



# Milk Production

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## January Milk Production up 3.4 percent

**Milk production** in the 24 major States during January totaled 19.1 billion pounds, up 3.4 percent from January 2025. December revised production, at 18.8 billion pounds, was up 4.4 percent from December 2024. The December revision represented a decrease of 36 million pounds or 0.2 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

**Production per cow** in the 24 major States averaged 2,082 pounds for January, 24 pounds above January 2025.

**The number of milk cows** on farms in the 24 major States was 9.15 million head, up 200,000 head from January 2025, and up 15,000 head from December 2025.

## 2025 Annual Milk Production up 2.6 percent from 2024

**The annual production of milk** for the United States during 2025 was 232 billion pounds, up 2.6 percent from 2024. Revisions to 2024 production increased the annual total 21 million pounds. Revised 2025 production was up 176 million pounds from last month's publication. Annual total milk production has increased 9.0 percent from 2016.

**Production per cow** in the United States averaged 24,390 pounds for 2025, 218 pounds above 2024. The average annual rate of milk production per cow has increased 7.2 percent from 2016.

**The average number of milk cows on farms** in the United States during 2025 was 9.50 million head, up 153,000 head from 2024. The average number of milk cows was revised up 8,000 head for 2025. The average annual number of milk cows has increased 1.8 percent from 2016.

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## Milk Cows and Production by Quarter – United States: 2025-2026

[May not add due to rounding. Blank data cells indicate estimation period has not yet begun]

Quarter	Milk cows <sup>1</sup>		Milk per cow <sup>2</sup>		Milk production <sup>2</sup>		
	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026	Change from 2025
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
January-March .....	9,410		6,043		56,865		
April-June .....	9,474		6,205		58,783		
July-September .....	9,543		6,100		58,208		
October-December .....	9,564		6,044		57,802		
Annual .....	9,498		24,390		231,658		

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

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

## Milk Cows and Production by Month – 24 Selected States: 2025-2026

[May not add due to rounding. Blank data cells indicate estimation period has not yet begun]

Month	Milk cows <sup>1</sup>		Milk per cow <sup>2</sup>		Milk production <sup>2</sup>		
	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026	Change from 2025
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
January .....	8,954	9,154	2,058	2,082	18,423	19,058	3.4
February .....	8,966		1,899		17,030		
March .....	8,995		2,126		19,124		
April .....	9,017		2,069		18,659		
May .....	9,043		2,134		19,298		
June .....	9,046		2,044		18,489		
July .....	9,082		2,088		18,967		
August .....	9,113		2,066		18,827		
September .....	9,142		1,994		18,230		
October .....	9,137		2,049		18,726		
November .....	9,130		1,981		18,088		
December .....	9,139		2,056		18,787		
Annual .....	9,064		24,564		222,648		

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

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

## Estimated Milk Cows and Production by Month – United States: 2025-2026

[May not add due to rounding. Blank data cells indicate estimation period has not yet begun]

Month	Milk cows <sup>1</sup>		Milk per cow <sup>2</sup>		Milk production <sup>2</sup>		
	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026	Change from 2025
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
January .....	9,391	9,580	2,044	2,068	19,194	19,810	3.2
February .....	9,404		1,887		17,746		
March .....	9,434		2,112		19,925		
April .....	9,455		2,055		19,432		
May .....	9,481		2,120		20,097		
June .....	9,485		2,030		19,254		
July .....	9,511		2,072		19,706		
August .....	9,543		2,050		19,560		
September .....	9,574		1,978		18,942		
October .....	9,566		2,035		19,469		
November .....	9,559		1,967		18,804		
December .....	9,566		2,042		19,529		
Annual .....	9,498		24,390		231,658		

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

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

## Milk Cows and Production – 24 Selected States: January 2025 and 2026

[May not add due to rounding]

State	Milk cows <sup>1</sup>		Milk per cow <sup>2</sup>		Milk production <sup>2</sup>		Change from 2025
	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Arizona .....	192	193	2,145	2,145	412	414	0.5
California .....	1,710	1,712	1,960	2,050	3,352	3,510	4.7
Colorado .....	206	213	2,205	2,210	454	471	3.7
Florida .....	95	95	1,885	1,880	179	179	-
Georgia .....	85	89	2,050	2,085	174	186	6.9
Idaho .....	700	722	2,130	2,130	1,491	1,538	3.2
Illinois .....	77	76	1,870	1,870	144	142	-1.4
Indiana .....	191	197	2,030	2,040	388	402	3.6
Iowa .....	245	245	2,080	2,100	510	515	1.0
Kansas .....	181	226	2,035	2,055	368	464	26.1
Michigan .....	445	460	2,335	2,340	1,039	1,076	3.6
Minnesota .....	440	455	2,000	2,000	880	910	3.4
New Mexico .....	238	230	2,120	2,115	505	486	-3.8
New York .....	630	653	2,165	2,160	1,364	1,410	3.4
Ohio .....	251	256	1,925	1,930	483	494	2.3
Oregon .....	117	123	1,760	1,760	206	216	4.9
Pennsylvania .....	465	454	1,810	1,800	842	817	-3.0
South Dakota .....	218	242	1,975	1,975	431	478	10.9
Texas .....	678	715	2,190	2,235	1,485	1,598	7.6
Utah .....	93	97	1,950	1,960	181	190	5.0
Vermont .....	113	114	1,865	1,860	211	212	0.5
Virginia .....	66	66	1,800	1,815	119	120	0.8
Washington .....	253	236	2,020	2,035	511	480	-6.1
Wisconsin .....	1,265	1,285	2,130	2,140	2,694	2,750	2.1
24-State Total .....	8,954	9,154	2,058	2,082	18,423	19,058	3.4

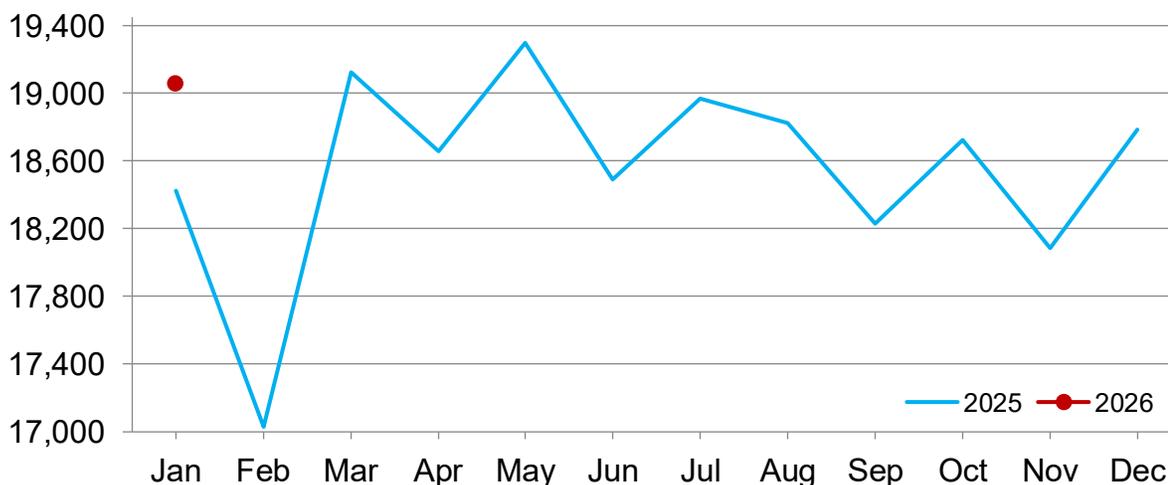
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<sup>2</sup> Excludes milk sucked by calves.

## Monthly Milk Production – 24 Selected States

Million pounds



Milk Production (February 2026)

USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service

## Milk Cows and Production – 24 Selected States: December 2024 and 2025

[May not add due to rounding]

State	Milk cows <sup>1</sup>		Milk per cow <sup>2</sup>		Milk production <sup>2</sup>		Change from 2024
	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Arizona .....	189	196	2,095	2,080	396	408	3.0
California .....	1,707	1,712	1,860	2,020	3,175	3,458	8.9
Colorado .....	205	210	2,195	2,185	450	459	2.0
Florida .....	96	98	1,745	1,775	168	174	3.6
Georgia .....	85	89	2,010	2,055	171	183	7.0
Idaho .....	692	725	2,095	2,110	1,450	1,530	5.5
Illinois .....	77	76	1,820	1,830	140	139	-0.7
Indiana .....	190	195	2,010	2,020	382	394	3.1
Iowa .....	245	245	2,060	2,080	505	510	1.0
Kansas .....	180	225	1,995	2,015	359	453	26.2
Michigan .....	444	460	2,315	2,315	1,028	1,065	3.6
Minnesota .....	442	455	1,965	1,975	869	899	3.5
New Mexico .....	240	230	2,060	2,050	494	472	-4.5
New York .....	630	650	2,120	2,150	1,336	1,398	4.6
Ohio .....	250	255	1,910	1,920	478	490	2.5
Oregon .....	117	120	1,710	1,725	200	207	3.5
Pennsylvania .....	465	455	1,765	1,760	821	801	-2.4
South Dakota .....	215	240	1,970	1,960	424	470	10.8
Texas .....	675	705	2,195	2,205	1,482	1,555	4.9
Utah .....	91	97	1,935	1,945	176	189	7.4
Vermont .....	113	115	1,840	1,820	208	209	0.5
Virginia .....	66	66	1,780	1,780	117	117	-
Washington .....	254	235	1,970	2,000	500	470	-6.0
Wisconsin .....	1,265	1,285	2,110	2,130	2,669	2,737	2.5
24-State Total .....	8,933	9,139	2,015	2,056	17,998	18,787	4.4

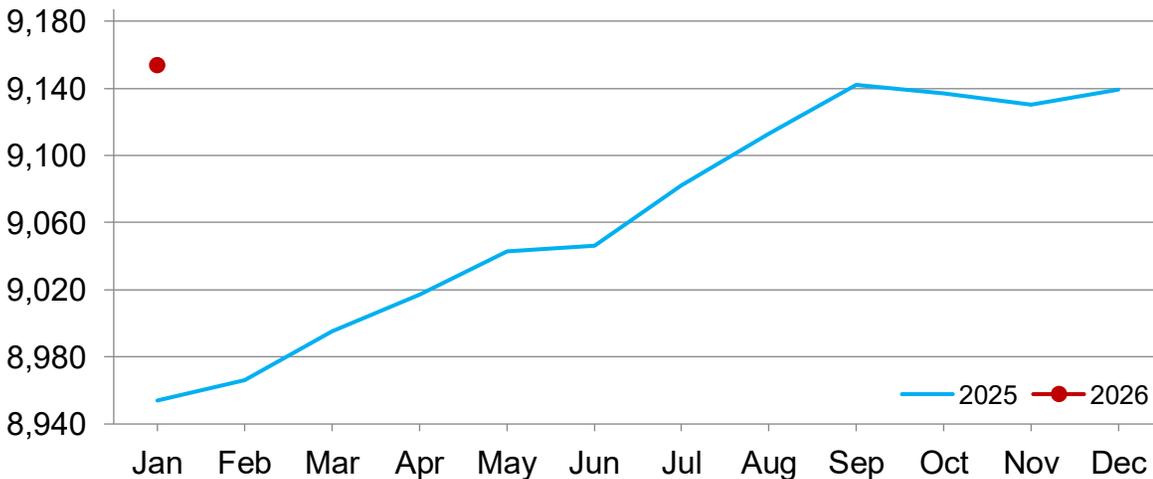
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## Monthly Milk Cows – 24 Selected States

Thousand head



## Milk Cows and Production – United States: 2016-2025

[May not add due to rounding]

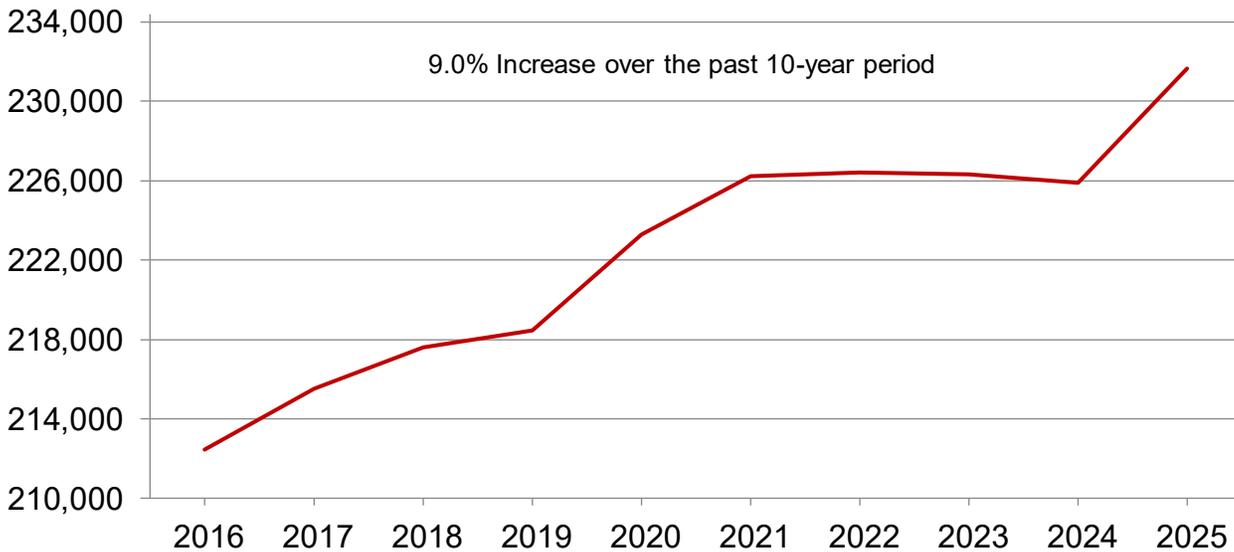
Year	Milk cows <sup>1</sup> (1,000 head)	Production per cow <sup>2</sup>		Milk production <sup>2</sup>
		Milk (pounds)	Total (million pounds)	
2016 .....	9,334	22,761	212,451	
2017 .....	9,406	22,914	215,527	
2018 .....	9,398	23,152	217,584	
2019 .....	9,335	23,401	218,444	
2020 .....	9,396	23,764	223,282	
2021 .....	9,449	23,943	226,238	
2022 .....	9,400	24,087	226,416	
2023 .....	9,384	24,117	226,311	
2024 .....	9,345	24,172	225,889	
2025 .....	9,498	24,390	231,658	

<sup>1</sup> Average number during year, excluding heifers not yet fresh.

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

## Milk Production – United States: 2016-2025

Million pounds



## Milk Cows and Production – States and United States: 2024 and 2025

[May not add due to rounding]

State	Milk cows <sup>1</sup>		Milk per cow <sup>2</sup>		Milk production <sup>2</sup>		Change from 2024
	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Alabama .....	2.3	(D)	12,174	(D)	28.0	(D)	(X)
Alaska .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(X)
Arizona .....	192.0	195.0	24,438	24,431	4,692.0	4,764.0	1.5
Arkansas .....	2.1	(D)	12,381	(D)	26.0	(D)	(X)
California .....	1,708.0	1,712.0	23,588	23,919	40,288.0	40,950.0	1.6
Colorado .....	203.0	210.0	25,892	25,995	5,256.0	5,459.0	3.9
Connecticut .....	17.5	(D)	24,229	(D)	424.0	(D)	(X)
Delaware .....	2.6	(D)	18,154	(D)	47.2	(D)	(X)
Florida .....	99.0	97.0	20,495	21,309	2,029.0	2,067.0	1.9
Georgia .....	85.0	88.0	22,824	23,761	1,940.0	2,091.0	7.8
Hawaii .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(X)
Idaho .....	672.0	714.0	25,330	25,571	17,022.0	18,258.0	7.3
Illinois .....	78.0	76.0	21,744	21,882	1,696.0	1,663.0	-1.9
Indiana .....	190.0	192.0	23,768	23,938	4,516.0	4,596.0	1.8
Iowa .....	242.0	244.0	24,843	24,807	6,012.0	6,053.0	0.7
Kansas .....	177.0	206.0	23,876	24,039	4,226.0	4,952.0	17.2
Kentucky .....	42.0	39.0	20,143	20,385	846.0	795.0	-6.0
Louisiana .....	7.5	(D)	12,667	(D)	95.0	(D)	(X)
Maine .....	24.0	24.0	22,708	22,833	545.0	548.0	0.6
Maryland .....	39.0	38.0	21,000	21,158	819.0	804.0	-1.8
Massachusetts .....	9.0	(D)	20,000	(D)	180.0	(D)	(X)
Michigan .....	439.0	453.0	27,638	27,695	12,133.0	12,546.0	3.4
Minnesota .....	444.0	447.0	23,414	23,749	10,396.0	10,616.0	2.1
Mississippi .....	5.5	(D)	11,818	(D)	65.0	(D)	(X)
Missouri .....	57.0	54.0	14,000	13,926	798.0	752.0	-5.8
Montana .....	8.5	(D)	23,294	(D)	198.0	(D)	(X)
Nebraska .....	50.0	50.0	24,940	24,700	1,247.0	1,235.0	-1.0
Nevada .....	31.0	33.0	25,097	25,455	778.0	840.0	8.0
New Hampshire .....	9.5	(D)	21,474	(D)	204.0	(D)	(X)
New Jersey .....	3.9	(D)	21,538	(D)	84.0	(D)	(X)
New Mexico .....	240.0	237.0	24,717	24,743	5,932.0	5,864.0	-1.1
New York .....	630.0	642.0	25,571	25,807	16,110.0	16,568.0	2.8
North Carolina .....	38.0	35.0	22,553	23,371	857.0	818.0	-4.6
North Dakota .....	9.5	(D)	24,000	(D)	228.0	(D)	(X)
Ohio .....	253.0	253.0	22,514	22,715	5,696.0	5,747.0	0.9
Oklahoma .....	40.0	43.0	18,600	18,698	744.0	804.0	8.1
Oregon .....	117.0	119.0	21,043	21,034	2,462.0	2,503.0	1.7
Pennsylvania .....	465.0	461.0	21,037	21,121	9,782.0	9,737.0	-0.5
Rhode Island .....	0.5	(D)	17,200	(D)	8.6	(D)	(X)
South Carolina .....	8.0	(D)	18,125	(D)	145.0	(D)	(X)
South Dakota .....	213.0	232.0	23,249	23,366	4,952.0	5,421.0	9.5
Tennessee .....	24.0	22.0	18,708	18,455	449.0	406.0	-9.6
Texas .....	657.0	696.0	25,932	26,159	17,037.0	18,207.0	6.9
Utah .....	91.0	97.0	23,297	23,247	2,120.0	2,255.0	6.4
Vermont .....	114.0	114.0	21,746	22,044	2,479.0	2,513.0	1.4
Virginia .....	67.0	66.0	20,851	21,197	1,397.0	1,399.0	0.1
Washington .....	259.0	242.0	24,143	24,095	6,253.0	5,831.0	-6.7
West Virginia .....	4.0	(D)	14,750	(D)	59.0	(D)	(X)
Wisconsin .....	1,269.0	1,273.0	25,478	25,599	32,332.0	32,588.0	0.8
Wyoming .....	9.0	(D)	27,578	(D)	248.2	(D)	(X)
Other States <sup>3</sup> .....	0.9	97.0	8,778	20,696	7.9	2,007.5	(X)
United States .....	9,345.0	9,498.0	24,172	24,390	225,889.0	231,658.0	2.6

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

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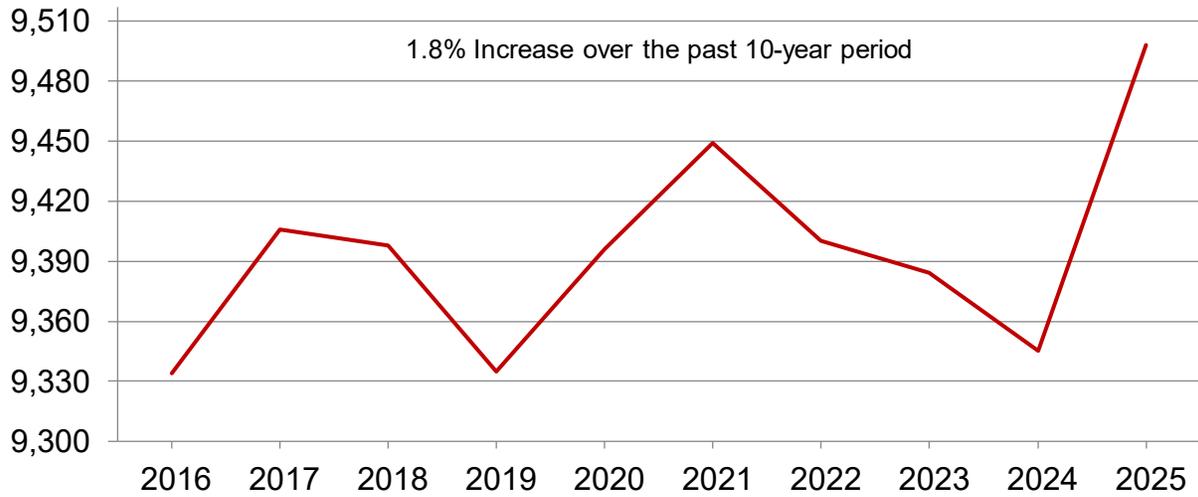
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<sup>2</sup> Excludes milk sucked by calves.

<sup>3</sup> Includes data for States not published in this table.

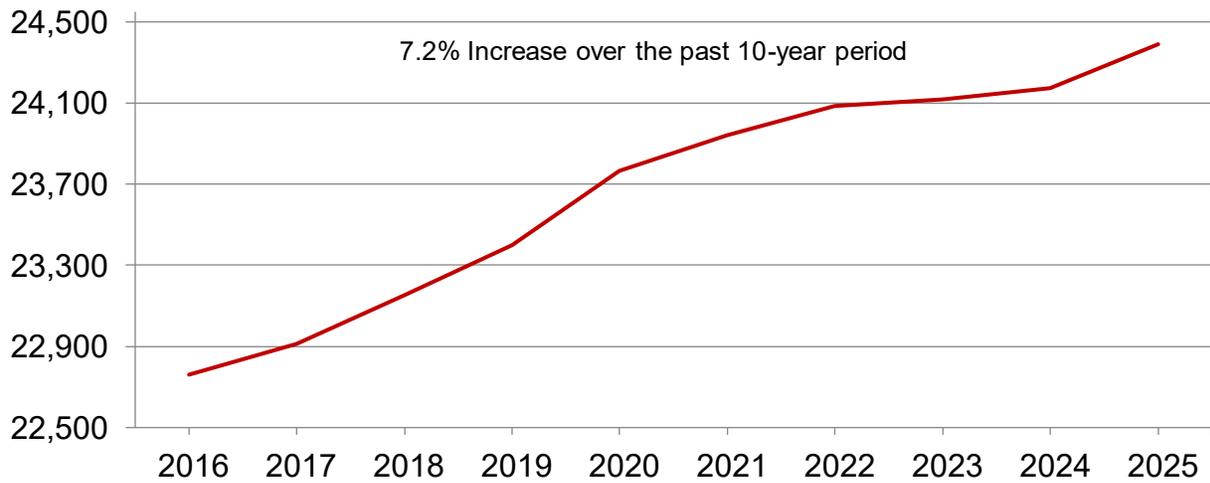
## Milk Cows – United States: 2016-2025

Thousand head



## Production per Cow – United States: 2016-2025

Pounds



## Milk Cows by Month – 24 Selected States, 24 State Total, and United States: 2024

[Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh]

State	January (1,000 head)	February (1,000 head)	March (1,000 head)	April (1,000 head)	May (1,000 head)	June (1,000 head)
Arizona .....	196	193	193	193	192	190
California .....	1,709	1,709	1,709	1,709	1,708	1,707
Colorado .....	198	201	203	203	203	202
Florida .....	98	98	100	102	100	98
Georgia .....	87	86	85	85	85	85
Idaho .....	663	665	668	669	666	667
Illinois .....	79	79	79	79	78	78
Indiana .....	190	190	190	189	189	189
Iowa .....	240	242	242	243	243	241
Kansas .....	174	174	174	173	173	173
Michigan .....	439	439	439	438	438	436
Minnesota .....	449	448	446	446	446	444
New Mexico .....	240	243	240	235	238	238
New York .....	630	630	630	630	632	630
Ohio .....	255	254	255	255	253	252
Oregon .....	115	116	116	118	118	118
Pennsylvania .....	465	465	465	465	465	465
South Dakota .....	210	210	212	212	212	213
Texas .....	635	645	643	640	645	650
Utah .....	89	90	91	91	91	91
Vermont .....	116	116	115	115	114	114
Virginia .....	67	67	67	67	67	66
Washington .....	257	258	260	261	260	260
Wisconsin .....	1,270	1,270	1,270	1,272	1,272	1,270
24-State total .....	8,871	8,888	8,892	8,890	8,888	8,877
United States <sup>1</sup> .....	9,325	9,343	9,347	9,335	9,333	9,322

State	July (1,000 head)	August (1,000 head)	September (1,000 head)	October (1,000 head)	November (1,000 head)	December (1,000 head)	Annual average <sup>2</sup> (1,000 head)
Arizona .....	190	192	192	190	189	189	192
California .....	1,707	1,707	1,708	1,709	1,709	1,707	1,708
Colorado .....	200	200	202	206	204	205	203
Florida .....	98	98	98	98	96	96	99
Georgia .....	85	85	85	85	85	85	85
Idaho .....	667	672	674	680	685	692	672
Illinois .....	78	77	77	77	77	77	78
Indiana .....	189	189	189	189	192	190	190
Iowa .....	241	241	243	244	244	245	242
Kansas .....	177	178	181	181	180	180	177
Michigan .....	436	437	438	439	440	444	439
Minnesota .....	442	442	442	442	442	442	444
New Mexico .....	239	239	240	242	240	240	240
New York .....	630	630	630	628	629	630	630
Ohio .....	252	252	251	252	251	250	253
Oregon .....	117	118	118	118	116	117	117
Pennsylvania .....	465	465	465	465	465	465	465
South Dakota .....	213	214	215	215	215	215	213
Texas .....	660	670	670	675	675	675	657
Utah .....	92	92	91	91	91	91	91
Vermont .....	114	113	113	113	113	113	114
Virginia .....	66	66	66	66	66	66	67
Washington .....	260	260	259	259	255	254	259
Wisconsin .....	1,268	1,266	1,266	1,266	1,266	1,265	1,269
24-State Total .....	8,886	8,903	8,913	8,930	8,925	8,933	8,900
United States <sup>1</sup> .....	9,327	9,345	9,355	9,370	9,364	9,374	9,345

<sup>1</sup> United States monthly estimates are derived by proportionally allocating the quarterly estimates using the 24-state monthly totals.

<sup>2</sup> Average based on monthly totals.

## Milk Cows by Month – 24 Selected States, 24 State Total, and United States: 2025

[Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh]

State	January	February	March	April	May	June
	(1,000 head)					
Arizona .....	192	192	191	191	191	191
California .....	1,710	1,709	1,710	1,710	1,710	1,710
Colorado .....	206	208	209	209	210	211
Florida .....	95	95	95	95	97	97
Georgia .....	85	85	85	87	87	87
Idaho .....	700	700	700	704	710	715
Illinois .....	77	77	77	76	76	75
Indiana .....	191	192	192	189	194	191
Iowa .....	245	244	244	244	244	242
Kansas .....	181	181	187	196	202	206
Michigan .....	445	445	446	448	453	452
Minnesota .....	440	440	442	442	444	444
New Mexico .....	238	240	243	239	239	238
New York .....	630	632	635	638	638	641
Ohio .....	251	252	254	254	258	254
Oregon .....	117	116	116	116	116	118
Pennsylvania .....	465	464	464	464	462	460
South Dakota .....	218	221	226	230	233	233
Texas .....	678	684	688	690	694	696
Utah .....	93	94	95	97	97	96
Vermont .....	113	113	113	113	113	113
Virginia .....	66	66	66	67	67	67
Washington .....	253	251	251	251	240	239
Wisconsin .....	1,265	1,265	1,266	1,267	1,268	1,270
24-State total .....	8,954	8,966	8,995	9,017	9,043	9,046
United States <sup>1</sup> .....	9,391	9,404	9,434	9,455	9,481	9,485

State	July	August	September	October	November	December	Annual average <sup>2</sup>
	(1,000 head)						
Arizona .....	196	202	200	197	196	196	195
California .....	1,715	1,715	1,713	1,713	1,712	1,712	1,712
Colorado .....	211	211	211	211	210	210	210
Florida .....	97	97	99	99	98	98	97
Georgia .....	89	89	89	89	89	89	88
Idaho .....	723	722	725	720	721	725	714
Illinois .....	74	75	79	77	76	76	76
Indiana .....	189	190	193	194	194	195	192
Iowa .....	242	244	246	246	245	245	244
Kansas .....	213	218	219	221	223	225	206
Michigan .....	453	455	460	459	459	460	453
Minnesota .....	445	450	452	455	455	455	447
New Mexico .....	236	236	236	235	233	230	237
New York .....	644	649	649	649	650	650	642
Ohio .....	252	251	252	254	254	255	253
Oregon .....	120	123	123	121	120	120	119
Pennsylvania .....	460	460	460	460	455	455	461
South Dakota .....	234	234	235	235	239	240	232
Texas .....	700	700	706	702	704	705	696
Utah .....	98	98	98	98	97	97	97
Vermont .....	114	115	116	116	115	115	114
Virginia .....	66	66	67	67	66	66	66
Washington .....	239	237	234	237	236	235	242
Wisconsin .....	1,272	1,276	1,280	1,282	1,283	1,285	1,273
24-State total .....	9,082	9,113	9,142	9,137	9,130	9,139	9,064
United States <sup>1</sup> .....	9,511	9,543	9,574	9,566	9,559	9,566	9,498

<sup>1</sup> United States monthly estimates are derived by proportionally allocating the quarterly estimates using the 24-state monthly totals.

<sup>2</sup> Average based on monthly totals.

## Milk Produced per Cow by Month – 24 Selected States, 24 State Total, and United States: 2024

[Excludes milk sucked by calves]

State	January (pounds)	February (pounds)	March (pounds)	April (pounds)	May (pounds)	June (pounds)
Arizona .....	2,125	2,070	2,280	2,180	2,185	2,015
California .....	2,070	1,970	2,140	2,065	2,095	1,960
Colorado .....	2,205	2,070	2,235	2,170	2,230	2,090
Florida .....	1,835	1,750	1,925	1,875	1,780	1,715
Georgia .....	1,890	1,830	2,005	1,955	1,935	1,850
Idaho .....	2,085	1,970	2,145	2,110	2,160	2,095
Illinois .....	1,855	1,785	1,950	1,880	1,930	1,785
Indiana .....	2,000	1,870	2,045	1,995	2,055	1,980
Iowa .....	2,110	2,000	2,150	2,095	2,150	2,020
Kansas .....	2,020	1,935	2,095	1,980	2,065	1,945
Michigan .....	2,320	2,200	2,370	2,310	2,375	2,280
Minnesota .....	1,955	1,860	2,005	1,945	2,020	1,930
New Mexico .....	2,130	2,030	2,200	2,120	2,170	2,020
New York .....	2,125	2,020	2,190	2,150	2,230	2,130
Ohio .....	1,885	1,785	1,930	1,880	1,930	1,865
Oregon .....	1,730	1,655	1,820	1,765	1,840	1,765
Pennsylvania .....	1,795	1,710	1,860	1,805	1,825	1,725
South Dakota .....	1,905	1,825	1,950	1,900	1,975	1,915
Texas .....	2,195	2,110	2,225	2,135	2,235	2,110
Utah .....	1,950	1,820	1,960	1,935	2,030	1,975
Vermont .....	1,820	1,725	1,860	1,800	1,885	1,800
Virginia .....	1,800	1,710	1,860	1,825	1,820	1,715
Washington .....	2,035	1,930	2,080	2,040	2,105	2,020
Wisconsin .....	2,135	2,025	2,185	2,130	2,220	2,120
24-State total .....	2,063	1,962	2,121	2,060	2,118	2,012
United States <sup>1</sup> .....	2,047	1,947	2,105	2,045	2,103	1,998

State	July (pounds)	August (pounds)	September (pounds)	October (pounds)	November (pounds)	December (pounds)	Annual average <sup>2</sup> (pounds)
Arizona .....	1,905	1,860	1,850	1,960	1,955	2,095	24,438
California .....	1,940	1,980	1,880	1,870	1,755	1,860	23,588
Colorado .....	2,155	2,205	2,140	2,185	2,105	2,195	25,892
Florida .....	1,685	1,590	1,520	1,570	1,615	1,745	20,495
Georgia .....	1,840	1,850	1,800	1,930	1,890	2,010	22,824
Idaho .....	2,200	2,200	2,100	2,130	2,030	2,095	25,330
Illinois .....	1,785	1,740	1,700	1,780	1,740	1,820	21,744
Indiana .....	2,015	1,985	1,930	1,990	1,950	2,010	23,768
Iowa .....	2,085	2,060	2,000	2,080	1,995	2,060	24,843
Kansas .....	2,000	2,005	1,960	2,005	1,940	1,995	23,876
Michigan .....	2,360	2,320	2,250	2,330	2,235	2,315	27,638
Minnesota .....	1,980	1,965	1,920	1,965	1,890	1,965	23,414
New Mexico .....	2,055	2,010	1,970	2,055	1,960	2,060	24,717
New York .....	2,185	2,160	2,085	2,120	2,055	2,120	25,571
Ohio .....	1,920	1,910	1,820	1,880	1,830	1,910	22,514
Oregon .....	1,805	1,785	1,710	1,760	1,680	1,710	21,043
Pennsylvania .....	1,735	1,725	1,675	1,725	1,690	1,765	21,037
South Dakota .....	1,985	1,990	1,935	1,990	1,900	1,970	23,249
Texas .....	2,155	2,155	2,085	2,225	2,110	2,195	25,932
Utah .....	2,010	1,980	1,910	1,935	1,870	1,935	23,297
Vermont .....	1,820	1,825	1,750	1,840	1,770	1,840	21,746
Virginia .....	1,730	1,720	1,645	1,705	1,690	1,780	20,851
Washington .....	2,045	2,060	1,990	2,000	1,905	1,970	24,143
Wisconsin .....	2,170	2,140	2,075	2,130	2,050	2,110	25,478
24-State total .....	2,046	2,040	1,969	2,017	1,934	2,015	24,355
United States <sup>1</sup> .....	2,029	2,023	1,952	2,003	1,921	2,000	24,172

<sup>1</sup> United States monthly estimates are derived by proportionally allocating the quarterly estimates using the 24-state monthly totals.

<sup>2</sup> Average per cow for the year.

## Milk Produced per Cow by Month – 24 Selected States, 24 State Total, and United States: 2025

[Excludes milk sucked by calves]

State	January (pounds)	February (pounds)	March (pounds)	April (pounds)	May (pounds)	June (pounds)
Arizona .....	2,145	2,015	2,275	2,185	2,185	2,040
California .....	1,960	1,850	2,085	2,030	2,085	2,005
Colorado .....	2,205	2,005	2,235	2,170	2,235	2,155
Florida .....	1,885	1,760	1,965	1,895	1,915	1,805
Georgia .....	2,050	1,920	2,125	2,040	2,065	1,960
Idaho .....	2,130	1,940	2,155	2,130	2,210	2,150
Illinois .....	1,870	1,730	1,950	1,880	1,945	1,830
Indiana .....	2,030	1,840	2,050	2,000	2,075	1,990
Iowa .....	2,080	1,910	2,135	2,085	2,160	2,060
Kansas .....	2,035	1,870	2,100	2,020	2,080	1,975
Michigan .....	2,335	2,130	2,385	2,315	2,400	2,290
Minnesota .....	2,000	1,825	2,040	1,995	2,065	1,980
New Mexico .....	2,120	1,975	2,215	2,130	2,165	2,035
New York .....	2,165	1,980	2,215	2,155	2,225	2,150
Ohio .....	1,925	1,760	1,955	1,890	1,960	1,890
Oregon .....	1,760	1,620	1,810	1,760	1,830	1,770
Pennsylvania .....	1,810	1,670	1,865	1,810	1,835	1,740
South Dakota .....	1,975	1,790	1,985	1,925	1,995	1,925
Texas .....	2,190	2,040	2,275	2,190	2,265	2,160
Utah .....	1,950	1,770	1,965	1,940	2,040	1,985
Vermont .....	1,865	1,700	1,905	1,850	1,915	1,830
Virginia .....	1,800	1,675	1,875	1,840	1,840	1,720
Washington .....	2,020	1,850	2,070	2,050	2,080	2,010
Wisconsin .....	2,130	1,960	2,195	2,145	2,235	2,125
24-State total .....	2,058	1,899	2,126	2,069	2,134	2,044
United States <sup>1</sup> .....	2,044	1,887	2,112	2,055	2,120	2,030

State	July (pounds)	August (pounds)	September (pounds)	October (pounds)	November (pounds)	December (pounds)	Annual average <sup>2</sup> (pounds)
Arizona .....	1,950	1,890	1,840	1,945	1,955	2,080	24,431
California .....	2,045	1,990	1,920	1,990	1,945	2,020	23,919
Colorado .....	2,220	2,210	2,135	2,175	2,100	2,185	25,995
Florida .....	1,765	1,675	1,615	1,660	1,655	1,775	21,309
Georgia .....	1,950	1,930	1,885	1,980	1,935	2,055	23,761
Idaho .....	2,230	2,220	2,125	2,140	2,035	2,110	25,571
Illinois .....	1,810	1,750	1,725	1,770	1,740	1,830	21,882
Indiana .....	2,010	1,990	1,950	2,010	1,970	2,020	23,938
Iowa .....	2,100	2,065	2,015	2,080	2,005	2,080	24,807
Kansas .....	2,010	2,010	1,960	2,020	1,955	2,015	24,039
Michigan .....	2,355	2,340	2,265	2,330	2,240	2,315	27,695
Minnesota .....	2,030	2,005	1,935	1,990	1,910	1,975	23,749
New Mexico .....	2,065	2,035	1,980	2,020	1,955	2,050	24,743
New York .....	2,210	2,205	2,095	2,155	2,095	2,150	25,807
Ohio .....	1,925	1,905	1,820	1,885	1,835	1,920	22,715
Oregon .....	1,815	1,800	1,725	1,770	1,680	1,725	21,034
Pennsylvania .....	1,760	1,755	1,700	1,735	1,690	1,760	21,121
South Dakota .....	2,005	1,995	1,950	2,000	1,900	1,960	23,366
Texas .....	2,205	2,190	2,125	2,205	2,125	2,205	26,159
Utah .....	2,020	1,995	1,920	1,945	1,875	1,945	23,247
Vermont .....	1,875	1,870	1,785	1,840	1,780	1,820	22,044
Virginia .....	1,735	1,735	1,665	1,705	1,685	1,780	21,197
Washington .....	2,055	2,050	1,970	2,020	1,930	2,000	24,095
Wisconsin .....	2,185	2,180	2,105	2,150	2,055	2,130	25,599
24-State total .....	2,088	2,066	1,994	2,049	1,981	2,056	24,564
United States <sup>1</sup> .....	2,072	2,050	1,978	2,035	1,967	2,042	24,390

<sup>1</sup> United States monthly estimates are derived by proportionally allocating the quarterly estimates using the 24-state monthly totals.

<sup>2</sup> Average per cow for the year.

## Milk Production by Month – 24 Selected States, 24 State Total, and United States: 2024

[Excludes milk sucked by calves]

State	January (million pounds)	February (million pounds)	March (million pounds)	April (million pounds)	May (million pounds)	June (million pounds)
Arizona .....	417	400	440	421	420	383
California .....	3,538	3,367	3,657	3,529	3,578	3,346
Colorado .....	437	416	454	441	453	422
Florida .....	180	172	193	191	178	168
Georgia .....	164	157	170	166	164	157
Idaho .....	1,382	1,310	1,433	1,412	1,439	1,397
Illinois .....	147	141	154	149	151	139
Indiana .....	380	355	389	377	388	374
Iowa .....	506	484	520	509	522	487
Kansas .....	351	337	365	343	357	336
Michigan .....	1,018	966	1,040	1,012	1,040	994
Minnesota .....	878	833	894	867	901	857
New Mexico .....	511	493	528	498	516	481
New York .....	1,339	1,273	1,380	1,355	1,409	1,342
Ohio .....	481	453	492	479	488	470
Oregon .....	199	192	211	208	217	208
Pennsylvania .....	835	795	865	839	849	802
South Dakota .....	400	383	413	403	419	408
Texas .....	1,394	1,361	1,431	1,366	1,442	1,372
Utah .....	174	164	178	176	185	180
Vermont .....	211	200	214	207	215	205
Virginia .....	121	115	125	122	122	113
Washington .....	523	498	541	532	547	525
Wisconsin .....	2,711	2,572	2,775	2,709	2,824	2,692
24-State total .....	18,297	17,437	18,862	18,311	18,824	17,858
United States <sup>1</sup> .....	19,087	18,190	19,677	19,093	19,628	18,621

State	July (million pounds)	August (million pounds)	September (million pounds)	October (million pounds)	November (million pounds)	December (million pounds)	Annual total <sup>2</sup> (million pounds)
Arizona .....	362	357	355	372	369	396	4,692
California .....	3,312	3,380	3,211	3,196	2,999	3,175	40,288
Colorado .....	431	441	432	450	429	450	5,256
Florida .....	165	156	149	154	155	168	2,029
Georgia .....	156	157	153	164	161	171	1,940
Idaho .....	1,467	1,478	1,415	1,448	1,391	1,450	17,022
Illinois .....	139	134	131	137	134	140	1,696
Indiana .....	381	375	365	376	374	382	4,516
Iowa .....	502	496	486	508	487	505	6,012
Kansas .....	354	357	355	363	349	359	4,226
Michigan .....	1,029	1,014	986	1,023	983	1,028	12,133
Minnesota .....	875	869	849	869	835	869	10,396
New Mexico .....	491	480	473	497	470	494	5,932
New York .....	1,377	1,361	1,314	1,331	1,293	1,336	16,110
Ohio .....	484	481	457	474	459	478	5,696
Oregon .....	211	211	202	208	195	200	2,462
Pennsylvania .....	807	802	779	802	786	821	9,782
South Dakota .....	423	426	416	428	409	424	4,952
Texas .....	1,422	1,444	1,397	1,502	1,424	1,482	17,037
Utah .....	185	182	174	176	170	176	2,120
Vermont .....	207	206	198	208	200	208	2,479
Virginia .....	114	114	109	113	112	117	1,397
Washington .....	532	536	515	518	486	500	6,253
Wisconsin .....	2,752	2,709	2,627	2,697	2,595	2,669	32,332
24-State total .....	18,178	18,166	17,548	18,014	17,265	17,998	216,758
United States <sup>1</sup> .....	18,921	18,908	18,265	18,765	17,985	18,749	225,889

<sup>1</sup> United States monthly estimates are derived by proportionally allocating the quarterly estimates using the 24-state monthly totals.

<sup>2</sup> Total milk production for the year.

## Milk Production by Month – 24 Selected States, 24 State Total, and United States: 2025

[Excludes milk sucked by calves]

State	January (million pounds)	February (million pounds)	March (million pounds)	April (million pounds)	May (million pounds)	June (million pounds)
Arizona .....	412	387	435	417	417	390
California .....	3,352	3,162	3,565	3,471	3,565	3,429
Colorado .....	454	417	467	454	469	455
Florida .....	179	167	187	180	186	175
Georgia .....	174	163	181	177	180	171
Idaho .....	1,491	1,358	1,509	1,500	1,569	1,537
Illinois .....	144	133	150	143	148	137
Indiana .....	388	353	394	378	403	380
Iowa .....	510	466	521	509	527	499
Kansas .....	368	338	393	396	420	407
Michigan .....	1,039	948	1,064	1,037	1,087	1,035
Minnesota .....	880	803	902	882	917	879
New Mexico .....	505	474	538	509	517	484
New York .....	1,364	1,251	1,407	1,375	1,420	1,378
Ohio .....	483	444	497	480	506	480
Oregon .....	206	188	210	204	212	209
Pennsylvania .....	842	775	865	840	848	800
South Dakota .....	431	396	449	443	465	449
Texas .....	1,485	1,395	1,565	1,511	1,572	1,503
Utah .....	181	166	187	188	198	191
Vermont .....	211	192	215	209	216	207
Virginia .....	119	111	124	123	123	115
Washington .....	511	464	520	515	499	480
Wisconsin .....	2,694	2,479	2,779	2,718	2,834	2,699
24-State total .....	18,423	17,030	19,124	18,659	19,298	18,489
United States <sup>1</sup> .....	19,194	17,746	19,925	19,432	20,097	19,254

State	July (million pounds)	August (million pounds)	September (million pounds)	October (million pounds)	November (million pounds)	December (million pounds)	Annual total <sup>2</sup> (million pounds)
Arizona .....	382	382	368	383	383	408	4,764
California .....	3,507	3,413	3,289	3,409	3,330	3,458	40,950
Colorado .....	468	466	450	459	441	459	5,459
Florida .....	171	162	160	164	162	174	2,067
Georgia .....	174	172	168	176	172	183	2,091
Idaho .....	1,612	1,603	1,541	1,541	1,467	1,530	18,258
Illinois .....	134	131	136	136	132	139	1,663
Indiana .....	380	378	376	390	382	394	4,596
Iowa .....	508	504	496	512	491	510	6,053
Kansas .....	428	438	429	446	436	453	4,952
Michigan .....	1,067	1,065	1,042	1,069	1,028	1,065	12,546
Minnesota .....	903	902	875	905	869	899	10,616
New Mexico .....	487	480	467	475	456	472	5,864
New York .....	1,423	1,431	1,360	1,399	1,362	1,398	16,568
Ohio .....	485	478	459	479	466	490	5,747
Oregon .....	218	221	212	214	202	207	2,503
Pennsylvania .....	810	807	782	798	769	801	9,737
South Dakota .....	469	467	458	470	454	470	5,421
Texas .....	1,544	1,533	1,500	1,548	1,496	1,555	18,207
Utah .....	198	196	188	191	182	189	2,255
Vermont .....	214	215	207	213	205	209	2,513
Virginia .....	115	115	112	114	111	117	1,399
Washington .....	491	486	461	479	455	470	5,831
Wisconsin .....	2,779	2,782	2,694	2,756	2,637	2,737	32,588
24-State total .....	18,967	18,827	18,230	18,726	18,088	18,787	222,648
United States <sup>1</sup> .....	19,706	19,560	18,942	19,469	18,804	19,529	231,658

<sup>1</sup> United States monthly estimates are derived by proportionally allocating the quarterly estimates using the 24-state monthly totals.

<sup>2</sup> Total milk production for the year.

## Milk Cows and Production by Quarter – States and United States: 2024

[May not add due to rounding]

State	Milk cows <sup>1</sup>				Milk production <sup>2</sup>			
	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)
Alabama .....	2.5	2.5	2.0	2.2	8.5	7.5	5.5	6.5
Alaska .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Arizona .....	194.0	192.0	191.0	189.0	1,257.0	1,224.0	1,074.0	1,137.0
Arkansas .....	2.3	2.0	2.0	2.0	7.5	7.0	6.0	5.5
California .....	1,709.0	1,708.0	1,707.0	1,708.0	10,562.0	10,453.0	9,903.0	9,370.0
Colorado .....	201.0	203.0	201.0	205.0	1,307.0	1,316.0	1,304.0	1,329.0
Connecticut .....	17.5	17.5	17.5	17.5	107.0	108.0	105.0	104.0
Delaware .....	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	12.9	12.3	10.8	11.2
Florida .....	99.0	100.0	98.0	97.0	545.0	537.0	470.0	477.0
Georgia .....	86.0	85.0	85.0	85.0	491.0	487.0	466.0	496.0
Hawaii .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Idaho .....	665.0	667.0	671.0	686.0	4,125.0	4,248.0	4,360.0	4,289.0
Illinois .....	79.0	78.0	77.0	77.0	442.0	439.0	404.0	411.0
Indiana .....	190.0	189.0	189.0	190.0	1,124.0	1,139.0	1,121.0	1,132.0
Iowa .....	241.0	242.0	242.0	244.0	1,510.0	1,518.0	1,484.0	1,500.0
Kansas .....	174.0	173.0	179.0	180.0	1,053.0	1,036.0	1,066.0	1,071.0
Kentucky .....	43.0	43.0	41.0	41.0	223.0	225.0	198.0	200.0
Louisiana .....	8.0	7.5	6.5	7.0	29.0	26.0	18.0	22.0
Maine .....	24.0	24.0	24.0	24.0	134.0	142.0	136.0	133.0
Maryland .....	40.0	38.0	38.0	38.0	222.0	199.0	197.0	201.0
Massachusetts .....	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	44.0	47.0	45.0	44.0
Michigan .....	439.0	437.0	437.0	441.0	3,024.0	3,046.0	3,029.0	3,034.0
Minnesota .....	448.0	445.0	442.0	442.0	2,605.0	2,625.0	2,593.0	2,573.0
Mississippi .....	5.5	5.5	5.0	5.0	19.0	18.0	13.5	14.5
Missouri .....	59.0	58.0	56.0	56.0	209.0	218.0	186.0	185.0
Montana .....	9.0	8.5	8.5	8.5	51.0	50.0	49.0	48.0
Nebraska .....	51.0	50.0	50.0	49.0	315.0	314.0	309.0	309.0
Nevada .....	32.0	31.0	31.0	31.0	190.0	195.0	196.0	197.0
New Hampshire .....	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	52.0	52.0	50.0	50.0
New Jersey .....	4.0	4.0	3.9	3.8	22.0	22.0	20.0	20.0
New Mexico .....	241.0	237.0	239.0	241.0	1,532.0	1,495.0	1,444.0	1,461.0
New York .....	630.0	631.0	630.0	629.0	3,992.0	4,106.0	4,052.0	3,960.0
North Carolina .....	38.0	38.0	37.0	37.0	228.0	225.0	201.0	203.0
North Dakota .....	10.0	9.5	9.5	9.5	58.0	57.0	57.0	56.0
Ohio .....	255.0	253.0	252.0	251.0	1,426.0	1,437.0	1,422.0	1,411.0
Oklahoma .....	39.0	40.0	41.0	41.0	188.0	191.0	176.0	189.0
Oregon .....	116.0	118.0	118.0	117.0	602.0	633.0	624.0	603.0
Pennsylvania .....	465.0	465.0	465.0	465.0	2,495.0	2,490.0	2,388.0	2,409.0
Rhode Island .....	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	2.3	2.2	2.0	2.1
South Carolina .....	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	39.0	39.0	32.0	35.0
South Dakota .....	211.0	212.0	214.0	215.0	1,196.0	1,230.0	1,265.0	1,261.0
Tennessee .....	25.0	24.0	24.0	24.0	118.0	115.0	109.0	107.0
Texas .....	641.0	645.0	667.0	675.0	4,186.0	4,180.0	4,263.0	4,408.0
Utah .....	90.0	91.0	92.0	91.0	516.0	541.0	541.0	522.0
Vermont .....	116.0	114.0	113.0	113.0	625.0	627.0	611.0	616.0
Virginia .....	67.0	67.0	66.0	66.0	361.0	357.0	337.0	342.0
Washington .....	258.0	260.0	260.0	256.0	1,562.0	1,604.0	1,583.0	1,504.0
West Virginia .....	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	15.0	15.0	14.5	14.5
Wisconsin .....	1,270.0	1,271.0	1,267.0	1,266.0	8,058.0	8,225.0	8,088.0	7,961.0
Wyoming .....	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	62.0	59.4	63.9	62.9
Other States <sup>3</sup> .....	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.7	2.1	2.1	2.0
United States .....	9,338.0	9,330.0	9,342.0	9,369.0	56,954.0	57,342.0	56,094.0	55,499.0

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

<sup>1</sup> Quarterly average includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

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

<sup>3</sup> Other States includes Alaska and Hawaii.

## Milk Cows and Production by Quarter – States and United States: 2025

[May not add due to rounding]

State	Milk cows <sup>1</sup>				Milk production <sup>2</sup>			
	Jan-Mar (1,000 head)	Apr-Jun (1,000 head)	Jul-Sep (1,000 head)	Oct-Dec (1,000 head)	Jan-Mar (million pounds)	Apr-Jun (million pounds)	Jul-Sep (million pounds)	Oct-Dec (million pounds)
Arizona .....	192.0	191.0	199.0	196.0	1,234.0	1,224.0	1,132.0	1,174.0
California .....	1,710.0	1,710.0	1,714.0	1,712.0	10,079.0	10,465.0	10,209.0	10,197.0
Colorado .....	208.0	210.0	211.0	210.0	1,338.0	1,378.0	1,384.0	1,359.0
Florida .....	95.0	96.0	98.0	98.0	533.0	541.0	493.0	500.0
Georgia .....	85.0	87.0	89.0	89.0	518.0	528.0	514.0	531.0
Idaho .....	700.0	710.0	723.0	722.0	4,358.0	4,606.0	4,756.0	4,538.0
Illinois .....	77.0	76.0	76.0	76.0	427.0	428.0	401.0	407.0
Indiana .....	192.0	191.0	191.0	194.0	1,135.0	1,161.0	1,134.0	1,166.0
Iowa .....	244.0	243.0	244.0	245.0	1,497.0	1,535.0	1,508.0	1,513.0
Kansas .....	183.0	201.0	217.0	223.0	1,099.0	1,223.0	1,295.0	1,335.0
Kentucky .....	41.0	40.0	38.0	38.0	210.0	215.0	184.0	186.0
Maine .....	24.0	24.0	23.0	23.0	137.0	140.0	138.0	133.0
Maryland .....	38.0	39.0	37.0	37.0	206.0	210.0	193.0	195.0
Michigan .....	445.0	451.0	456.0	459.0	3,051.0	3,159.0	3,174.0	3,162.0
Minnesota .....	441.0	443.0	449.0	455.0	2,585.0	2,678.0	2,680.0	2,673.0
Missouri .....	55.0	54.0	53.0	54.0	191.0	204.0	177.0	180.0
Nebraska .....	49.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	307.0	314.0	305.0	309.0
Nevada .....	32.0	34.0	34.0	33.0	198.0	215.0	217.0	210.0
New Mexico .....	240.0	239.0	236.0	233.0	1,517.0	1,510.0	1,434.0	1,403.0
New York .....	632.0	639.0	647.0	650.0	4,022.0	4,173.0	4,214.0	4,159.0
North Carolina .....	35.0	35.0	35.0	36.0	207.0	210.0	197.0	204.0
Ohio .....	252.0	255.0	252.0	254.0	1,424.0	1,466.0	1,422.0	1,435.0
Oklahoma .....	43.0	43.0	43.0	44.0	206.0	206.0	190.0	202.0
Oregon .....	116.0	117.0	122.0	120.0	604.0	625.0	651.0	623.0
Pennsylvania .....	464.0	462.0	460.0	457.0	2,482.0	2,488.0	2,399.0	2,368.0
South Dakota .....	222.0	232.0	234.0	238.0	1,276.0	1,357.0	1,394.0	1,394.0
Tennessee .....	22.0	22.0	22.0	22.0	104.0	105.0	97.0	100.0
Texas .....	683.0	693.0	702.0	704.0	4,445.0	4,586.0	4,577.0	4,599.0
Utah .....	94.0	97.0	98.0	97.0	534.0	577.0	582.0	562.0
Vermont .....	113.0	113.0	115.0	115.0	618.0	632.0	636.0	627.0
Virginia .....	66.0	67.0	66.0	66.0	354.0	361.0	342.0	342.0
Washington .....	252.0	243.0	237.0	236.0	1,495.0	1,494.0	1,438.0	1,404.0
Wisconsin .....	1,265.0	1,268.0	1,276.0	1,283.0	7,952.0	8,251.0	8,255.0	8,130.0
Other States <sup>3</sup> .....	99.8	98.6	96.2	95.3	521.6	518.1	486.1	481.7
United States .....	9,410.0	9,474.0	9,543.0	9,564.0	56,865.0	58,783.0	58,208.0	57,802.0

<sup>1</sup> Quarterly average includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

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

<sup>3</sup> Includes data for States not published in this table.

## Licensed Dairy Herds – States and United States: 2024 and 2025

State	Licensed dairy herds <sup>1</sup>	
	2024 (number)	2025 (number)
Alabama .....	10	10
Arizona .....	70	65
Arkansas .....	20	15
California .....	995	960
Colorado .....	100	100
Connecticut .....	85	85
Delaware .....	15	15
Florida .....	45	50
Georgia .....	80	75
Idaho .....	350	350
Illinois .....	415	405
Indiana .....	685	675
Iowa .....	705	675
Kansas .....	160	130
Kentucky .....	340	330
Louisiana .....	55	45
Maine .....	140	130
Maryland .....	290	290
Massachusetts .....	100	95
Michigan .....	845	825
Minnesota .....	1,690	1,605
Mississippi .....	30	25
Missouri .....	390	345
Montana .....	35	35
Nebraska .....	80	75
Nevada .....	20	20
New Hampshire .....	80	75
New Jersey .....	40	35
New Mexico .....	95	90
New York .....	2,880	2,760
North Carolina .....	105	95
North Dakota .....	25	20
Ohio .....	1,395	1,365
Oklahoma .....	65	55
Oregon .....	140	140
Pennsylvania .....	4,680	4,360
South Carolina .....	30	25
South Dakota .....	135	135
Tennessee .....	120	110
Texas .....	290	280
Utah .....	130	130
Vermont .....	490	470
Virginia .....	355	345
Washington .....	280	280
West Virginia .....	25	25
Wisconsin .....	5,520	5,375
Other States <sup>2</sup> .....	15	9
United States .....	24,645	23,609

<sup>1</sup> Average number of dairy farms licensed to sell milk, based on counts collected from State and other regulatory agencies.

<sup>2</sup> Other States includes states not published.

## Statistical Methodology

**Survey Procedures:** Primary data used to determine these estimates were obtained from a sample of producers. Individual States maintain a list of all known milk producers and information on the size of their herd. States use all known sources of producers to ensure that their lists are as complete as possible. Generally, all large producers and a sample of small producers are included in the survey. Questionnaires are mailed to producers near the end of the month to obtain data for the first day of the month. Additional reports are obtained by telephone, as needed, to supplement the mail response. Where feasible, States utilize state and federal administrative data to estimate milk production. This eliminates duplication of data gathering by different government agencies such as Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) Dairy Market News. Indications of milk cow inventory are also obtained in the January Cattle Survey.

**Estimation Procedures:** Regional Field Offices prepare these estimates by using a combination of survey indications, historic trends, and any available administrative data. Individual State estimates are reviewed by the Agricultural Statistics Board for reasonableness.

**Revision Policy:** Milk production, milk per cow, and number of milk cows are subject to revision the following month after initial publication for monthly States or the following quarter for the quarterly States. Normally, administrative data from Federal Market Orders, State Departments of Agriculture, or other sources are the main basis for revisions. However, administrative data for all States may not be available in time for these revisions. Estimates are again subject to revisions in February each year based on additional administrative data. In the event that additional changes are necessary, a third revision is possible in February the following year. Estimates are again reviewed after data from the five-year Census of Agriculture are available. No revisions are made after that date.

**Reliability:** Since all operations with dairy animals are not included in the sample, survey estimates are subject to sampling variability. Survey results are also subject to non-sampling errors such as omissions, duplications, and mistakes in reporting, recording, and processing the data. The effects of these errors cannot be measured directly. They are minimized through rigid quality controls in the data collection process and through a careful review of all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

To assist users in evaluating the reliability of the estimates in this report, the "Root Mean Square Error" is shown for selected items in the table below. The "Root Mean Square Error" is a statistical measure based on past performance and is computed using the differences between first and final estimates. The "Root Mean Square Error" for the 24 State milk production estimates over the past 24 months is 0.4 percent. This means that chances are 2 out of 3 that the final estimate will not be above or below the current estimate of 19.1 billion pounds by more than 0.4 percent. Chances are 9 out of 10 that the difference will not exceed 0.7 percent.

### Reliability of Monthly Milk Production Estimates

[Based on data for the past 24 months]

Item	Root mean square error	90 percent confidence level	Difference between first and latest estimate				
			Average	Smallest	Largest	Months	
						Below latest	Above latest
	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(number)	(number)
Milk production .....	0.4	0.7	61	1	161	17	7
All Milk cows .....	0.2	0.4	16	1	42	18	6

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