cows ¹		July - September milk production ²		
	2022	2023	2022	2023	Change from 2022
	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>percent</i>
California	1,723.0	1,714.0	10,258.0	9,849.0	-4.0
Hawaii	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(NA)
Nevada	32.0	36.0	201.0	200.0	-0.5
United States	9,408.0	9,375.0	56,438.0	56,066.0	-0.7

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

(NA) Not available.

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