



Minnesota Ag News – Milk Production

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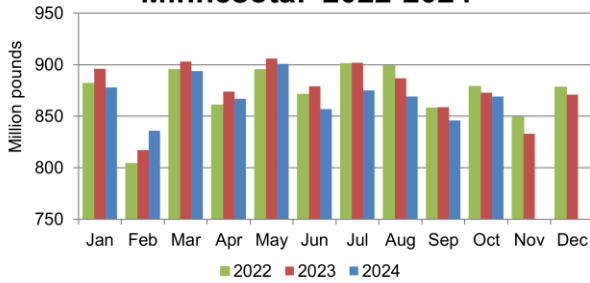
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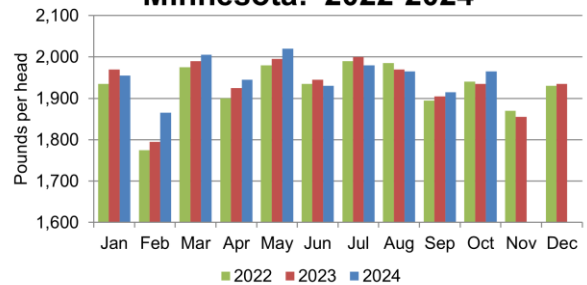
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Milk production in Minnesota during October 2024 totaled 869 million pounds, down slightly from the previous October according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Milk Production* report. The average number of milk cows during October, at 442,000 head, was unchanged from last month but down 9,000 from October 2023. Monthly production per cow averaged 1,965 pounds, up 30 pounds from last October.

**Milk Production
Minnesota: 2022-2024**



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



Milk Cows and Production – Selected States: October 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	201	193	1,960	1,970	394	380	-3.6
California	1,711	1,707	1,935	1,865	3,311	3,184	-3.8
Colorado	198	202	2,175	2,180	431	440	2.1
Florida	100	100	1,580	1,570	158	157	-0.6
Georgia	90	85	1,775	1,920	160	163	1.9
Idaho	663	672	2,080	2,110	1,379	1,418	2.8
Illinois	79	77	1,745	1,740	138	134	-2.9
Indiana	191	189	1,965	1,990	375	376	0.3
Iowa	239	243	2,060	2,090	492	508	3.3
Kansas	175	183	2,015	2,010	353	368	4.2
Michigan	439	438	2,290	2,305	1,005	1,010	0.5
Minnesota	451	442	1,935	1,965	873	869	-0.5
New Mexico	260	242	2,000	2,055	520	497	-4.4
New York	630	630	2,130	2,135	1,342	1,345	0.2
Ohio	255	251	1,845	1,870	470	469	-0.2
Oregon	119	118	1,745	1,745	208	206	-1.0
Pennsylvania	466	465	1,710	1,725	797	802	0.6
South Dakota	198	215	1,955	1,970	387	424	9.6
Texas	635	675	2,175	2,225	1,381	1,502	8.8
Utah	88	90	1,940	1,935	171	174	1.8
Vermont	116	113	1,805	1,840	209	208	-0.5
Virginia	69	66	1,700	1,705	117	113	-3.4
Washington	257	259	2,010	2,000	517	518	0.2
Wisconsin	1,270	1,266	2,120	2,125	2,692	2,690	-0.1
24-State Total	8,900	8,921	2,009	2,013	17,880	17,955	0.4

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 October totaled 18.0 billion pounds, up 0.4 percent from October 2023. September revised production, at 17.5 billion pounds, was up 0.5 percent from September 2023. The September revision represented an increase of 52 million pounds or 0.3 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 24 major States averaged 2,013 pounds for October, 4 pounds above October 2023.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 24 major States was 8.92 million head, 21,000 head more than October 2023, and 16,000 head more than September 2024.

Milk production in the United States during October totaled 18.7 billion pounds, up 0.2 percent from October 2023.

Production per cow in the United States averaged 1,996 pounds for October, 3 pounds above October 2023.

The number of milk cows on farms in the United States was 9.37 million head, 10,000 head more than October 2023, and 19,000 head more than September 2024.

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

Monthly Milk Production - 24 Selected States

