



Minnesota Ag News – Milk Production

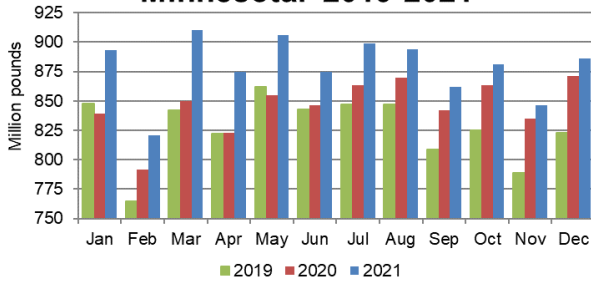
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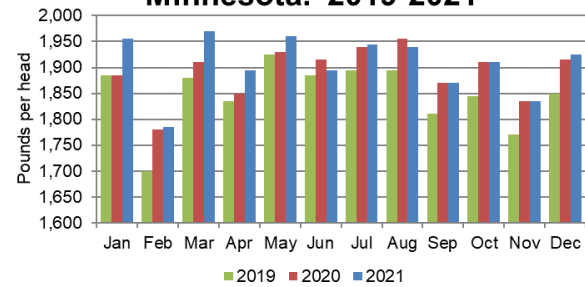
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Milk production in Minnesota during December 2021 totaled 886 million pounds, up 2 percent from the previous December according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service - *Milk Production* report. The average number of milk cows during December, at 460,000 head, was 1,000 below last month but up 5,000 from December 2020. Monthly production per cow averaged 1,925 pounds, up 10 pounds from last December.

**Milk Production
Minnesota: 2019-2021**



**Milk Production per Cow
Minnesota: 2019-2021**



Milk Cows and Production - Selected States: December 2020 and 2021

| State | Milk Cows ¹ | | Milk Per Cow ² | | Milk Production ² | | Change from 2020 (Percent) |
|------------------------|------------------------|--------------|---------------------------|--------------|------------------------------|------------------|----------------------------|
| | 2020 | 2021 | 2020 | 2021 | 2020 | 2021 | |
| | (1,000 Head) | (1,000 Head) | (Pounds) | (Pounds) | (Million Pounds) | (Million Pounds) | |
| Arizona | 196 | 194 | 2,125 | 2,100 | 417 | 407 | -2.4 |
| California | 1,720 | 1,719 | 2,000 | 2,045 | 3,440 | 3,515 | 2.2 |
| Colorado | 201 | 202 | 2,205 | 2,200 | 443 | 444 | 0.2 |
| Florida | 111 | 105 | 1,730 | 1,730 | 192 | 182 | -5.2 |
| Georgia | 81 | 83 | 1,900 | 1,900 | 154 | 158 | 2.6 |
| Idaho | 646 | 652 | 2,055 | 2,070 | 1,328 | 1,350 | 1.7 |
| Illinois | 84 | 81 | 1,845 | 1,820 | 155 | 147 | -5.2 |
| Indiana | 191 | 186 | 1,990 | 1,980 | 380 | 368 | -3.2 |
| Iowa | 220 | 225 | 2,095 | 2,090 | 461 | 470 | 2.0 |
| Kansas | 173 | 168 | 2,005 | 2,010 | 347 | 338 | -2.6 |
| Michigan | 439 | 434 | 2,270 | 2,270 | 997 | 985 | -1.2 |
| Minnesota | 455 | 460 | 1,915 | 1,925 | 871 | 886 | 1.7 |
| New Mexico | 337 | 292 | 2,100 | 2,060 | 708 | 602 | -15.0 |
| New York | 626 | 620 | 2,070 | 2,055 | 1,296 | 1,274 | -1.7 |
| Ohio | 258 | 248 | 1,860 | 1,860 | 480 | 461 | -4.0 |
| Oregon | 125 | 125 | 1,725 | 1,735 | 216 | 217 | 0.5 |
| Pennsylvania | 478 | 470 | 1,790 | 1,775 | 856 | 834 | -2.6 |
| South Dakota | 141 | 170 | 1,950 | 1,940 | 275 | 330 | 20.0 |
| Texas | 613 | 625 | 2,120 | 2,150 | 1,300 | 1,344 | 3.4 |
| Utah | 95 | 94 | 1,940 | 1,935 | 184 | 182 | -1.1 |
| Vermont | 120 | 120 | 1,810 | 1,785 | 217 | 214 | -1.4 |
| Virginia | 74 | 71 | 1,725 | 1,770 | 128 | 126 | -1.6 |
| Washington | 279 | 261 | 2,005 | 1,985 | 559 | 518 | -7.3 |
| Wisconsin | 1,260 | 1,276 | 2,070 | 2,080 | 2,608 | 2,654 | 1.8 |
| 24-State Total | 8,923 | 8,881 | 2,019 | 2,027 | 18,012 | 18,006 | 0.0 |

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 December totaled 18.0 billion pounds, down slightly from December 2020. November revised production, at 17.2 billion pounds, was down 0.2 percent from November 2020. The November revision represented a decrease of 16 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 24 major States averaged 2,027 pounds for December, 8 pounds above December 2020.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 24 major States was 8.88 million head, 42,000 head less than December 2020, and 8,000 head less than November 2021.

Milk production in the United States during the October - December quarter totaled 55.5 billion pounds, down 0.1 percent from the October - December quarter of the prior year.

The average number of milk cows in the United States during the quarter was 9.38 million head, 67,000 head less than the July - September quarter, and 46,000 head less than the same period last year.

Monthly Milk Production - 24 Selected States

