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New England 2018 Annual Milk Production Down 2.1 Percent from 2017

Milk production in the New England States declined 2.1 percent in 2018, according to King Whetstone, Regional Director of the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Northeastern Regional Field Office.

Production decreased in Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont; while production increased in Connecticut.

State Highlights

Connecticut milk production during 2018 was 427 million pounds, 1.7 percent above 2017. Production per cow averaged 22,474 pounds for 2018, 369 pounds above 2017. The average number of milk cows on farms during 2018 was 19 thousand head, unchanged from 2017.

Maine milk production during 2018 was 618 million pounds, 1.9 percent below 2017. Production per cow averaged 20,600 pounds for 2018, 400 pounds below 2017. The average number of milk cows on farms during 2018 was 30 thousand head, unchanged from 2017.

Massachusetts milk production during 2018 was 202 million pounds, 4.3 percent below 2017. Production per cow averaged 18,364 pounds for 2018, 781 pounds above 2017. The average number of milk cows on farms during 2018 was 11 thousand head, 1 thousand head below 2017.

New Hampshire milk production during 2018 was 249 million pounds, 8.8 percent below 2017. Production per cow averaged 20,750 pounds for 2018, 250 pounds below 2017. The average number of milk cows on farms during 2018 was 12 thousand head, 1 thousand head below 2017.

Rhode Island milk production during 2018 was 11.7 million pounds, 10.0 percent below 2017. Production per cow averaged 16,714 pounds for 2018, 464 pounds above 2017. The average number of milk cows on farms during 2018 was 700 head, down 100 head from 2017.

Vermont milk production during 2018 was 2.68 billion pounds, 1.8 percent below 2017. Production per cow averaged 21,102 pounds for 2018, 53 pounds below 2017. The average number of milk cows on farms during 2018 was 127 thousand head, 2 thousand head below 2017.

For the complete "Milk Production" report, go to:
<https://usda.library.cornell.edu/concern/publications/h989r321c>

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