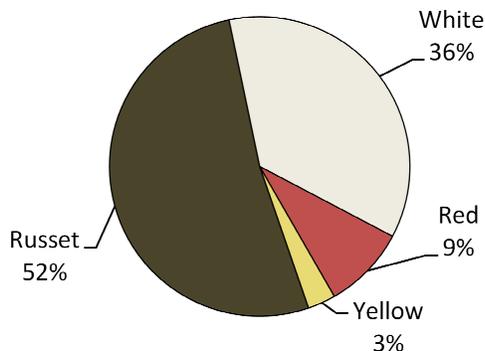


Potatoes

Wisconsin potato production in 2014 totaled 26.2 million hundredweight, up 0.2 million hundredweight from 2013. The state's potato growers planted 65,000 acres, up 2,500 acres from 2013. Harvested acres in 2014 were reported at 64,000, up 2,000 acres from the previous year. Average yield per acre was down from 420 hundredweight in 2013 to 410 hundredweight in 2014. Prices were unchanged from the previous year's \$10.40 per hundredweight. Total value of production of the Wisconsin potato crop was up from \$270.8 million in 2013 to \$272.9 million in 2014.

Fall Potato Planted Acreage, by Type, Wisconsin, 2014



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Fall Potato Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production - Selected States and United States: 2013—2014

State	Area Planted		Area Harvested		Yield per Acre		Production	
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014
	1,000 Acres				cwt		1,000 cwt	
Colorado	54.8	60.2	54.6	59.8	372	388	20,304	23,196
Idaho	317.0	321.0	316.0	320.0	415	415	131,131	132,880
Michigan	44.5	43.0	44.0	42.5	360	370	15,840	15,725
Minnesota	46.0	42.0	45.0	41.0	385	400	17,325	16,400
Nebraska	18.5	17.0	18.3	16.9	460	470	8,418	7,943
North Dakota	81.0	79.0	78.0	77.0	290	310	22,620	23,870
Washington	160.0	165.0	160.0	165.0	600	615	96,000	101,475
Wisconsin	62.5	65.0	62.0	64.0	420	410	26,040	26,240
United States	1,063.9	1,062.6	1,050.9	1,050.1	414	421	434,652	442,170

Fall Potato Production, Seed Use, Farm Disposition, Price, and Value - Selected States and United States: 2014 Crop

State	Production	Total used for seed	Farm disposition			Price per cwt	Value of	
			Where grown		Sold		Production ¹	Sales ¹
			Seed, feed,	Shrink and				
			1,000 cwt			dollars	1,000 dollars)	
Colorado	23,196	1,537	961	2,330	19,905	8.25	191,367	164,330
Idaho	132,880	7,703	890	8,630	123,360	7.20	956,736	886,654
Michigan	15,725	1,058	315	450	14,960	11.70	183,983	175,151
Minnesota	16,400	984	136	659	15,605	9.25	151,700	144,248
Nebraska	7,943	432	162	544	7,237	10.60	84,196	76,625
North Dakota	23,870	1,782	360	2,200	21,310	9.40	224,378	200,836
Washington	101,475	4,318	260	6,340	94,875	7.60	771,210	719,309
Wisconsin	26,240	1,501	275	846	25,119	10.40	272,896	260,021
United States	442,170	26,259	4,192	26,762	411,216	8.88	3,928,211	3,658,279

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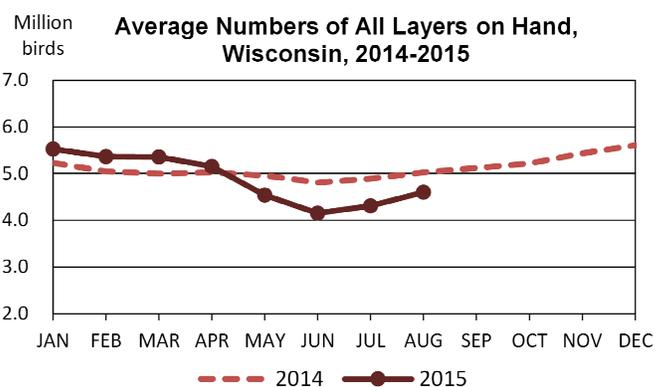
Layers & Eggs

Wisconsin egg production during August 2015 was 112 million eggs, up 5 percent from last month, but down 7 percent from last year. The average number of all layers on hand during August 2015 was 4.60 million, up 7 percent from last month, but down 9 percent from last year. Eggs per 100 layers for the month of August were 2,435, down 2 percent from last month, but up 2 percent from last year.

United States egg production totaled 7.69 billion during August 2015, down 9 percent from last year. Production included 6.55 billion table eggs, and 1.15 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.06 billion were broiler-type and 82 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during August 2015 averaged 330 million, down 9 percent from last year. August egg production per 100 layers was 2,329 eggs, down 1 percent from August 2014.

All layers in the United States on September 1, 2015 totaled 331 million, down 9 percent from last year. The 331 million layers consisted of 273 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 54.6 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 3.17 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on September 1, 2015, averaged 75.1 eggs per 100 layers, down 1 percent from September 1, 2014.

Egg-type chicks hatched during August 2015 totaled 46.9 million, up 18 percent from August 2014. Eggs in incubators totaled 47.2 million on September 1, 2015, up 13 percent from a year ago. Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 228 thousand during August 2015, down 9 percent from August 2014. Broiler-type chicks hatched during August 2015 totaled 798 million, up 1 percent from August 2014. Eggs in incubators totaled 635 million on September 1, 2015, down 1 percent from a year ago. Leading breeders placed 7.91 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during August 2015, up 6 percent from August 2014.



Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced – States and United States: During August 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				Eggs		Million eggs			
Alabama	1,508	1,518	9,199	9,620	1,978	2,006	182	193	38	41
Arkansas	3,620	3,761	12,367	13,252	2,102	2,053	260	272	91	90
California	15,429	12,924	15,837	13,435	2,349	2,337	372	314	(D)	(D)
Colorado	4,537	4,191	4,910	4,644	2,525	2,562	124	119	(D)	(D)
Connecticut ¹	2,280	(NA)	2,374	(NA)	2,527	(NA)	60	(NA)	(D)	(NA)
Florida	8,185	8,484	8,608	8,884	2,323	2,330	200	207	194	202
Georgia	9,453	9,681	18,118	18,458	2,175	2,183	394	403	224	229
Illinois	4,424	4,275	4,914	4,753	2,503	2,293	123	109	118	104
Indiana	26,532	25,977	27,524	26,949	2,347	2,386	646	643	627	623
Iowa	58,024	32,601	59,189	33,752	2,369	2,278	1,402	769	1,386	752
Maine ¹	3,445	(NA)	3,500	(NA)	2,286	(NA)	80	(NA)	(D)	(NA)
Maryland	2,595	2,527	2,765	2,688	2,459	2,530	68	68	66	66
Michigan	12,757	12,775	12,974	12,991	2,551	2,502	331	325	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	10,838	8,232	11,295	8,690	2,408	2,348	272	204	265	197
Mississippi	1,397	1,526	5,521	5,667	2,011	2,082	111	118	34	37
Missouri	6,712	6,371	8,951	8,565	2,402	2,265	215	194	(D)	(D)
Nebraska	9,422	5,754	9,530	5,862	2,581	2,559	246	150	246	150
New York	4,721	4,795	5,079	5,147	2,500	2,526	127	130	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	6,073	6,839	13,709	14,690	2,108	2,103	289	309	150	160
Ohio	30,030	30,825	30,903	31,677	2,433	2,424	752	768	(D)	(D)
Oregon	2,238	2,345	2,377	2,484	2,692	2,657	64	66	64	66
Pennsylvania	23,489	23,750	25,293	25,634	2,515	2,520	636	646	612	619
South Carolina	2,913	2,810	4,136	4,046	2,103	2,373	87	96	66	73
South Dakota	2,519	1,397	2,661	1,539	2,443	2,534	65	39	65	39
Texas	14,668	15,614	18,696	19,696	2,321	2,269	434	447	(D)	(D)
Utah	4,303	4,055	4,341	4,093	2,465	2,516	107	103	107	103
Virginia	1,292	1,123	3,105	2,839	2,158	2,078	67	59	35	27
Washington	6,882	7,093	7,047	7,259	2,427	2,466	171	179	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	4,250	3,821	5,028	4,599	2,387	2,435	120	112	(D)	(D)
Other States ²	12,876	19,030	21,780	28,210	2,231	2,297	486	648	350	507
United States ³	297,412	264,094	361,731	330,123	2,347	2,329	8,491	7,690	7,394	6,545

(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.

Milk Production

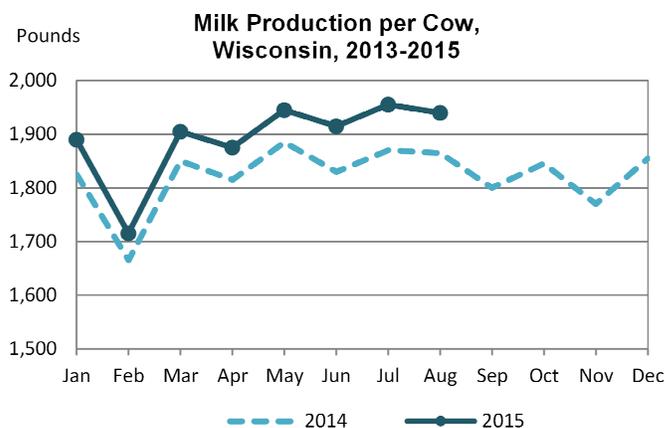
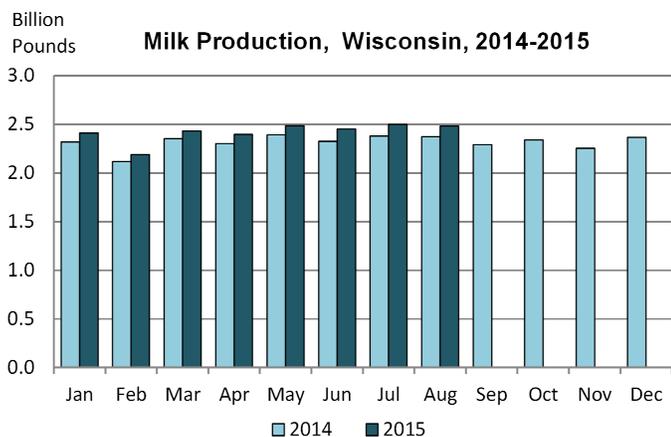
Milk production in Wisconsin during August 2015 totaled 2.48 billion pounds, up 5 percent over the previous August. This is the highest August milk production on record for Wisconsin. The average number of milk cows during August, at 1.28 million head, was unchanged from last month, but 9,000 more than a year ago. Monthly production per cow averaged 1,940 pounds, up 75 pounds from a year ago.

Milk production in the 23 major States during August totaled 16.3 billion pounds, up 0.8 percent from August 2014. July revised production at 16.6 billion pounds, was up 1.3 percent from July 2014. The July revision represented an increase of 5.0 million pounds or less than 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. **Production per cow** in the 23 major States averaged 1,891 pounds for August, 6 pounds above August 2014. This is the highest production per cow for the month of August 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, 43,000 head more than August 2014, but unchanged from July 2015. **Milk production** in the United States during August totaled 17.4 billion pounds, up 0.8 percent from August 2014. **Production per cow** in the United States averaged 1,863 pounds for August, 5 pounds above August 2014. The **number of milk cows on farms** in the United States was 9.32 million head, 53,000 head more than August 2014, but unchanged from July 2015.

Milk Cows and Production – Selected States: August 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	193	195	1,915	1,940	370	378	2.2
California	1,779	1,778	1,940	1,875	3,451	3,334	-3.4
Colorado	145	145	2,135	2,220	310	322	3.9
Florida	123	125	1,565	1,560	192	195	1.6
Idaho	579	585	2,095	2,090	1,213	1,223	0.8
Illinois	94	94	1,565	1,600	147	150	2.0
Indiana	179	181	1,830	1,840	328	333	1.5
Iowa	208	211	1,855	1,900	386	401	3.9
Kansas	143	144	1,810	1,805	259	260	0.4
Michigan	394	409	2,115	2,120	833	867	4.1
Minnesota	460	460	1,660	1,740	764	800	4.7
New Mexico	323	323	2,100	2,010	678	649	-4.3
New York	615	619	1,915	1,950	1,178	1,207	2.5
Ohio	266	266	1,720	1,750	458	466	1.7
Oregon	123	121	1,725	1,700	212	206	-2.8
Pennsylvania	530	530	1,680	1,685	890	893	0.3
South Dakota	97	107	1,855	1,905	180	204	13.3
Texas	470	462	1,785	1,790	839	827	-1.4
Utah	96	96	1,990	1,990	191	191	0.0
Vermont	132	132	1,725	1,700	228	224	-1.8
Virginia	93	91	1,580	1,595	147	145	-1.4
Washington	272	274	2,060	2,035	560	558	-0.4
Wisconsin	1,271	1,280	1,865	1,940	2,370	2,483	4.8
23-State Total	8,585	8,628	1,885	1,891	16,184	16,316	0.8

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



July Milk Prices

Wisconsin farmers received an average price of \$17.50 per hundredweight (cwt.) for their milk in August 2015. This was the same as July's price, but \$6.80 lower than last August's price.

The U.S. milk price for August was \$16.70 per cwt, 80 cents lower than Wisconsin's price but 10 cents higher than the July U.S. price. Ten states had an increase in price from July to August, 5 had a decrease in price and 8 had no change in price. New Mexico had the largest decrease in price, down 50 cents to \$15.40 per cwt.

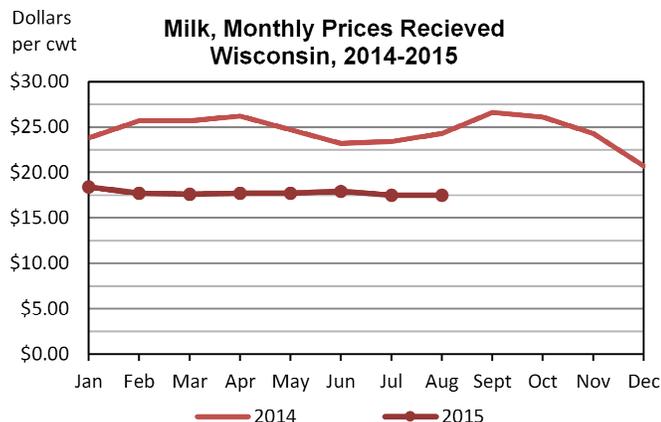
The Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME) 40-pound block cheese price closed at \$1.6300 per pound on September 29, while barrels were \$1.5500 per pound. The CME butter price was \$2.7500 per pound.

For the week ending September 19, 2015, the Agricultural Marketing Service U.S. weekly 40-pound block cheese price averaged \$1.7174 per pound, and 500 pound barrels adjusted to 38 percent moisture averaged \$1.6886 per pound. The U.S. butter price was \$2.4713 per pound.

Milk Prices¹

Selected states	August 2014		July 2015		August 2015	
	Price per cwt.	Fat test	Price per cwt.	Fat test	Price per cwt.	Fat test
	Dollars	Percent	Dollars	Percent	Dollars	Percent
Milk for all uses						
CA	22.60	3.61	15.12	3.59	15.23	3.63
ID	23.20	3.64	16.30	3.62	16.50	3.71
MI	24.40	3.61	15.90	3.52	16.00	3.54
MN	24.60	3.77	17.40	3.72	17.60	3.76
NM	21.90	3.44	15.90	3.43	15.40	3.40
NY	26.20	3.67	17.40	3.65	17.40	3.64
PA	26.50	3.64	17.60	3.58	17.60	3.59
TX	24.30	3.72	17.20	3.71	16.90	3.72
WI	24.30	3.68	17.50	3.61	17.50	3.64
US	24.20	3.64	16.60	3.60	16.70	3.63

1/ Before deduction for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.



Prices Received by Farmers

The August 2015 average price received by farmers for **corn** in Wisconsin was \$3.67 per bushel. This is down \$0.11 from the July price and \$0.13 less than August 2014.

The August **soybean** price, at \$9.57 per bushel, is down \$0.22 from July and \$2.93 below the previous August.

The August **oat** price was \$1.79 per bushel, down \$0.43 from the July price and \$1.68 below August 2014.

All hay prices in Wisconsin averaged \$91.00 per ton in August, up \$7.00 from July but \$42.00 less than August 2014. The **alfalfa hay** price averaged \$104.00 per ton in August, \$16.00 above July but \$36.00 below the previous August. The **other hay** price averaged \$54.00, down \$20.00 from July and \$46.00 below last year.

Prices Received by Farmers

WISCONSIN		August 2014	July 2015	August 2015
Dollars				
Corn	bu	3.80	3.78	3.67
Hay, all baled	ton	133.00	84.00	91.00
Alfalfa	ton	140.00	88.00	104.00
Other	ton	100.00	74.00	54.00
Oats	bu	3.47	2.22	1.79
Potatoes, all ¹	cwt	10.50	(S)	10.40
Fresh ²	cwt	11.00	(S)	11.00
Processing	cwt	10.00	(S)	9.90
Soybeans	bu	12.50	9.79	9.57
Milk, all	cwt	24.30	17.50	17.50
UNITED STATES		August 2014	July 2015	August 2015
Dollars				
Corn	bu	3.63	3.80	3.68
Hay, all baled	ton	181.00	156.00	145.00
Alfalfa	ton	207.00	169.00	159.00
Other	ton	132.00	129.00	115.00
Oats	bu	3.24	2.33	2.08
Potatoes, all ¹	cwt	8.88	9.04	8.54
Fresh ²	cwt	11.47	9.79	11.12
Processing	cwt	8.08	8.83	7.65
Soybeans	bu	12.40	9.95	9.71
Milk, all	cwt	24.20	16.60	16.70
Calves	cwt	271.00	275.00	273.00
Cattle, all beef	cwt	158.00	149.00	148.00
Cows ³	cwt	121.00	113.00	110.00
Steers & Heifers	cwt	159.00	150.00	149.00
Hogs, all	cwt	83.20	58.70	59.00
Barrows & Gilts	cwt	82.90	59.50	59.30
Sows	cwt	91.60	40.00	50.70
Eggs (market)	doz	0.861	1.81	2.38

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. (NA) Not available. 1/ Average price of potatoes sold for all uses, including table stock, processing, seed, and livestock feed. 2/ Fresh market prices only. Includes table stock prices. 3/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.

