

Milk Production

Milk production in Wisconsin during March 2015 totaled 2.44 billion pounds, up 4 percent over the previous March. This is the highest March milk production on record for the state. The average number of milk cows during March, at 1.28 million head, was the same as last month and 5,000 more than a year ago. Monthly production per cow averaged 1,910 pounds, up 60 pounds from a year ago.

Milk production in the 23 major States during March totaled 16.9 billion pounds, up 1.1 percent from March 2014. February revised production at 15.1 billion pounds, was up 1.7 percent from February 2014. The February revision represented a decrease of 10 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. **Production per cow** in the 23 major States averaged 1,959 pounds for March, 2 pounds above March 2014. This is the highest production per cow for the month of March since the 23 State series began in 2003. The number of **milk cows on farms** in the 23 major States was 8.62 million head, 86,000 head more than March 2014, but 4,000 head fewer than February 2015.

Milk production in the United States during the January - March quarter totaled 51.9 billion pounds, up 1.7 percent from the January - March quarter last year. The **average number of milk cows** in the United States during the quarter was 9.30 million head, 17,000 head more than the October - December 2014 quarter, and 88,000 head more than the same period last year.

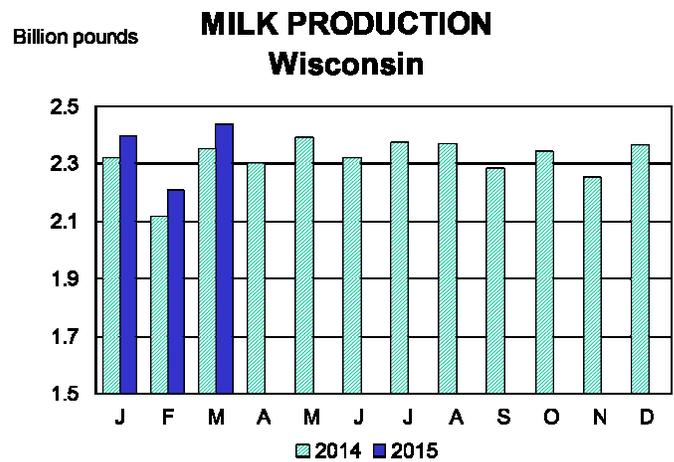
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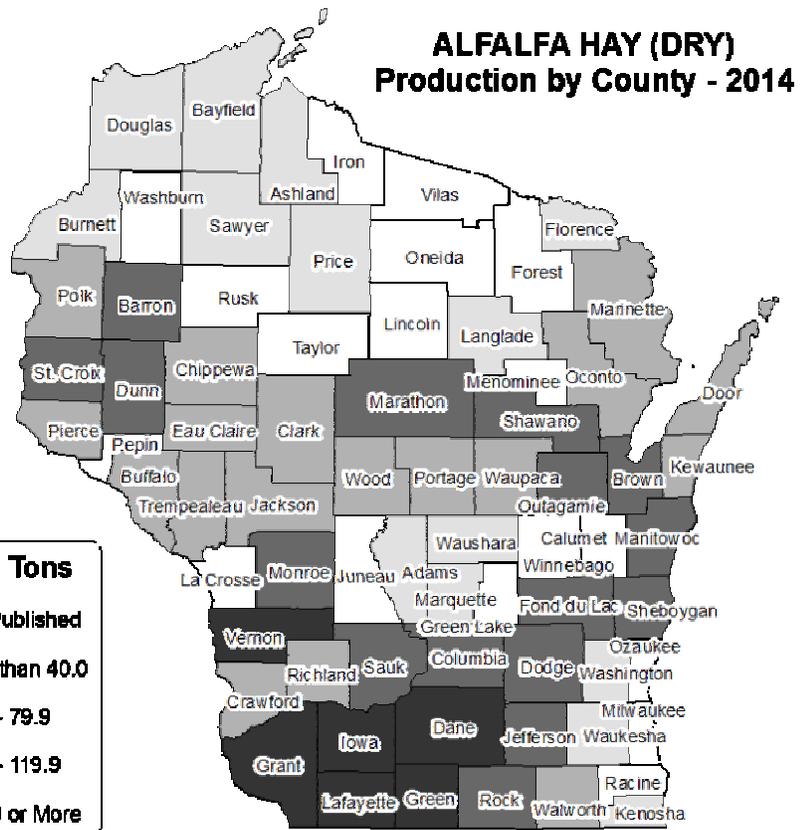
Milk Cows and Production: Selected States, March 2014 and 2015

State	Milk Cows ¹		Milk Per Cow ²		Milk Production ²		Change from 2014
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	
	1,000 head		Pounds		Million pounds		Percent
Arizona	192	195	2,230	2,225	428	434	+1.4
California	1,781	1,779	2,140	2,080	3,811	3,700	-2.9
Colorado	141	145	2,100	2,165	296	314	+6.1
Florida	123	125	1,925	1,965	237	246	+3.8
Idaho	570	580	2,030	2,020	1,157	1,172	+1.3
Illinois	94	95	1,755	1,770	165	168	+1.8
Indiana	176	181	1,875	1,895	330	343	+3.9
Iowa	205	209	1,920	1,950	394	408	+3.6
Kansas	138	144	1,895	1,945	262	280	+6.9
Michigan	381	403	2,090	2,115	796	852	+7.0
Minnesota	459	460	1,700	1,770	780	814	+4.4
New Mexico	323	323	2,210	2,125	714	686	-3.9
New York	615	617	1,885	1,900	1,159	1,172	+1.1
Ohio	266	268	1,730	1,745	460	468	+1.7
Oregon	125	125	1,800	1,775	225	222	-1.3
Pennsylvania	531	530	1,750	1,775	929	941	+1.3
South Dakota	96	102	1,845	1,900	177	194	+9.6
Texas	455	463	1,965	1,920	894	889	-0.6
Utah	95	96	1,905	1,950	181	187	+3.3
Vermont	131	132	1,730	1,720	227	227	n.c.
Virginia	93	92	1,680	1,710	156	157	+0.6
Washington	270	277	2,080	2,050	562	568	+1.1
Wisconsin	1,270	1,275	1,850	1,910	2,350	2,435	+3.6
23-State Total	8,530	8,616	1,957	1,959	16,690	16,877	+1.1

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

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County and District	Harvested	Yield per acre	Production	County and District	Harvested	Yield per acre	Production
	Acres	Tons			Acres	Tons	
Barron	28,700	2.85	82,000	Crawford	23,000	3.35	76,800
Bayfield	9,620	2.00	19,100	Grant	53,900	3.60	195,300
Burnett	9,170	2.30	21,300	Iowa	35,600	3.90	139,600
Chippewa	25,000	3.05	76,800	Lafayette	29,700	4.15	122,900
Douglas	6,910	2.05	14,000	Richland	20,900	3.70	77,200
Polk	26,500	2.65	70,500	Sauk	31,700	3.25	103,100
Sawyer	4,230	3.05	12,800	Vernon	52,200	3.15	163,200
Other Counties	16,170	2.85	46,100	Southwest	247,000	3.55	878,100
Northwest	126,300	2.70	342,600	Columbia	23,100	3.65	84,800
Ashland	3,280	1.95	6,400	Dane	34,900	3.95	137,500
Clark	28,100	2.45	68,400	Dodge	30,400	3.25	99,400
Marathon	31,800	3.15	100,000	Green	46,300	4.05	186,900
Price	4,230	3.00	12,700	Jefferson	19,200	4.20	81,100
Other Counties	21,690	2.80	60,400	Rock	20,200	4.00	80,900
North Central	89,100	2.80	247,900	South Central	174,100	3.85	670,600
Florence	2,800	1.95	5,500	Kenosha	4,740	3.40	16,000
Langlade	7,610	3.15	23,900	Walworth	9,710	4.30	41,800
Marinette	16,000	2.50	40,100	Washington	8,740	3.25	28,600
Oconto	18,500	2.90	53,700	Waukesha	7,280	3.20	23,300
Shawano	24,900	3.30	81,600	Other Counties	14,030	3.40	47,600
Other Counties	3,190	2.15	6,900	Southeast	44,500	3.55	157,300
Northeast	73,000	2.90	211,700	State Total	1,250,000	3.30	4,125,000
Buffalo	24,800	2.85	70,300	1/Some county data does not meet publication standards. However, this unpublished data is included in "other counties."			
Dunn	30,600	3.45	105,300				
Eau Claire	17,700	3.15	55,700				
Jackson	19,000	3.40	64,900				
Monroe	27,000	3.25	87,400				
Pierce	21,700	3.40	74,300				
St. Croix	24,900	3.35	83,100				
Trempealeau	21,600	3.00	64,700				
Other Counties	19,700	3.25	63,800				
West Central	207,000	3.25	669,500				
Adams	6,730	3.05	20,500				
Marquette	11,500	2.95	34,100				
Portage	25,000	2.85	70,700				
Waupaca	23,700	2.50	59,200				
Waushara	9,980	2.75	27,600				
Wood	20,700	3.30	68,100				
Other Counties	18,390	3.00	55,600				
Central	116,000	2.90	335,800				
Brown	26,300	3.45	90,200				
Door	15,600	2.85	44,500				
Fond Du Lac	23,100	3.60	82,900				
Kewaunee	15,700	3.10	48,800				
Manitowoc	23,600	3.90	91,900				
Outagamie	20,900	3.90	81,500				
Sheboygan	22,700	3.80	86,600				
Other Counties	25,100	3.40	85,100				
East Central	173,000	3.55	611,500				



OTHER HAY (DRY): Acreage, Yield, and Production, By County, Wisconsin, 2014 1/

County and District	Harvested	Yield	Production
	Acres	per acre	Tons
Bayfield	15,700	1.95	30,700
Douglas	14,600	1.35	19,800
Rusk	17,900	2.15	38,100
Sawyer	7,080	1.55	11,000
Washburn	7,740	1.60	12,400
Other Counties	34,080	1.70	57,900
Northwest	97,100	1.75	169,900
Ashland	10,300	1.65	17,100
Iron	1,780	1.50	2,700
Oneida	3,740	1.35	4,980
Price	17,200	1.70	29,100
Taylor	18,600	2.15	40,200
Vilas	1,260	1.15	1,420
Other Counties	40,020	1.95	79,000
North Central	92,900	1.90	174,500
Florence	2,740	1.55	4,310
Forest	3,650	1.65	6,000
Langlade	3,280	1.90	6,300
Other Counties	12,930	1.70	22,090
Northeast	22,600	1.70	38,700
La Crosse	3,870	1.70	6,500
Pepin	2,740	1.90	5,200
Other Counties	43,990	1.90	83,200
West Central	50,600	1.90	94,900
Adams	840	1.80	1,500
Waushara	2,490	1.25	3,110
Other Counties	28,870	1.95	56,090
Central	32,200	1.90	60,700
Other Counties	22,400	2.30	51,900
East Central	22,400	2.30	51,900
Vernon	6,440	2.15	14,000
Other Counties	32,360	2.00	64,600
Southwest	38,800	2.05	78,600
Other Counties	25,400	2.15	55,100
South Central	25,400	2.15	55,100
Walworth	1,390	2.15	2,960
Washington	1,050	2.85	3,010
Waukesha	1,880	2.10	3,960
Other Counties	3,680	1.85	6,770
Southeast	8,000	2.10	16,700
State Total	390,000	1.90	741,000

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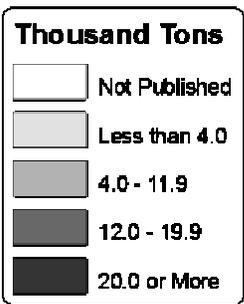
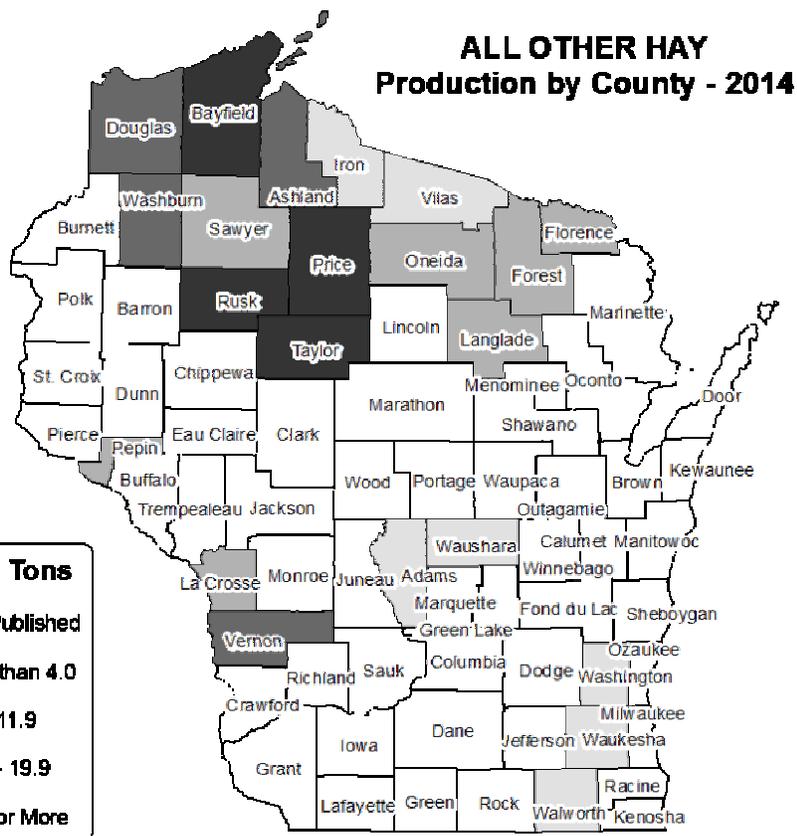
2014 Hay County Estimates

Grant County was the largest **dry alfalfa hay** producing county in Wisconsin during 2014 with 195,300 tons. Other top producing counties were Green, Vernon, Iowa, and Dane Counties, each above 130,000 tons.

Alfalfa yields were generally up across the state. Walworth County had the highest average yield, at 4.30 tons per acre. Three other counties recorded yields above 4.00, including Jefferson (4.20), Lafayette (4.15), and Green (4.05) Counties. Four counties had published yields under 2.10 tons per acre in 2014. Ashland and Florence Counties tied for the lowest yield, at 1.95 tons per acre followed by Bayfield (2.00), and Douglas (2.05) Counties.

Taylor County was the largest producer of **other dry hay** (excluding alfalfa) in Wisconsin during 2014 with 40,200 tons, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service. Rusk (38,100) and Bayfield (30,700) also topped 30,000 tons.

Statewide, other hay yields were up 0.10 ton from 2013 to 1.90 tons per acre in 2014. Washington County recorded the highest average yield at 2.85 tons per acre, followed by Taylor, Rusk, Vernon, and Walworth all at 2.15 tons per acre. Vilas County recorded the lowest yield in the state, at 1.15 ton per acre.



March Chickens & Eggs

Wisconsin Egg production during March 2015 was 129 million eggs, up 9 percent from last month, and up 15 percent from last year, according to the latest *Chickens and Eggs* release from USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

The total number of layers on hand during March was 5.36 million, down slightly from last month, but up 7 percent from last year. Eggs per 100 layers for the month of March were 2,409, up 10 percent from last month, and up 7 percent from 2,241 last year.

**Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced
Wisconsin and United States, March 2014 and 2015**

	Unit	Wisconsin		United States	
		2014	2015	2014	2015
Table egg layers in flocks 30,000 & above	1,000 layers	4,223	4,575	295,708	295,992
All layers on hand	1,000 layers	4,997	5,356	359,955	361,830
Eggs per 100 layers	eggs	2,241	2,409	2,342	2,358
Total egg production	million eggs	112	129	8,430	8,533
Table egg production	million eggs	(D)	(D)	7,354	7,417

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

