



# Wisconsin Ag News – Milk Production

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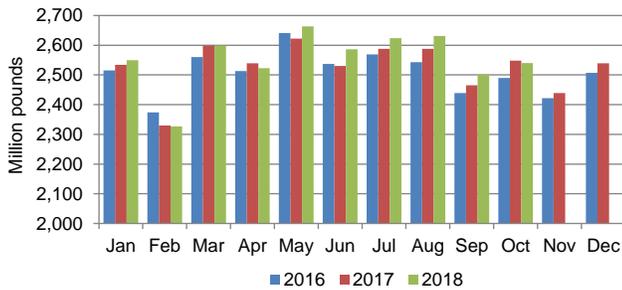
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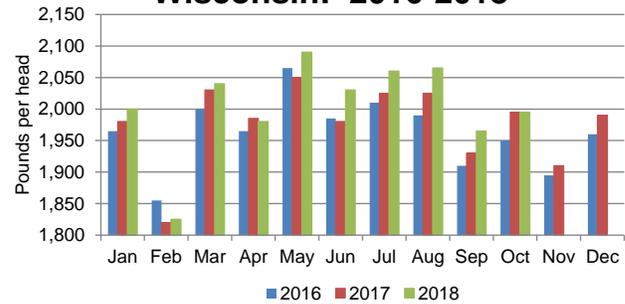
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**Milk production** in Wisconsin during October 2018 totaled 2.54 billion pounds, down less than 1 percent from the previous October, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Milk Production* report. The average number of milk cows during October, at 1.27 million head, was the same as last month and down 4,000 from last year. Monthly production per cow averaged 1,995 pounds, the same as last October.

**Milk Production  
Wisconsin: 2016-2018**



**Milk Production per Cow  
Wisconsin: 2016-2018**



## Milk Cows and Production – Selected States: October 2017 and 2018

State	Milk Cows <sup>1</sup>		Milk Per Cow <sup>2</sup>		Milk Production <sup>2</sup>		Change from 2017 (percent)
	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	
Arizona .....	205	204	1,910	1,905	392	389	-0.8
California .....	1,743	1,733	1,870	1,940	3,259	3,362	3.2
Colorado .....	163	179	2,175	2,185	355	391	10.1
Florida .....	124	118	1,460	1,450	181	171	-5.5
Idaho .....	600	607	2,045	2,065	1,227	1,253	2.1
Illinois .....	93	90	1,680	1,660	156	149	-4.5
Indiana .....	187	182	1,910	1,870	357	340	-4.8
Iowa .....	219	220	1,995	1,965	437	432	-1.1
Kansas .....	152	161	1,935	1,940	294	312	6.1
Michigan .....	428	422	2,185	2,195	935	926	-1.0
Minnesota.....	457	451	1,790	1,805	818	814	-0.5
New Mexico .....	329	327	2,000	2,015	658	659	0.2
New York .....	624	621	1,980	2,010	1,236	1,248	1.0
Ohio .....	264	254	1,745	1,740	461	442	-4.1
Oregon .....	123	122	1,700	1,715	209	209	0.0
Pennsylvania .....	525	516	1,700	1,665	893	859	-3.8
South Dakota.....	117	121	1,870	1,885	219	228	4.1
Texas .....	515	539	1,890	1,940	973	1,046	7.5
Utah .....	97	100	1,930	1,935	187	194	3.7
Vermont .....	128	126	1,765	1,760	226	222	-1.8
Virginia .....	87	80	1,630	1,590	142	127	-10.6
Washington .....	274	277	1,995	2,025	547	561	2.6
<b>Wisconsin .....</b>	<b>1,277</b>	<b>1,273</b>	<b>1,995</b>	<b>1,995</b>	<b>2,548</b>	<b>2,540</b>	<b>-0.3</b>
23-State Total.....	8,731	8,723	1,914	1,934	16,710	16,874	1.0

<sup>1</sup> Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

<sup>2</sup> Excludes milk sucked by calves.

# United States Milk Production

Milk production in the 23 major States during October totaled 16.9 billion pounds, up 1.0 percent from October 2017. September revised production, at 16.4 billion pounds, was up 1.5 percent from September 2017. The September revision represented a decrease 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 1,934 pounds for October, 20 pounds above October 2017. This is the highest production per cow for the month of October 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, 8,000 head less than October 2017, and 1,000 head less than September 2018.

Milk production in the United States during October totaled 17.9 billion pounds, up 0.8 percent from October 2017.

Production per cow in the United States averaged 1,912 pounds for October, 21 pounds above October 2017.

The number of milk cows on farms in the United States was 9.37 million head, 30,000 head less than October 2017, and 2,000 head less than September 2018.

**Monthly Milk Production – 23 Selected States**

