



Minnesota Ag News – Milk Production

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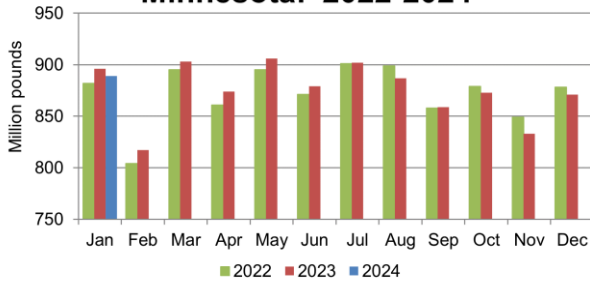
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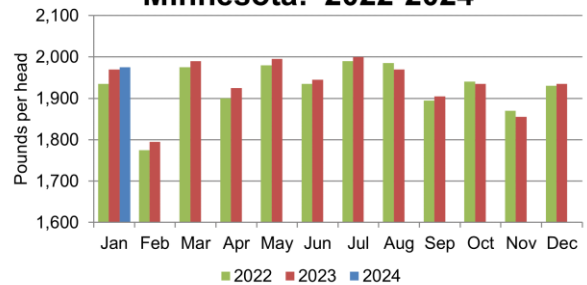
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Milk production in Minnesota during January 2024 totaled 889 million pounds, down 1 percent from the previous January according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Milk Production* report. The average number of milk cows during January, at 450,000 head, was unchanged from last month but down 5,000 from January 2023. Monthly production per cow averaged 1,975 pounds, up 5 pounds from last January.

**Milk Production
Minnesota: 2022-2024**



**Milk Production per Cow
Minnesota: 2022-2024**



Milk Cows and Production – Selected States: January 2023 and 2024

State	Milk Cows ¹		Milk Per Cow ²		Milk Production ²		Change from 2023
	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	
	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(Pounds)	(Pounds)	(Million Pounds)	(Million Pounds)	(Percent)
Arizona	194	196	2,115	2,130	410	417	1.7
California	1,719	1,710	2,055	2,065	3,533	3,531	-0.1
Colorado	200	197	2,205	2,205	441	434	-1.6
Florida	89	95	1,790	1,780	159	169	6.3
Georgia	92	91	1,990	1,950	183	177	-3.3
Idaho	664	663	2,120	2,080	1,408	1,379	-2.1
Illinois	79	79	1,850	1,855	146	147	0.7
Indiana	188	190	2,030	2,000	382	380	-0.5
Iowa	240	239	2,095	2,085	503	498	-1.0
Kansas	175	174	2,040	2,030	357	353	-1.1
Michigan	435	439	2,345	2,310	1,020	1,014	-0.6
Minnesota	455	450	1,970	1,975	896	889	-0.8
New Mexico	282	240	2,155	2,130	608	511	-16.0
New York	630	630	2,135	2,125	1,345	1,339	-0.4
Ohio	251	255	1,885	1,885	473	481	1.7
Oregon	124	118	1,760	1,740	218	205	-6.0
Pennsylvania	466	465	1,820	1,795	848	835	-1.5
South Dakota	187	208	1,925	1,920	360	399	10.8
Texas	650	635	2,230	2,195	1,450	1,394	-3.9
Utah	91	89	1,945	1,950	177	174	-1.7
Vermont	118	116	1,855	1,820	219	211	-3.7
Virginia	68	67	1,780	1,800	121	121	0.0
Washington	255	257	2,030	2,015	518	518	0.0
Wisconsin	1,270	1,270	2,125	2,145	2,699	2,724	0.9
24-State Total	8,922	8,873	2,071	2,062	18,474	18,300	-0.9

¹ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

² Excludes milk sucked by calves.

United States Milk Production

Milk production in the 24 major States during January totaled 18.3 billion pounds, down 0.9 percent from January 2023. December revised production, at 18.1 billion pounds, was down 0.1 percent from December 2022. The December revision represented a decrease of 8 million pounds or less than 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 24 major States averaged 2,062 pounds for January, 9 pounds below January 2023.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 24 major States was 8.87 million head, 49,000 head less than January 2023, and 21,000 head less than December 2023.

The annual production of milk for the United States during 2023 was 226 billion pounds, down slightly from 2022. Revisions to 2022 production decreased the annual total 46 million pounds. Revised 2023 production was down 187 million pounds from last month's publication. Annual total milk production has increased 9.9 percent from 2014.

Production per cow in the United States averaged 24,117 pounds for 2023, 30 pounds above 2022. The average annual rate of milk production per cow has increased 8.4 percent from 2014.

The average number of milk cows on farms in the United States during 2023 was revised down 9,000 head to 9.39 million head, down 0.1 percent from 2022. The average annual number of milk cows has increased 1.3 percent from 2014.

The complete report can be found on the USDA NASS website at www.nass.usda.gov/Publications.

Monthly Milk Production – 24 Selected States

