



# Minnesota Ag News – Milk Production

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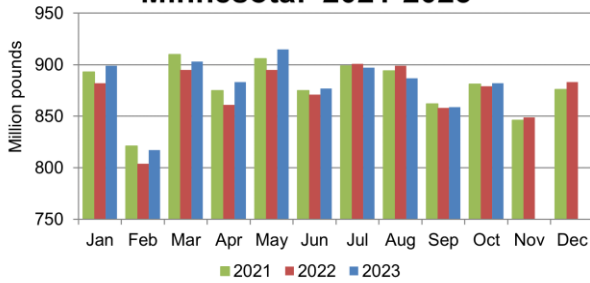
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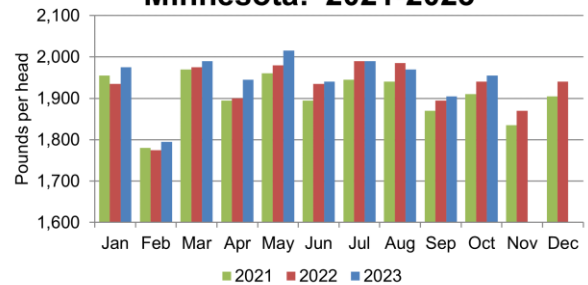
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**Milk production** in Minnesota during October 2023 totaled 882 million pounds, up slightly from the previous October according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Milk Production* report. The average number of milk cows during October, at 451,000 head, was unchanged from last month but down 2,000 from October 2022. Monthly production per cow averaged 1,955 pounds, up 15 pounds from last October.

**Milk Production  
Minnesota: 2021-2023**



**Milk Production per Cow  
Minnesota: 2021-2023**



## Milk Cows and Production – Selected States: October 2022 and 2023

State	Milk Cows <sup>1</sup>		Milk Per Cow <sup>2</sup>		Milk Production <sup>2</sup>		Change from 2022 (Percent)
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	
	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(Pounds)	(Pounds)	(Million Pounds)	(Million Pounds)	
Arizona .....	195	201	1,935	1,945	377	391	3.7
California .....	1,724	1,714	1,975	1,935	3,405	3,317	-2.6
Colorado .....	205	198	2,170	2,170	445	430	-3.4
Florida .....	94	100	1,550	1,550	146	155	6.2
Georgia .....	92	94	1,810	1,810	167	170	1.8
Idaho .....	662	664	2,120	2,085	1,403	1,384	-1.4
Illinois .....	79	79	1,735	1,745	137	138	0.7
Indiana .....	186	191	1,980	1,975	368	377	2.4
Iowa .....	239	240	2,065	2,060	494	494	0.0
Kansas .....	175	173	2,015	2,010	353	348	-1.4
Michigan .....	428	439	2,300	2,300	984	1,010	2.6
<b>Minnesota .....</b>	<b>453</b>	<b>451</b>	<b>1,940</b>	<b>1,955</b>	<b>879</b>	<b>882</b>	<b>0.3</b>
New Mexico .....	284	260	2,030	2,020	577	525	-9.0
New York .....	627	630	2,105	2,140	1,320	1,348	2.1
Ohio .....	250	255	1,830	1,845	458	470	2.6
Oregon .....	124	120	1,755	1,740	218	209	-4.1
Pennsylvania .....	468	466	1,730	1,730	810	806	-0.5
South Dakota .....	185	198	1,955	1,950	362	386	6.6
Texas .....	655	635	2,150	2,175	1,408	1,381	-1.9
Utah .....	92	92	1,930	1,935	178	178	0.0
Vermont .....	117	116	1,810	1,805	212	209	-1.4
Virginia .....	69	69	1,670	1,715	115	118	2.6
Washington .....	257	257	2,025	2,015	520	518	-0.4
Wisconsin .....	1,271	1,270	2,100	2,120	2,669	2,692	0.9
<b>24-State Total .....</b>	<b>8,931</b>	<b>8,912</b>	<b>2,016</b>	<b>2,013</b>	<b>18,005</b>	<b>17,936</b>	<b>-0.4</b>

<sup>1</sup> Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

<sup>2</sup> Excludes milk sucked by calves.

# United States Milk Production

Milk production in the 24 major States during October totaled 17.9 billion pounds, down 0.4 percent from October 2022. September revised production, at 17.5 billion pounds, was up 0.1 percent from September 2022. The September revision represented an increase of 17 million pounds or less than 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 24 major States averaged 2,013 pounds for October, 3 pounds below October 2022.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 24 major States was 8.91 million head, 19,000 head less than October 2022, and 5,000 head less than September 2023.

Milk production in the United States during October totaled 18.7 billion pounds, down 0.5 percent from October 2022.

Production per cow in the United States averaged 1,997 pounds for October, 1 pound below October 2022.

The number of milk cows on farms in the United States was 9.37 million head, 42,000 head less than October 2022, and 6,000 head less than September 2023.

The complete report can be found on the USDA NASS website at [www.nass.usda.gov/Publications](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Publications).

## Monthly Milk Production - 24 Selected States

