



# Minnesota Ag News – Milk Production

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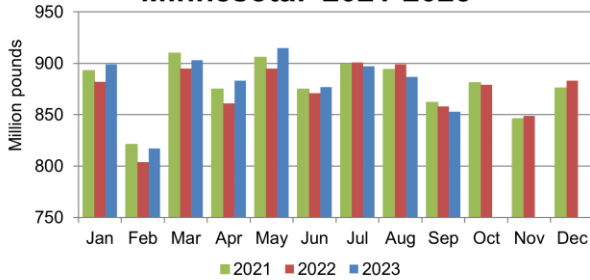
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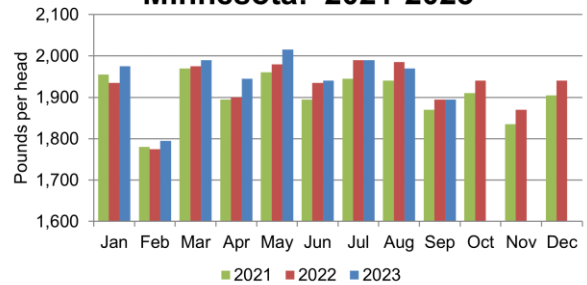
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**Milk production** in Minnesota during September 2023 totaled 853 million pounds, down 1 percent from the previous September according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Milk Production* report. The average number of milk cows during September, at 450,000 head, was unchanged from last month but down 3,000 from September 2022. Monthly production per cow averaged 1,895 pounds, unchanged from last September.

**Milk Production  
Minnesota: 2021-2023**



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



**Milk Cows and Production – Selected States: September 2022 and 2023**

State	Milk Cows <sup>1</sup>		Milk Per Cow <sup>2</sup>		Milk Production <sup>2</sup>		Change from 2022
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	
	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(Pounds)	(Pounds)	(Million Pounds)	(Million Pounds)	(Percent)
Arizona .....	195	201	1,790	1,800	349	362	3.7
California .....	1,723	1,714	1,900	1,875	3,274	3,214	-1.8
Colorado .....	206	198	2,130	2,130	439	422	-3.9
Florida .....	93	100	1,430	1,485	133	149	12.0
Georgia .....	92	94	1,695	1,745	156	164	5.1
Idaho .....	660	665	2,105	2,075	1,389	1,380	-0.6
Illinois .....	80	79	1,650	1,660	132	131	-0.8
Indiana .....	186	191	1,900	1,910	353	365	3.4
Iowa .....	238	240	2,000	2,000	476	480	0.8
Kansas .....	175	169	1,955	1,945	342	329	-3.8
Michigan .....	428	439	2,235	2,240	957	983	2.7
<b>Minnesota .....</b>	<b>453</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>1,895</b>	<b>1,895</b>	<b>858</b>	<b>853</b>	<b>-0.6</b>
New Mexico .....	284	265	1,970	1,960	559	519	-7.2
New York .....	625	630	2,055	2,080	1,284	1,310	2.0
Ohio .....	250	255	1,770	1,795	443	458	3.4
Oregon .....	125	120	1,710	1,710	214	205	-4.2
Pennsylvania .....	468	466	1,680	1,685	786	785	-0.1
South Dakota .....	185	197	1,920	1,910	355	376	5.9
Texas .....	655	635	2,050	2,095	1,343	1,330	-1.0
Utah .....	92	92	1,905	1,905	175	175	0.0
Vermont .....	117	116	1,770	1,750	207	203	-1.9
Virginia .....	69	68	1,615	1,660	111	113	1.8
Washington .....	257	257	2,010	1,990	517	511	-1.2
Wisconsin .....	1,271	1,270	2,060	2,085	2,618	2,648	1.1
<b>24-State Total .....</b>	<b>8,927</b>	<b>8,911</b>	<b>1,957</b>	<b>1,960</b>	<b>17,470</b>	<b>17,465</b>	<b>0.0</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 September totaled 17.5 billion pounds, up slightly from September 2022. August revised production, at 18.1 billion pounds, was down 0.7 percent from August 2022. The August revision represented a decrease of 73 million pounds or 0.4 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 24 major States averaged 1,960 pounds for September, 3 pounds above September 2022.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 24 major States was 8.91 million head, 16,000 head less than September 2022, and 2,000 head less than August 2023.

Milk production in the United States during the July - September quarter totaled 56.1 billion pounds, down 0.7 percent from the July - September quarter last year.

The average number of milk cows in the United States during the quarter was 9.38 million head, 43,000 head less than the April - June quarter, and 33,000 head less than the same period last year.

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

