

Milk Production

Milk production in Wisconsin during March 2016 totaled 2.56 billion pounds, up 5 percent from the previous March. The average number of milk cows during March, at 1.28 million head, was unchanged from last month, but 4,000 more than a year ago. Monthly production per cow averaged 2,000 pounds, up 95 pounds from last March. This is the highest monthly milk per cow on record for Wisconsin.

Milk production in the 23 major States during March totaled 17.2 billion pounds, up 1.8 percent from March 2015. February revised production at 15.8 billion pounds, was up 4.6 percent from February 2015. The February revision represented an increase of 4 million pounds or less than 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Adjusting February production for the additional day due to leap year causes February revised production to be up 1.0 percent on a per day basis.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,993 pounds for March, 31 pounds above March 2015. 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 8.64 million head, 19,000 head more than March 2015, and 9,000 head more than February 2016.

Milk production in the United States during the January - March quarter totaled 53.0 billion pounds, up 2.1 percent from the January - March quarter last year.

The average number of milk cows in the United States during the quarter was 9.32 million head, 5,000 head less than the October - December 2015 quarter, but 7,000 head more than the same period last year.

March Milk Production

State	Milk cows 1/		Rate per cow 2/		Production 2/		Pro-duction % chnge 2016/15
	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	
	Thousand head		Pounds		Million pounds		Percent
CA	1,779	1,774	2,080	2,035	3,700	3,610	-2.4
ID	583	591	2,035	2,055	1,186	1,215	+2.4
MI	403	416	2,130	2,220	858	924	+7.7
MN	460	460	1,760	1,810	810	833	+2.8
NM	323	311	2,125	2,140	686	666	-2.9
NY	617	620	1,905	2,000	1,175	1,240	+5.5
PA	530	530	1,770	1,800	938	954	+1.7
TX	464	458	1,925	1,990	893	911	+2.0
WI	1,276	1,280	1,905	2,000	2,431	2,560	+5.3
23-state total	8,623	8,642	1,962	1,993	16,918	17,220	+1.8

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

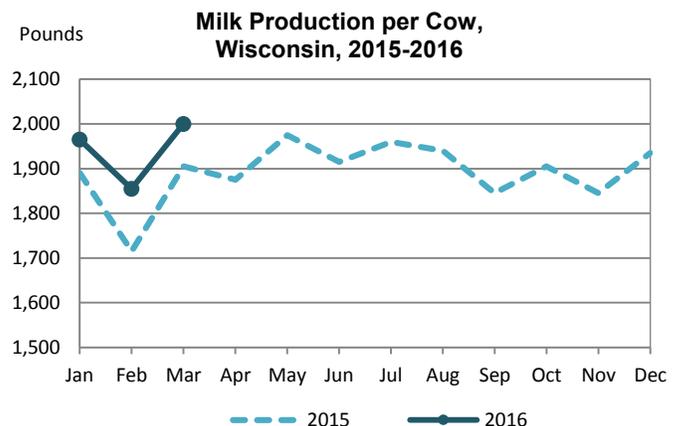
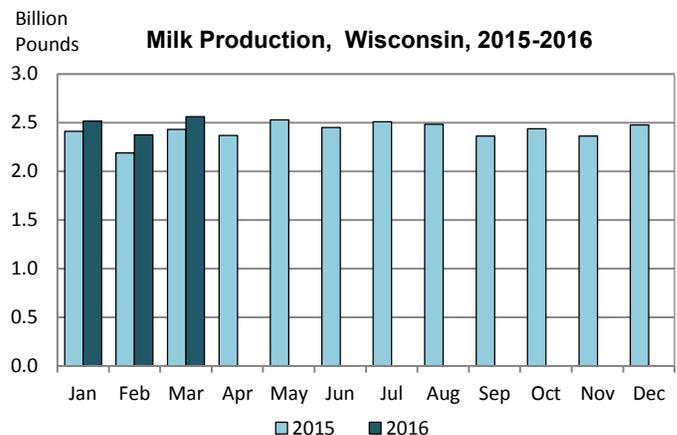
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2015 Hay County Estimates

Alfalfa

Grant County was the largest producing county in Wisconsin for Alfalfa and Alfalfa Mixture Dry Hay. During 2015 Grant produced 165,000 tons. Four other counties also topped 100,000 tons; Vernon (131,800), Iowa (119,500), Lafayette (115,200), and Sauk (114,100).

Statewide, Alfalfa yields averaged 2.80 tons per acre, down 0.50 tons per acres from 2014. Dane County had the highest average yield, at 3.55 tons per acre, trailed by Jefferson (3.45), Barron (3.35), Grant (3.35), and Iowa (3.30). Three counties were tied for the lowest published yield, Forest, Oneida, and Bayfield all record 1.40 tons per acre. Ashland was the next lowest at 1.50 tons per acre.

Other Hay

Taylor County was the largest producer of Other Dry Hay (excluding alfalfa) in Wisconsin during 2015 with 30,400 tons. Other top producing counties were Clark (30,200) and Rusk (27,900).

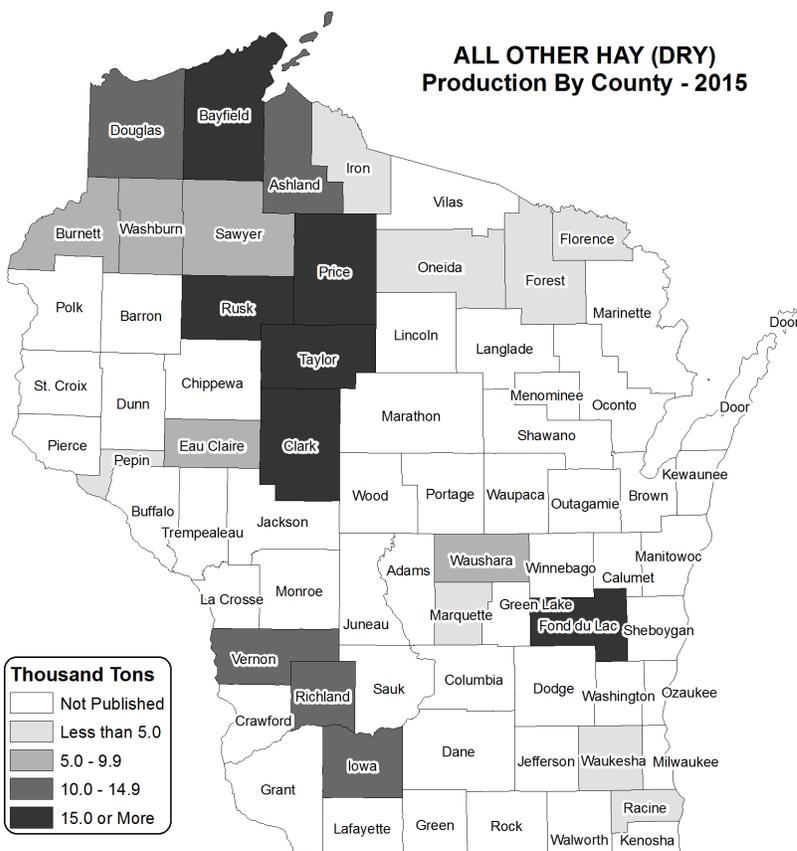
Other Hay yields were up 0.40 ton from 2014 to 2.30 tons per acre in 2015. Fond du Lac County recorded the highest average yield at 3.20 tons per acre, followed by Richland (3.15), Vernon (2.80), Waushara (2.75), and Marquette (2.65). Oneida recorded the lowest published yield in the state, at 1.15 ton per acre.

OTHER HAY (DRY): Acreage, Yield, and Production, By County, Wisconsin, 2015 1/

County and District	Harvested	Yield	Production
	Acres	per acre	Tons
Bayfield	12,200	1.65	20,000
Burnett	3,090	2.35	7,300
Douglas	9,560	1.25	11,800
Rusk	13,100	2.15	27,900
Sawyer	4,250	1.45	6,200
Washburn	4,130	1.60	6,700
Other Counties	23,370	1.90	44,300
Northwest	69,700	1.80	124,200
Ashland	7,070	1.55	11,100
Clark	11,800	2.55	30,200
Iron	1,330	1.45	1,930
Oneida	2,010	1.15	2,300
Price	9,700	2.40	23,400
Taylor	13,200	2.30	30,400
Other Counties	22,690	2.45	55,770
North Central	67,800	2.30	155,100
Florence	1,380	1.30	1,820
Forest	1,580	1.45	2,290
Other Counties	14,540	2.15	31,490
Northeast	17,500	2.05	35,600
Eau Claire	3,190	2.55	8,200
Pepin	1,220	1.95	2,400
Other Counties	31,390	2.40	75,300
West Central	35,800	2.40	85,900
Marquette	1,140	2.65	3,040
Waushara	2,250	2.75	6,200
Other Counties	24,410	2.50	60,560
Central	27,800	2.50	69,800
Fond Du Lac	5,930	3.20	18,900
Other Counties	18,970	2.30	44,000
East Central	24,900	2.55	62,900
Iowa	4,960	2.35	11,600
Richland	4,380	3.15	13,900
Vernon	4,580	2.80	12,900
Other Counties	17,080	2.70	46,100
Southwest	31,000	2.75	84,500
Other Counties	27,000	2.75	74,400
South Central	27,000	2.75	74,400
Racine	1,300	1.75	2,270
Waukesha	1,390	2.10	2,890
Other Counties	5,810	2.65	15,440
Southeast	8,500	2.85	20,600
State Total	310,000	2.30	713,000

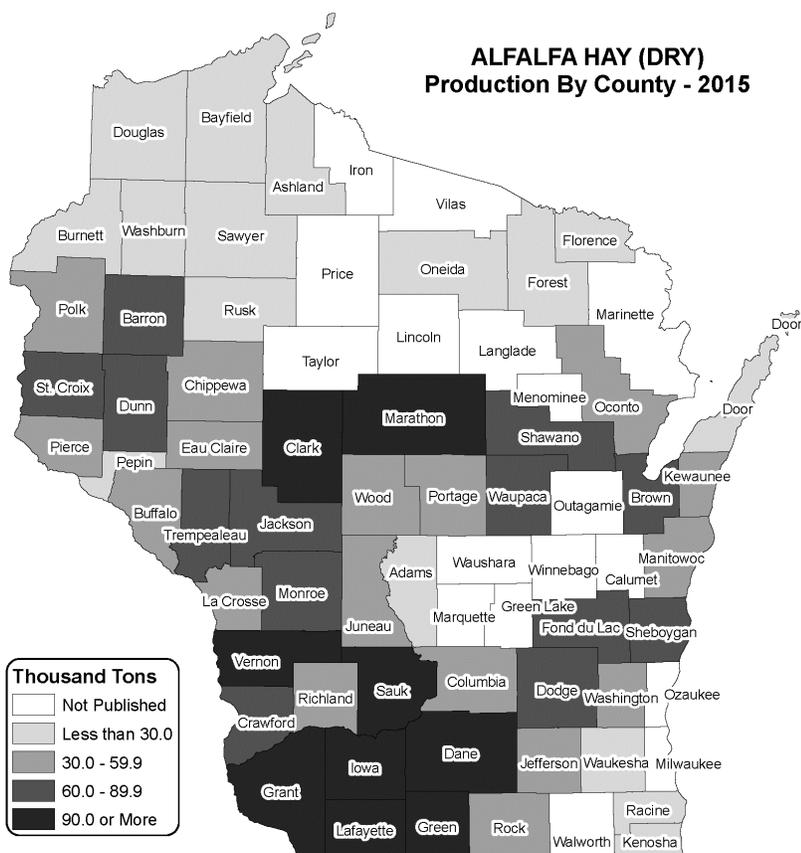
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ALL OTHER HAY (DRY)
Production By County - 2015



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County and District	Harvested	Yield per acre	Production	County and District	Harvested	Yield per acre	Production
	Acres	Tons	Tons		Acres	Tons	Tons
Barron	22,700	3.35	75,700	Crawford	23,300	2.90	67,300
Bayfield	5,230	1.40	7,400	Grant	49,600	3.35	165,000
Burnett	7,800	1.95	15,200	Iowa	36,100	3.30	119,500
Chippewa	25,700	2.15	55,000	Lafayette	36,700	3.15	115,200
Douglas	5,360	1.65	8,900	Richland	23,400	2.55	59,600
Polk	16,500	3.10	51,400	Sauk	36,300	3.15	114,100
Rusk	8,730	2.25	19,600	Vernon	43,600	3.00	131,800
Sawyer	3,480	1.95	6,800	Southwest	249,000	3.10	772,500
Washburn	7,800	2.05	16,000	Columbia	28,000	1.90	52,900
Northwest	103,300	2.50	256,000	Dane	26,600	3.55	95,000
Ashland	3,200	1.50	4,830	Dodge	29,700	2.75	81,300
Clark	32,800	2.80	92,100	Green	38,400	2.40	93,100
Marathon	32,300	2.80	90,800	Jefferson	12,600	3.45	43,400
Oneida	1,960	1.40	2,750	Rock	15,700	3.20	50,500
Other Counties	24,840	2.15	53,720	South Central	151,000	2.75	416,200
North Central	95,100	2.55	244,200	Kenosha	3,940	2.90	11,500
Florence	2,600	1.65	4,320	Racine	6,370	3.05	19,300
Forrest	3,700	1.40	5,200	Washington	11,000	2.95	32,200
Oconto	18,300	2.80	50,900	Waukesha	7,100	2.60	18,600
Shawano	24,900	2.85	71,400	Other Counties	16,990	2.55	43,000
Other Counties	18,200	2.10	38,380	Southeast	45,400	2.75	124,600
Northeast	67,700	2.50	170,200	Wisconsin	1,200,000	2.80	3,360,000
Buffalo	23,100	2.50	57,800	1/Some county data does not meet publication standards. However, this unpublished data is included in "other counties."			
Dunn	28,400	3.00	85,100				
Eau Claire	15,800	2.55	40,100				
Jackson	22,800	2.80	63,600				
La Crosse	17,000	2.85	48,200				
Monroe	29,100	2.65	77,700				
Pepin	9,200	3.00	27,600				
Pierce	19,000	3.05	57,500				
St. Croix	23,200	2.75	63,900				
Trempealeau	23,400	3.25	75,800				
West Central	211,000	2.85	597,300				
Adams	7,220	2.15	15,500				
Juneau	10,500	2.95	30,800				
Portage	22,700	2.35	53,900				
Waupaca	25,900	2.90	74,900				
Wood	16,000	3.00	48,300				
Other Counties	29,480	2.70	80,100				
Central	111,800	2.70	303,500				
Brown	27,100	3.05	82,800				
Door	13,800	2.05	28,000				
Fond Du Lac	27,500	2.85	78,000				
Kewaunee	14,600	2.50	36,600				
Manitowoc	17,500	3.05	53,100				
Sheboygan	22,900	3.10	71,400				
Other Counties	42,300	2.95	125,600				
East Central	165,700	2.85	475,500				



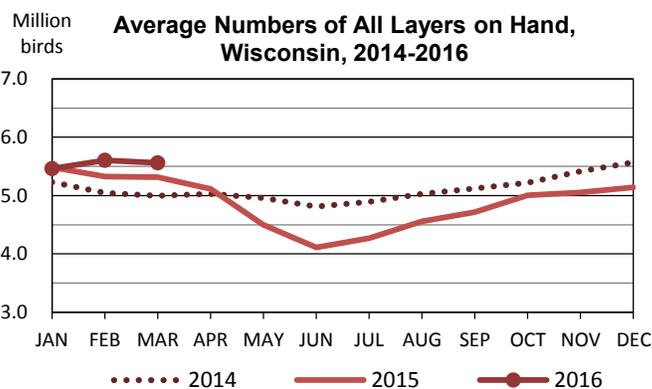
Chickens & Eggs

Wisconsin egg production during March 2016 was 143 million eggs, up 7 percent from last month, and up 12 percent from last year, and the largest production since 2008. The average number of **all layers on hand** during March 2016 was 5.56 million, down 1 percent from last month, but up 5 percent from last year. Eggs per 100 layers for the month of March were 2,571, up 8 percent from last month, and up 7 percent from last year and the highest on record since 2008.

United States egg production totaled 8.50 billion during March 2016, down 2 percent from last year. Production included 7.36 billion table eggs, and 1.14 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.05 billion were broiler-type and 91 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during March 2016 averaged 361 million, down 1 percent from last year. March egg production per 100 layers was 2,353 eggs, down slightly from March 2015.

Egg-type chicks hatched during March 2016 totaled 52.2 million, up 4 percent from March 2015. Eggs in incubators totaled 48.5 million on April 1, 2016, down 2 percent from a year ago. Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 136 thousand during March 2016, down 61 percent from March 2015.

Broiler-type chicks hatched during March 2016 totaled 804 million, up 2 percent from March 2015. Eggs in incubators totaled 650 million on April 1, 2016, up 1 percent from a year ago. Leading breeders placed 8.41 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during March 2016, up 17 percent from March 2015.



Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced – States and United States: During March 2015 and 2016

State	Table egg layers in flocks 30,000 & above		All layers on hand		Eggs per 100 layers		Total egg production		Table egg production	
	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016
	1,000 layers				Eggs		Million eggs			
Alabama	1,465	1,566	9,178	9,271	1,950	1,974	179	183	37	40
Arkansas	3,972	3,907	13,363	14,083	2,118	2,088	283	294	108	101
California	10,805	11,810	11,299	12,312	2,425	2,412	274	297	(D)	(D)
Colorado	3,926	4,327	4,338	4,785	2,444	2,445	106	117	(D)	(D)
Florida	8,755	8,574	9,148	9,004	2,405	2,266	220	204	216	199
Georgia	10,034	9,971	18,995	19,222	2,153	2,190	409	421	238	244
Illinois	4,365	4,696	4,812	5,146	2,348	2,507	113	129	109	124
Indiana	26,680	29,229	27,591	30,215	2,356	2,519	650	761	632	743
Iowa	58,226	46,476	59,466	47,729	2,376	2,231	1,413	1,065	1,394	1,048
Maryland	2,444	2,603	2,608	2,767	2,454	2,494	64	69	63	68
Michigan	12,663	13,088	12,916	13,313	2,539	2,591	328	345	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	11,287	9,046	11,742	9,502	2,461	2,368	289	225	283	218
Mississippi	1,542	1,463	5,731	5,714	2,129	2,065	122	118	41	36
Missouri	7,486	7,057	11,068	10,490	2,421	2,431	268	255	(D)	(D)
Nebraska	9,436	8,633	9,544	8,741	2,525	2,517	241	220	241	220
New York	4,672	5,293	5,036	5,668	2,542	2,523	128	143	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	6,754	6,699	14,509	14,444	2,164	2,139	314	309	170	166
Ohio	31,475	32,024	32,337	32,883	2,440	2,421	789	796	(D)	(D)
Oregon	2,305	2,359	2,444	2,498	2,660	2,682	65	67	65	67
Pennsylvania	23,804	25,639	25,858	27,759	2,599	2,576	672	715	641	684
South Carolina	3,165	3,231	4,466	4,547	2,284	2,375	102	108	78	84
South Dakota	2,547	1,754	2,689	1,896	2,492	2,373	67	45	67	45
Texas	14,792	16,401	18,997	20,425	2,279	2,272	433	464	(D)	(D)
Utah	4,247	4,486	4,285	4,524	2,404	2,387	103	108	103	108
Virginia	1,183	1,354	3,041	3,114	2,039	2,152	62	67	29	34
Washington	6,994	7,095	7,158	7,260	2,445	2,479	175	180	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	4,575	4,873	5,316	5,562	2,408	2,571	128	143	(D)	(D)
Other States ¹	18,924	19,266	28,016	28,326	2,277	2,302	638	652	502	515
United States ²	298,523	292,920	365,951	361,200	2,360	2,353	8,635	8,500	7,517	7,361

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. 1. Includes data for states not published in this table. 2. 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.]

