

Milk Production

Milk production in Wisconsin during May 2015 totaled 2.50 billion pounds, up 4 percent over the previous May. The average number of milk cows during May, at 1.28 million head, was unchanged from last month, but 9,000 more than a year ago. Monthly production per cow averaged 1,955 pounds, up 70 pounds from a year ago. This is the highest monthly milk per cow on record.

Milk production in the 23 major States during May totaled 17.2 billion pounds, up 1.4 percent from May 2014. April revised production at 16.6 billion pounds, was up 1.8 percent from April 2014. The April revision represented an increase of 3.0 million pounds or less than 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,990 pounds for May, 11 pounds above May 2014. This is the highest production per cow for the month of May since the 23 State series began in 2003. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.63 million head, 72,000 head more than May 2014, and 4,000 head more than April 2015.

Milk production in the United States during May totaled 18.4 billion pounds, up 1.4 percent from May 2014. Production per cow in the United States averaged 1,971 pounds for May, 15 pounds above May 2014. The number of milk cows on farms in the United States was 9.31 million head, 58,000 head more than May 2014, and 3,000 head more than April 2015.

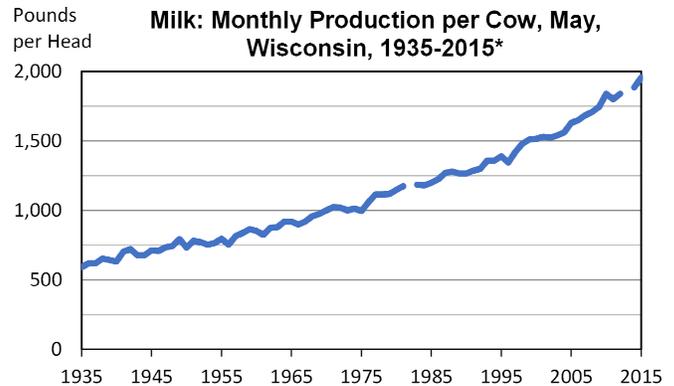
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*Data was not collected for May of 1982 or 2013.

Milk Cows and Production – Selected States: May 2014 and 2015

State	Milk Cows ¹		Milk Per Cow ²		Milk Production ²		
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	Change from 2014
	1,000 head		Pounds		Million pounds		Percent
Arizona	192	195	2,225	2,185	427	426	-0.2
California	1,779	1,779	2,110	2,050	3,754	3,647	-2.9
Colorado	144	145	2,165	2,200	312	319	2.2
Florida	123	125	1,885	1,905	232	238	2.6
Idaho	574	585	2,090	2,100	1,200	1,229	2.4
Illinois	94	95	1,765	1,830	166	174	4.8
Indiana	177	181	1,935	1,935	342	350	2.3
Iowa	207	212	1,965	2,005	407	425	4.4
Kansas	141	144	1,950	1,990	275	287	4.4
Michigan	384	406	2,145	2,185	824	887	7.6
Minnesota	460	460	1,715	1,780	789	819	3.8
New Mexico	323	323	2,240	2,190	724	707	-2.3
New York	615	618	1,935	1,975	1,190	1,221	2.6
Ohio	266	268	1,800	1,810	479	485	1.3
Oregon	125	124	1,825	1,800	228	223	-2.2
Pennsylvania	530	530	1,760	1,815	933	962	3.1
South Dakota	97	103	1,855	1,905	180	196	8.9
Texas	465	462	1,990	1,970	925	910	-1.6
Utah	95	96	1,990	2,040	189	196	3.7
Vermont	131	132	1,755	1,775	230	234	1.7
Virginia	93	92	1,700	1,735	158	160	1.3
Washington	274	277	2,110	2,100	578	582	0.7
Wisconsin	1,269	1,278	1,885	1,955	2,392	2,498	4.4
23-State Total	8,558	8,630	1,979	1,990	16,934	17,175	1.4

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

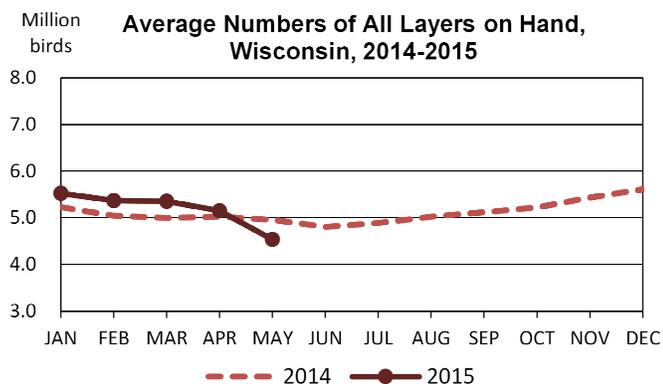
Chickens & Eggs

Wisconsin egg production during May 2015 was 108 million eggs, down 10 percent from last month, and down 9 percent from last year. The average number of all layers on hand during May 2015 was 4.54 million, down 12 percent from last month, down 8 percent from last year, and the lowest inventory since July 2010. Eggs per 100 layers for the month of May were 2,379, up 2 percent from last month, but down 1 percent from last year.

In May, avian influenza affected a number of Wisconsin flocks. Losses resulting from the disease are reflected in these estimates. The July 21st Chicken and Egg report will reflect average inventory for the month of June. Additional information about the current avian influenza situation in the United States is available at www.usda.gov/avian_influenza.html.

United States **egg production** totaled 8.00 billion during May 2015, down 5 percent from last year. Production included 6.86 billion table eggs, and 1.14 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.06 billion were broiler-type and 83 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during May 2015 averaged 342 million, down 5 percent from last year. May egg production per 100 layers was 2,339 eggs, unchanged from May 2014.

All layers in the United States on June 1, 2015, totaled 329 million, down 8 percent from last year. The 329 million layers consisted of 271 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 55.6 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 3.19 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on June 1, 2015, averaged 75.0 eggs per 100 layers, unchanged from June 1, 2014.



Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced – States and United States: During May 2014 and 2015

State	Table egg layers in flocks 30,000 & above		All layers on hand		Eggs per 100 layers		Total egg production		Table egg production	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
	1,000 layers		1,000 layers		Eggs		Million eggs		Million eggs	
Alabama	1,509	1,377	9,562	9,741	1,945	1,940	186	189	39	35
Arkansas	3,652	3,569	12,152	12,878	2,057	2,089	250	269	88	91
California	15,791	12,772	16,215	13,273	2,381	2,434	386	323	(D)	(D)
Colorado	4,357	4,182	4,730	4,628	2,600	2,420	123	112	(D)	(D)
Connecticut ¹	2,272	(NA)	2,366	(NA)	2,451	(NA)	58	(NA)	(D)	(NA)
Florida	8,066	8,499	8,460	8,853	2,329	2,282	197	202	192	197
Georgia	9,526	9,483	18,407	18,529	2,184	2,191	402	406	232	230
Illinois	4,206	4,239	4,690	4,718	2,495	2,395	117	113	112	108
Indiana	26,449	25,558	27,423	26,452	2,407	2,382	660	630	641	613
Iowa	58,188	43,007	59,422	44,172	2,395	2,325	1,423	1,027	1,405	1,010
Maine ¹	3,434	(NA)	3,489	(NA)	2,436	(NA)	85	(NA)	(D)	(NA)
Maryland	2,635	2,402	2,804	2,570	2,389	2,490	67	64	66	63
Michigan	12,760	12,537	12,991	12,780	2,486	2,535	323	324	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	10,329	9,531	10,784	9,986	2,328	2,403	251	240	245	234
Mississippi	1,530	1,528	5,662	5,841	2,031	2,072	115	121	37	37
Missouri	6,202	6,357	8,472	8,579	2,408	2,378	204	204	(D)	(D)
Nebraska	9,338	8,089	9,446	8,197	2,594	2,562	245	210	245	210
New York	4,694	4,499	5,052	4,859	2,474	2,531	125	123	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	5,718	6,344	13,232	14,141	2,139	2,150	283	304	144	158
Ohio	30,197	30,820	31,053	31,680	2,328	2,399	723	760	(D)	(D)
Oregon	2,181	2,069	2,320	2,208	2,716	2,672	63	59	63	59
Pennsylvania	23,102	23,399	24,958	25,342	2,516	2,569	628	651	602	622
South Carolina	3,080	3,119	4,361	4,441	2,224	2,184	97	97	75	74
South Dakota	2,532	2,050	2,674	2,192	2,244	2,600	60	57	60	57
Texas	14,800	14,927	18,920	18,958	2,262	2,252	428	427	(D)	(D)
Utah	3,956	4,232	3,994	4,270	2,379	2,342	95	100	95	100
Virginia	1,197	1,179	3,006	2,976	2,196	2,117	66	63	32	31
Washington	6,836	6,805	7,002	6,970	2,314	2,468	162	172	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	4,183	3,760	4,957	4,539	2,401	2,379	119	108	(D)	(D)
Other States ²	12,884	18,880	21,779	28,101	2,236	2,285	487	642	353	502
United States ³	295,604	275,213	360,383	341,874	2,339	2,339	8,428	7,997	7,336	6,856

(NA) Not available. (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. 1 Included in Other States in 2015. 2 Includes data for states not published in this table. 3 Data may not add to totals due to rounding. Data by type of flock not shown for some states to avoid disclosing individual operations, data included in United States totals.]

Maple Syrup

Wisconsin's 2015 **maple syrup** production was 215,000 gallons, up 15,000 gallons from 2014. This marks the state's second highest production on record, yet remained well behind the record 265,000 gallons produced in 2013. The number of taps increased by 60,000 in 2015 to an all-time high of 760,000 taps.

Yield was 0.283 gallons per tap, slightly less than the 0.286 gallons per tap in 2014. In 2014, the average price Wisconsin maple syrup producers received was \$33.40 per gallon, down \$4.00 from 2013.

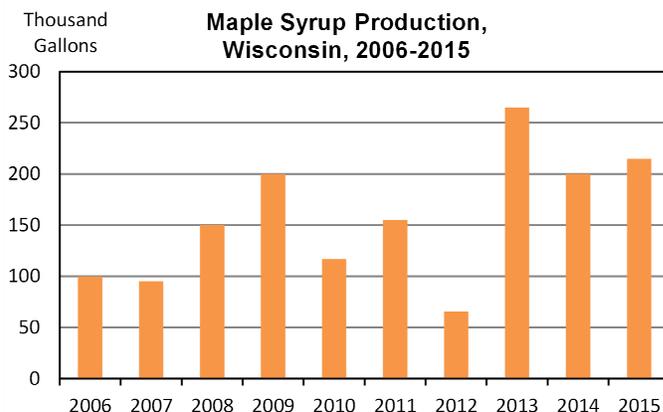
The 2015 Wisconsin maple syrup season began on February 28, eight days earlier than last year. The season ended on April 15, compared with May 4 last year. This year's season averaged 23 days, the same as in 2014.

The 2015 United States maple syrup production totaled 3.41 million gallons, up 6.3 percent from the previous year. The number of taps is estimated at 11.9 million, up 4 percent from the 2014 total. Yield per tap is estimated to be 0.287 gallon, up 2.1 percent from the previous season's yield.

All States, with the exception of Ohio, showed an increase in production from the previous year. Cold temperatures con-

tributed to a shorter season of sap flow compared to last year. The earliest sap flow reported was January 1 in Vermont. The latest sap flow reported to open the season was March 18 in New Hampshire. On average, the season lasted 26 days, compared with 29 days in 2014.

The 2014 United States average price per gallon was \$36.40, down \$1.00 from 2013. Value of production, at \$117 million for 2014, was down 11.2 percent from the previous season.

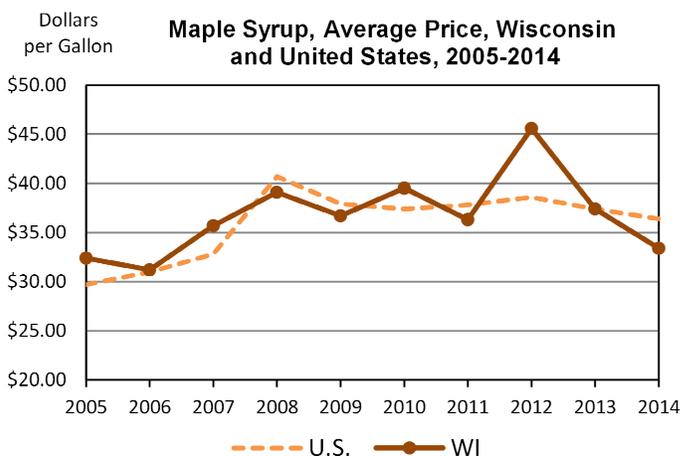


Maple Syrup: Taps, Yield, and Production, States and United States: 2013-2015

State	Number of taps			Yield per tap			Production		
	2013	2014	2015	2013	2014	2015	2013	2014	2015
	1,000 taps			Gallons			1,000 gallons		
Connecticut	78	83	85	0.256	0.193	0.224	20	16	19
Maine	1,880	1,850	1,850	0.298	0.295	0.299	560	545	553
Massachusetts	280	290	310	0.225	0.210	0.242	63	61	75
Michigan	490	430	470	0.302	0.244	0.270	148	105	127
New Hampshire	470	490	560	0.264	0.229	0.275	124	112	154
New York	2,200	2,200	2,310	0.261	0.248	0.260	574	546	601
Ohio	440	450	440	0.352	0.289	0.261	155	130	115
Pennsylvania	583	588	620	0.230	0.248	0.266	134	146	165
Vermont	4,200	4,350	4,490	0.352	0.310	0.310	1,480	1,350	1,390
Wisconsin	740	700	760	0.358	0.286	0.283	265	200	215
United States	11,361	11,431	11,895	0.310	0.281	0.287	3,523	3,211	3,414

Maple Syrup: Price and Value, States and United States: 2013-2014¹

State	Average price per gallon		Value of production	
	2013	2014	2013	2014
	Dollars		1,000 dollars	
Connecticut	71.00	70.90	1,420	1,134
Maine	32.00	31.50	17,920	17,168
Massachusetts	59.10	56.30	3,723	3,434
Michigan	48.80	49.50	7,222	5,198
New Hampshire	53.40	57.80	6,622	6,474
New York	43.60	39.70	25,026	21,676
Ohio	36.90	42.80	5,720	5,564
Pennsylvania	35.60	35.10	4,770	5,125
Vermont	33.40	33.00	49,432	44,550
Wisconsin	37.40	33.40	9,911	6,680
United States	37.40	36.40	131,766	117,003



1/ Price and value for 2015 will be published in *Crop Production* released June 2016.

Maple Syrup: Price by Type of Sale and Size of Container, States: 2013 and 2014

Type and State	Gallon		1/2 Gallon		Quart		Pint		1/2 Pint	
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014
	Dollars		Dollars		Dollars		Dollars		Dollars	
Retail										
Connecticut	68.00	63.50	36.10	35.00	20.10	19.70	12.80	11.90	7.00	6.95
Maine	55.10	56.60	30.30	30.90	16.40	16.90	10.00	10.00	5.90	6.40
Massachusetts	54.30	53.40	31.20	30.80	18.90	19.00	11.50	11.40	7.55	7.55
Michigan	45.00	50.00	25.70	28.00	15.20	15.30	9.00	9.50	6.60	6.90
New Hampshire	52.40	53.10	29.90	31.10	18.50	18.40	10.30	11.20	6.40	6.55
New York	45.30	45.30	26.70	25.70	16.30	16.50	9.80	10.50	6.50	7.45
Ohio	41.70	40.90	25.60	25.00	14.70	15.70	8.90	9.70	5.90	7.00
Pennsylvania	41.20	40.30	23.30	23.70	13.50	14.20	8.25	8.70	4.80	5.00
Vermont	45.30	47.00	26.40	27.00	16.20	16.00	10.50	9.80	6.60	6.10
Wisconsin	42.80	44.40	24.30	25.00	13.20	12.90	8.10	8.40	4.60	6.00
Wholesale										
Connecticut	53.80	49.40	(D)	26.60	15.80	14.40	9.00	7.75	5.10	5.40
Maine	(D)	46.40	(D)	23.90	14.20	13.20	7.90	7.20	4.90	4.90
Massachusetts	40.10	43.60	23.00	23.20	13.40	13.60	7.65	7.35	4.75	4.50
Michigan	44.00	37.40	25.60	24.50	13.30	12.80	7.80	7.60	5.00	4.80
New Hampshire	46.10	42.40	20.50	28.20	13.90	15.70	8.00	8.40	5.00	5.45
New York	40.40	41.50	24.00	23.30	14.30	12.00	8.15	7.16	5.45	4.05
Ohio	34.00	43.00	21.20	20.30	13.10	12.50	7.50	7.60	4.60	5.40
Pennsylvania	39.10	31.50	22.40	23.10	12.70	15.10	7.00	8.35	4.70	6.85
Vermont	38.50	39.30	23.30	24.30	13.70	13.90	8.40	8.20	5.10	5.20
Wisconsin	34.50	35.70	25.50	24.10	13.40	12.50	6.80	7.00	4.40	4.20

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Winter Wheat

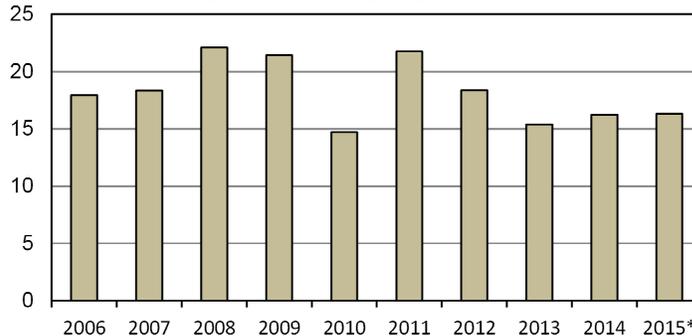
Winter wheat production in Wisconsin is forecast at 16.3 million bushels, slightly above last year. Based on conditions as of June 1, farmers anticipate winter wheat to yield 71 bushels per acre, an increase of 6 bushels per acre from last year. If realized, this will mark Wisconsin's third highest winter wheat yield on record. Wisconsin winter wheat growers intend to harvest 230,000 acres for grain, down 8 percent from 2014.

Wisconsin's winter wheat crop was 23 percent headed or beyond as of May 31, 4 days ahead of 2014

Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.51 billion bushels, up 2 percent from the May 1 forecast and up 9 percent from 2014. Based on June 1 conditions, the United States yield is forecast at 44.5 bushels per acre, up 1 bushel from last month and up 1.9 bushels from last year.

The forecast in this report is based on June 1 conditions and does not reflect weather effects since that time. The next crop production forecast, based on conditions as of July 1, will be released on July 10.

Winter Wheat Production, Wisconsin, 2006-2014 and Forecasted 2015



*Forecasted June 1, 2015.

Winter Wheat Area Harvested, Yield, and Production – Wisconsin and United States: 2014 and Forecasted June 1, 2015

State	Area harvested		Yield per acre		Production	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
	1,000 acres		bushels		1,000 bushels	
Wisconsin	250	230	65.0	71.0	16,250	16,330
United States	32,304	33,838	42.6	44.5	1,377,526	1,505,072



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