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Chickens and Eggs

Wisconsin **egg production** during March 2019 was 167 million eggs, up 10 percent from last month and down 4 percent from last year.

The average number of **all layers on hand** during March 2019 was 7.15 million, down slightly from last month and down 1 percent from last year. **Eggs per 100 layers** for March were 2,328, up 10 percent from last month but down 4 percent from last year.

United States egg production totaled 9.62 billion during March 2019, up 4 percent from last year. Production included 8.42 billion table eggs, and 1.20 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.11 billion were broiler-type and 89.6 million were egg-type. The average number of layers during March 2019 totaled 404 million, up 3 percent from last year. March egg production per 100 layers was 2,385 eggs, up 1 percent from March 2018.

All layers in the United States on April 1, 2019 totaled 404 million, up 3 percent from last year. The 404 million layers consisted of 341 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 59.4 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 3.38 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on April 1, 2019, averaged 77.3 eggs per 100 layers, up 2 percent from April 1, 2018.

Egg-type chicks hatched during March 2019 totaled 55.7 million, down 4 percent from March 2018. Eggs in incubators totaled 58.1 million on April 1, 2019, up 4 percent from a year ago.

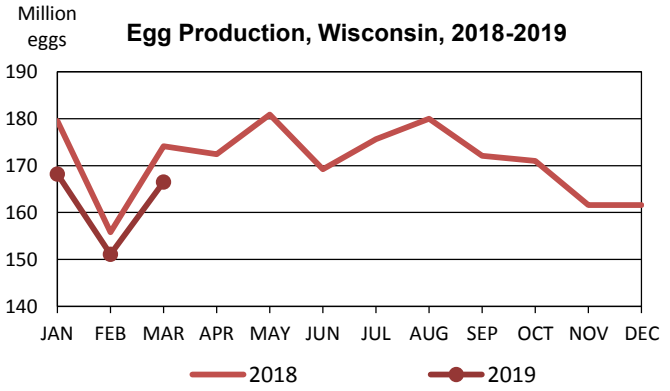
Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 189 thousand during March 2019, up 3 percent from March 2018.

Broiler-type chicks hatched during March 2019 totaled 836 million, up 1 percent from March 2018. Eggs in incubators totaled 694 million on April 1, 2019, up 2 percent from a year ago.

Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced
Wisconsin and United States, March 2018 and 2019

Commodity	Wisconsin		United States	
	2018	2019	2018	2019
Table egg layers in flocks 30,000 & above.....*(1,000 layers)*	6,114	6,038	24,116	26,874
All layers on hand.....*(1,000 layers)*	7,202	7,152	34,330	32,979
Eggs per 100 layers.....*(eggs)*	2,417	2,328	2,278	2,402
Total egg production.....*(million eggs)*	174.1	166.5	782.2	792.2
Table egg production.....*(million eggs)*	(D)	160.5	646.0	715.0

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



Annual Layer Numbers and Egg Production:
Top 20 Egg-Producing States and United States, 2017-2018[1]

State	Average number of layers		Eggs per layer[2]		Total egg production	
	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018
	(1,000 layers)		*(eggs)*		*(million eggs)*	
Iowa	55,855	57,614	289	282	16,151.6	16,273.8
Indiana	33,530	33,794	294	286	9,862.9	9,658.6
Ohio	31,419	32,848	289	285	9,073.6	9,364.9
Pennsylvania	28,225	28,477	295	296	8,335.1	8,423.1
Texas	21,781	22,563	267	271	5,820.3	6,108.5
Georgia	19,531	19,607	256	248	5,002.5	4,871.1
Michigan	14,272	15,387	296	296	4,225.5	4,548.1
California	13,202	14,542	285	295	3,759.6	4,294.6
North Carolina	15,295	14,573	259	254	3,956.2	3,705.4
Arkansas	14,147	14,668	243	241	3,431.0	3,534.7
Missouri	10,762	11,937	292	291	3,145.7	3,473.9
Minnesota	10,462	10,812	294	290	3,070.7	3,131.8
Nebraska	8,167	7,829	305	305	2,489.1	2,388.8
Alabama	9,112	9,556	227	223	2,072.3	2,133.3
Washington	6,994	6,959	301	302	2,103.7	2,102.1
Wisconsin	**6,426**	**7,271**	**289**	**286**	**1,859.6**	**2,077.8**
Florida	7,587	7,340	276	273	2,095.7	2,005.4
Illinois	5,088	6,004	295	294	1,500.4	1,764.1
New York	5,660	5,553	303	298	1,717.8	1,656.5
Colorado	4,642	4,866	305	305	1,414.5	1,482.9
United States	378,787	391,311	281	279	106,551.8	109,192.1

[1]Annual estimates cover the period Dec. 1 of previous year to Nov. 30 of following year. Totals may not add due to rounding. [2]Total egg production divided by average number of layers on hand.

2018 Hay County Estimates

Alfalfa

The Southwest District was Wisconsin's district with the largest alfalfa hay production in 2018 with 413,500 tons. The West Central District was second with 344,300 tons.

Grant led Wisconsin counties in alfalfa hay production with 92,500 tons produced. Vernon, Clark, Sauk, and Iowa completed the top five.

Grant led all counties with an average yield of 2.75 tons per acre. Iowa, Sawyer, Pierce, and Marathon also reported above 2.50 tons per acre.

Other Hay

The North Central District was Wisconsin's district with the largest production of all other hay in 2018 with 255,000 tons. The Northwest District was second with 190,200 tons.

The Southwest District had the highest yield with 2.40 tons per acre. The Southeast District (2.30 tons per acre) and the West Central District (2.15 tons per acre) had the next highest yields.

Yields are derived from production divided by area harvested. Only published estimates were considered in rankings of districts and counties.

ALFALFA HAY (DRY): Acreage, Yield, and Production, By County, Wisconsin, 2018[1]

County and District	Harvested	Yield per acre	Production
	(acres)	*(tons)*	
Bayfield	4,210	1.75	7,400
Burnett	7,340	1.70	12,300
Sawyer	2,050	2.65	5,400
Combined counties	63,100	2.30	146,400
Northwest	**76,700**	**2.25**	**171,500**
Clark	26,700	2.35	62,500
Marathon	18,300	2.55	46,900
Oneida	940	1.15	1,080
Combined counties	18,060	1.20	21,820
North Central	**64,000**	**2.05**	**132,300**
Florence	2,000	1.45	2,890
Combined counties	51,700	2.10	107,310
Northeast	**53,700**	**2.05**	**110,200**
Buffalo	19,200	2.50	47,800
Monroe	23,600	2.15	51,000
Pierce	15,100	2.60	39,200
St. Croix	17,700	2.05	36,400
Combined counties	76,300	2.25	169,900
West Central	**151,900**	**2.25**	**344,300**
Adams	5,020	2.05	10,200
Waupaca	13,400	1.70	22,900
Combined counties	54,680	2.00	108,200
Central	73,100	**1.95**	141,300
East Central	**121,700**	**2.60**	**319,000**
Grant	33,600	2.75	92,500
Iowa	18,900	2.70	51,500
Richland	19,900	2.20	44,200
Sauk	24,400	2.25	55,300
Vernon	37,500	2.05	76,100
Combined counties	31,600	2.95	93,900
Southwest	**165,900**	**2.50**	**413,500**
South Central	**79,300**	**2.70**	**215,700**
Racine	5,490	2.05	11,200
Waukesha	5,340	2.40	12,700
Combined counties	22,870	2.40	55,300
Southeast	**33,700**	**2.35**	**79,200**
State Total	**820,000**	**2.35**	**1,927,000**

OTHER HAY (DRY): Acreage, Yield, and Production, By County, Wisconsin, 2018[1]

County and District	Harvested	Yield per acre	Production
	(acres)	*(tons)*	
Douglas	15,500	1.45	22,200
Combined counties	90,500	1.85	168,000
Northwest	**106,000**	**1.80**	**190,200**
Price	21,500	1.70	36,100
Combined counties	117,800	1.85	218,900
North Central	**139,300**	**1.85**	**255,000**
Florence	3,350	0.90	2,990
Forest	5,260	0.85	4,360
Combined counties	27,090	1.30	34,650
Northeast	**35,700**	**1.20**	**42,000**
West Central	**47,100**	**2.15**	**101,300**
Central	**35,900**	**1.75**	**63,100**
East Central	**54,300**	**1.80**	**96,900**
Southwest	**67,300**	**2.40**	**162,800**
South Central	**38,400**	**2.05**	**78,300**
Southeast	**16,000**	**2.30**	**36,400**
State Total	**540,000**	**1.90**	**1,026,000**

[1]Some county data does not meet publication standards. However, this unpublished data is included in "combined counties."

Trout

Wisconsin's trout producers reported $1.47 million in trout sales during 2018, a 13 percent decrease from 2017. The value of trout distributed for restoration or conservation decreased 31 percent to $1.51 million.

Sales of trout greater than 12 inches long totaled $1.31 million, a 16 percent decrease from 2017. The number of trout sold greater than 12 inches long were down 20,000 fish to 370,000 fish. The total live weight of trout sold in this size category was 357,000 pounds, 6 percent less than a year ago. Producers received 47 cents per pound less in 2018, getting an average of $3.68 per pound in this size class.

Producers raising trout for sale lost 235,000 fish weighing a total of 54,000 pounds to various causes during 2018. The number of trout lost was 44,000 more than last year, but the total weight of the fish lost decreased by 36,000 pounds.

The total value of fish sales received by trout growers in the United States totaled 100 million dollars for 2018, a decrease of 10 percent from 2017. Idaho accounted for 40 percent of the total value of fish sold.

The number of trout 12 inches and longer sold during 2018 totaled 35.8 million fish, down 13 percent from the previous year. The average price per pound was $1.91, the same as 2017. The value of sales for the 2018 marketing year was 91 million dollars, down 12 percent from 2017. For trout 12 inches or longer, 41 percent were sold to processors.

The number of 6"- 12" trout sold during 2018 totaled 8.05 million fish, an increase of 25 percent from 2017. The average price per pound was $3.60 during 2018, down 9 percent from the 2017 price. The total value of sales was 7.86 million dollars during 2018, a 5 percent increase from the previous year. The major sales outlets for 6"-12" trout were for recreational stocking accounting for 52 percent of total sales, followed by wholesale to other producers with 28 percent.

The number of 1"- 6" trout sold during 2018 totaled 6.72 million, an increase of 4 percent from the previous year. The average value per 1,000 fish was $197 during 2018, up from $196 in 2017. The total value of sales was 1.33 million dollars, up 4 percent from last year's total.

Trout distributed for restoration, conservation, enhancement, or recreational purposes, primarily by State and Federal hatcheries, included 8.07 million 12" or longer fish, 62.0 million 6"- 12" fish, and 53.1 million 1"- 6" fish. The estimated value of fish distributed totaled 129 million dollars, down 3 percent from 2017.

Total losses of all trout intended for sale were 29.1 million fish during 2018. Disease accounted for 92 percent of these losses.

Trout – Wisconsin and United States: 2017-20178

Item	Wisconsin		United States	
	2017	2018	2017	2018
Trout 12 inches and longer				
Number sold *(1,000)*	390	370	40,965	35,810
Pounds sold *(1,000)*	378	357	53,887	47,438
Value of sales *(1,000 dollars)*	1,569	1,314	102,737	90,783
Average value per pound *(dollars)*	4.15	3.68	1.91	1.91
Trout 6 -12 inches in length				
Number sold *(1,000)*	(D)	(D)	6,430	8,050
Pounds sold *(1,000)*	(D)	(D)	1,887	2,181
Value of sales *(1,000 dollars)*	(D)	(D)	7,452	7,860
Average value per pound *(dollars)*	(D)	(D)	3.95	3.60
Trout 1-6 inches long				
Number sold *(1,000)*	(D)	(D)	6,470	6,715
Pounds sold *(1,000)*	(D)	(D)	135	153
Value of sales *(1,000 dollars)*	(D)	(D)	1,269	1,326
Average per 1,000 fish *(dollars)*	(D)	(D)	196	197
Total sales (excluding eggs) *(1,000 dollars)*	1,694	1,468	111,458	99,969
Trout lost to various causes				
Total number *(1,000)*	191	235	31,396	29,088
Total pounds *(1,000)*	90	54	7,405	7,572
Distributed for conservation and restoration				
Trout 12 inches or longer *(1,000 fish)*	(D)	10	9,655	8,065
Trout 6-12 inches long *(1,000 fish)*	2,820	1,570	64,220	61,980
Trout 1-6 inches in length *(1,000 fish)*	(D)	2,080	49,175	53,090
Total value *(1,000 dollars)*	2,196	1,514	132,676	128,994

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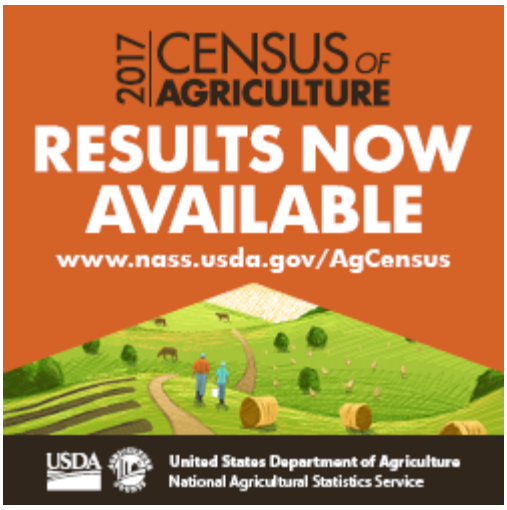
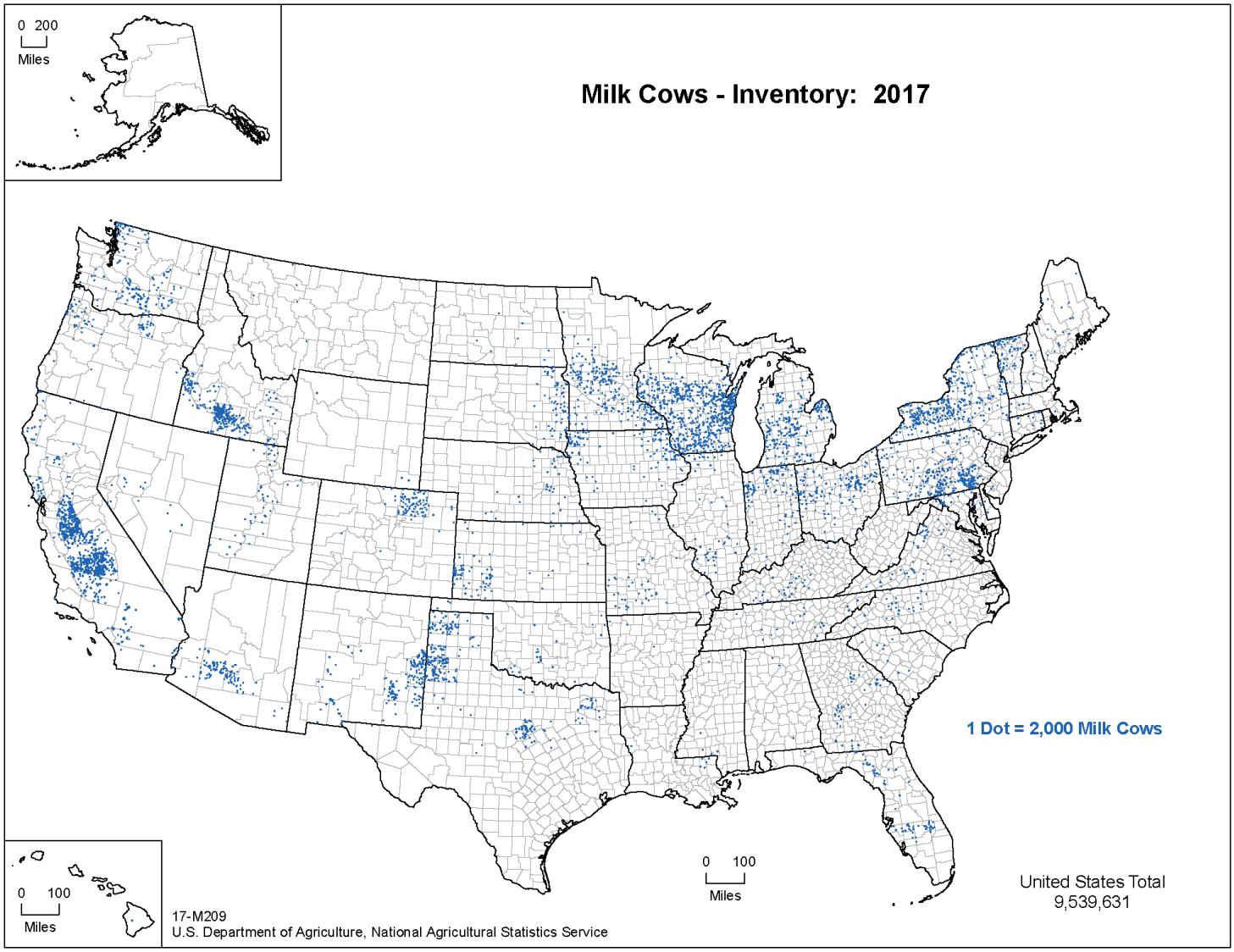


MILK COW INVENTORY: Top 10 States, Census of Agriculture 2017

Rank	State	2012	2017	Percent Change
		(head)		*(percent)*
1	CALIFORNIA	1,815,655	1,750,329	-3.6
2	**WISCONSIN**	**1,270,091**	**1,280,395**	**+0.8**
3	NEW YORK	610,712	628,245	+2.9
4	IDAHO	578,761	603,817	+4.3
5	TEXAS	434,928	531,849	+22.3
6	PENNSYLVANIA	532,335	527,617	-0.9
7	MINNESOTA	463,312	457,801	-1.2
8	MICHIGAN	376,255	442,032	+17.5
9	NEW MEXICO	318,878	337,888	+6.0
10	WASHINGTON	266,989	276,914	+3.7



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