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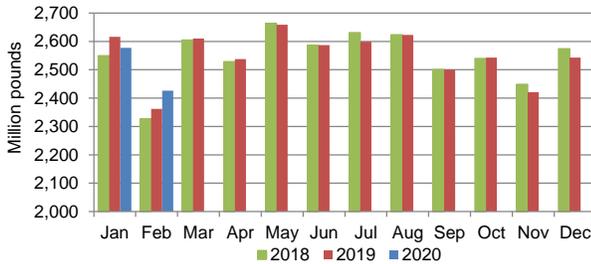fax (855) 271-9802 · www.nass.usda.gov
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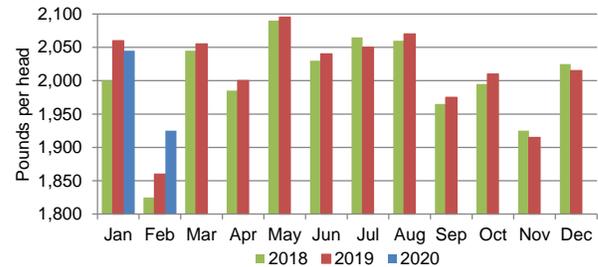
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Milk production in Wisconsin during February 2020 totaled 2.43 billion pounds, up 3 percent from the previous February, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Milk Production* report. However, adjusting production for the extra day due to the leap year causes February milk production to be down 1 percent on a per day basis. The average number of milk cows during February, at 1.26 million head, was the same as last month but down 10,000 from last year. Monthly production per cow averaged 1,925 pounds, up 65 pounds from last February.

**Milk Production
Wisconsin: 2018-2020**

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

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

State	Milk Cows [1]		Milk Per Cow [2]		Milk Production [2]		
	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	Change from 2019
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Arizona	202	196	1,960	2,075	396	407	2.8
California	1,726	1,723	1,860	1,980	3,210	3,412	6.3
Colorado	182	193	1,990	2,090	362	403	11.3
Florida	116	116	1,700	1,785	197	207	5.1
Georgia	82	82	1,800	1,880	148	154	4.1
Idaho	618	645	1,875	1,965	1,159	1,267	9.3
Illinois	85	82	1,690	1,770	144	145	0.7
Indiana	181	176	1,770	1,870	320	329	2.8
Iowa	220	215	1,890	1,965	416	422	1.4
Kansas	163	169	1,795	1,895	293	320	9.2
Michigan	424	427	2,055	2,135	871	912	4.7
Minnesota	450	445	1,700	1,785	765	794	3.8
New Mexico	322	333	1,970	2,025	634	674	6.3
New York	627	626	1,840	1,945	1,154	1,218	5.5
Ohio	253	253	1,660	1,760	420	445	6.0
Oregon	124	127	1,595	1,645	198	209	5.6
Pennsylvania	500	483	1,605	1,725	803	833	3.7
South Dakota	124	128	1,725	1,815	214	232	8.4
Texas	553	585	1,910	2,000	1,056	1,170	10.8
Utah	99	96	1,755	1,810	174	174	0.0
Vermont	126	124	1,665	1,725	210	214	1.9
Virginia	78	76	1,545	1,670	121	127	5.0
Washington	278	282	1,815	1,930	505	544	7.7
Wisconsin	**1,270**	**1,260**	**1,860**	**1,925**	**2,362**	**2,426**	**2.7**
24-State Total	8,803	8,842	1,833	1,927	16,132	17,038	5.6

[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 February totaled 17.0 billion pounds, up 5.6 percent from February 2019. However, adjusting production for the additional day due to leap year causes February milk production to be up 2.0 percent on a per day basis. January revised production, at 18.0 billion pounds, was up 1.5 percent from January 2019. The January revision represented an increase of 38 million pounds or 0.2 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 24 major States averaged 1,927 pounds for February, 94 pounds above February 2019. When production is adjusted for the additional day due to leap year, February production per cow is 27 pounds above February 2019 on a per day basis.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 24 major States was 8.84 million head, 39,000 head more than February 2019, and 8,000 head more than January 2020.

Milk production in the United States during February totaled 17.9 billion pounds, up 5.3 percent from February 2019.

Production per cow in the United States averaged 1,907 pounds for February, 93 pounds above February 2019.

The number of milk cows on farms in the United States was 9.37 million head, 18,000 head more than February 2019, and 9,000 head more than January 2020.

Monthly Milk Production – 24 Selected States