



Wisconsin Ag News – Milk Production

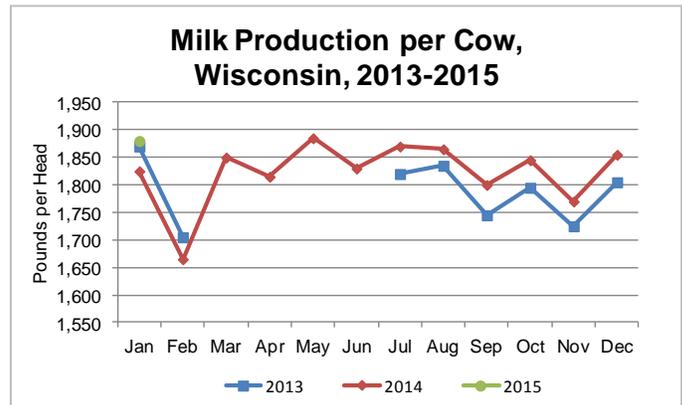
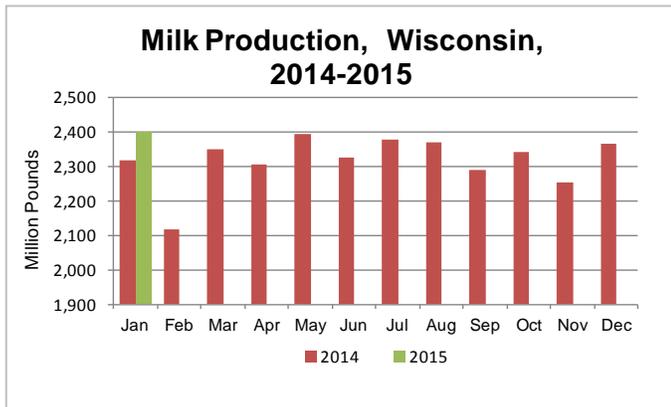
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Milk production in Wisconsin during January 2015 totaled 2.40 billion pounds, up 3 percent over the previous January, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Milk Production* report. The average number of milk cows during January, at 1.28 million head, was 1,000 more than last month and 5,000 more than a year ago. Monthly production per cow averaged 1,880 pounds, up 55 pounds from a year ago. This is the highest January milk per cow and total milk production on record for Wisconsin.



Milk Cows and Production: Selected States, January 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) | (1,000 head) | (pounds) | (pounds) | (million pounds) | (million pounds) | (percent) |
| Arizona | 192 | 195 | 2,070 | 2,095 | 397 | 409 | 3.0 |
| California | 1,781 | 1,779 | 2,035 | 1,985 | 3,624 | 3,531 | -2.6 |
| Colorado | 140 | 145 | 2,085 | 2,140 | 292 | 310 | 6.2 |
| Florida | 123 | 124 | 1,810 | 1,825 | 223 | 226 | 1.3 |
| Idaho | 566 | 580 | 2,005 | 1,985 | 1,135 | 1,151 | 1.4 |
| Illinois | 95 | 94 | 1,675 | 1,700 | 159 | 160 | 0.6 |
| Indiana | 178 | 181 | 1,810 | 1,890 | 322 | 342 | 6.2 |
| Iowa | 205 | 210 | 1,905 | 1,950 | 391 | 410 | 4.9 |
| Kansas | 137 | 143 | 1,870 | 1,880 | 256 | 269 | 5.1 |
| Michigan | 381 | 403 | 2,045 | 2,120 | 779 | 854 | 9.6 |
| Minnesota | 460 | 460 | 1,690 | 1,740 | 777 | 800 | 3.0 |
| New Mexico | 323 | 323 | 2,110 | 2,070 | 682 | 669 | -1.9 |
| New York | 615 | 616 | 1,845 | 1,910 | 1,135 | 1,177 | 3.7 |
| Ohio | 267 | 268 | 1,700 | 1,770 | 454 | 474 | 4.4 |
| Oregon | 124 | 125 | 1,735 | 1,720 | 215 | 215 | - |
| Pennsylvania | 531 | 530 | 1,700 | 1,755 | 903 | 930 | 3.0 |
| South Dakota | 95 | 100 | 1,820 | 1,880 | 173 | 188 | 8.7 |
| Texas | 445 | 470 | 1,925 | 1,905 | 857 | 895 | 4.4 |
| Utah | 95 | 96 | 1,840 | 1,950 | 175 | 187 | 6.9 |
| Vermont | 132 | 132 | 1,690 | 1,710 | 223 | 226 | 1.3 |
| Virginia | 93 | 93 | 1,650 | 1,650 | 153 | 153 | - |
| Washington | 268 | 277 | 2,025 | 2,000 | 543 | 554 | 2.0 |
| Wisconsin | 1,270 | 1,275 | 1,825 | 1,880 | 2,318 | 2,397 | 3.4 |
| 23-State Total | 8,516 | 8,619 | 1,901 | 1,918 | 16,186 | 16,527 | 2.1 |

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

United States Milk Production

Milk production in the 23 major States during January totaled 16.5 billion pounds, up 2.1 percent from January 2014. December revised production at 16.3 billion pounds, was up 3.4 percent from December 2013. The December revision represented an increase of 14 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,918 pounds for January, 17 pounds above January 2014. This is the highest production per cow for the month of January 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, 103,000 head more than January 2014, and 8,000 head more than December 2014.

The annual production of milk for the United States during 2014 was 206 billion pounds, 2.4 percent above 2013. Revisions to 2013 production increased the annual total 13 million pounds. Revised 2014 production was up 52 million pounds from last month's publication.

Production per cow in the United States averaged 22,258 pounds for 2014, 442 pounds above 2013. The average annual rate of milk production per cow has increased 13.9 percent from 2005.

The average number of milk cows on farms in the United States during 2014 was 9.26 million head, up 0.4 percent from 2013. The average number of milk cows was revised up 2,000 head for 2014.

