



# Iowa Ag News – Milk Production

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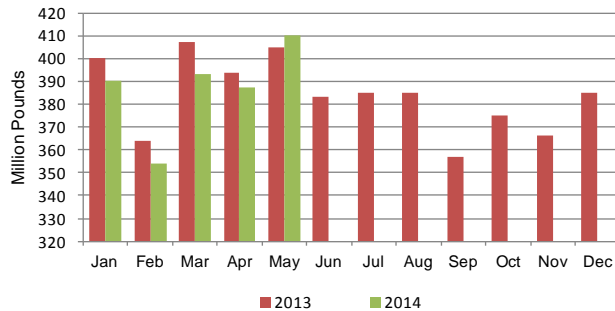
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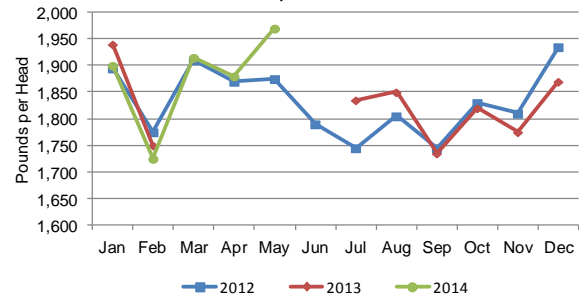
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**Milk production** in Iowa during May 2014 totaled 410 million pounds, up 1 percent from May 2013 and the highest total since May 1972, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Milk Production* report. The average number of milk cows during May, at 208,000 head, was 2,000 more than last month. Monthly production per cow averaged 1,970 pounds, the highest average since records started in 1960.

**Milk Production, Iowa, 2013-2014**



**Milk Production per Cow, Iowa, 2011-2014**



## Milk Cows and Production: Selected States, May 2013 and 2014

| State                       | Milk Cows <sup>1</sup> |              | Milk Per Cow <sup>2</sup> |              | Milk Production <sup>2</sup> |                  |                  |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|--------------|---------------------------|--------------|------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
|                             | 2013 <sup>3</sup>      | 2014         | 2013 <sup>3</sup>         | 2014         | 2013                         | 2014             | Change from 2013 |
|                             | (1,000 Head)           | (1,000 Head) | (Pounds)                  | (Pounds)     | (Million Pounds)             | (Million Pounds) | (Percent)        |
| Arizona .....               |                        | 192          |                           | 2,225        | 411                          | 427              | 3.9              |
| California .....            |                        | 1,780        |                           | 2,110        | 3,720                        | 3,756            | 1.0              |
| Colorado .....              |                        | 143          |                           | 2,165        | 283                          | 310              | 9.5              |
| Florida .....               |                        | 123          |                           | 1,895        | 225                          | 233              | 3.6              |
| Idaho .....                 |                        | 572          |                           | 2,070        | 1,178                        | 1,184            | 0.5              |
| Illinois .....              |                        | 95           |                           | 1,770        | 167                          | 168              | 0.6              |
| Indiana .....               |                        | 177          |                           | 1,935        | 340                          | 342              | 0.6              |
| <b>Iowa .....</b>           |                        | <b>208</b>   |                           | <b>1,970</b> | <b>405</b>                   | <b>410</b>       | <b>1.2</b>       |
| Kansas .....                |                        | 141          |                           | 1,995        | 258                          | 276              | 7.0              |
| Michigan .....              |                        | 384          |                           | 2,145        | 798                          | 824              | 3.3              |
| Minnesota .....             |                        | 460          |                           | 1,710        | 788                          | 787              | -0.1             |
| New Mexico .....            |                        | 323          |                           | 2,240        | 714                          | 724              | 1.4              |
| New York .....              |                        | 615          |                           | 1,935        | 1,193                        | 1,190            | -0.3             |
| Ohio .....                  |                        | 266          |                           | 1,795        | 489                          | 477              | -2.5             |
| Oregon .....                |                        | 125          |                           | 1,815        | 222                          | 227              | 2.3              |
| Pennsylvania .....          |                        | 530          |                           | 1,750        | 941                          | 928              | -1.4             |
| South Dakota .....          |                        | 97           |                           | 1,855        | 170                          | 180              | 5.9              |
| Texas .....                 |                        | 460          |                           | 2,010        | 840                          | 925              | 10.1             |
| Utah .....                  |                        | 95           |                           | 1,915        | 177                          | 182              | 2.8              |
| Vermont .....               |                        | 131          |                           | 1,755        | 231                          | 230              | -0.4             |
| Virginia .....              |                        | 93           |                           | 1,700        | 155                          | 158              | 1.9              |
| Washington .....            |                        | 276          |                           | 2,100        | 558                          | 573              | 2.7              |
| Wisconsin .....             |                        | 1,269        |                           | 1,880        | 2,385                        | 2,386            | -                |
| <b>23-State Total .....</b> |                        | <b>8,552</b> |                           | <b>1,976</b> | <b>16,648</b>                | <b>16,897</b>    | <b>1.5</b>       |

<sup>1</sup> Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. <sup>2</sup> Excludes milk sucked by calves <sup>3</sup> Survey was not conducted in April & July, resulting in no milk cow and milk per cow data for March through June.

# United States Milk Production

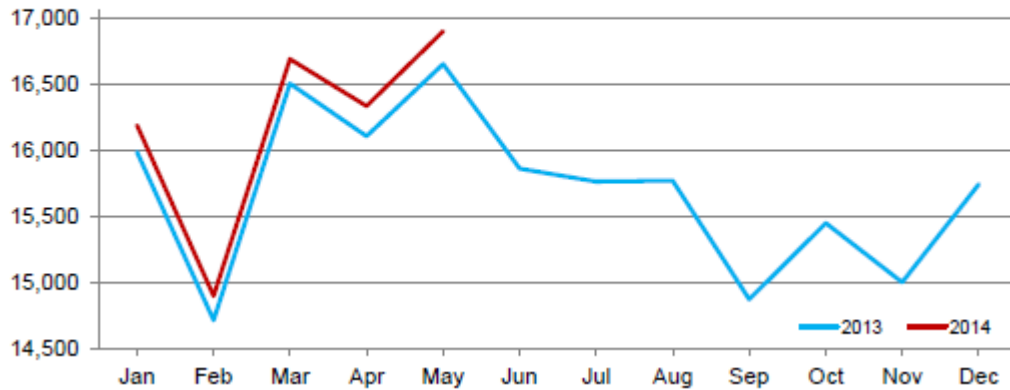
Milk production in the 23 major States during May totaled 16.9 billion pounds, up 1.5 percent from May 2013. April revised production, at 16.3 billion pounds, was up 1.4 percent from April 2013. The April revision represented an increase of 27 million pounds or 0.2 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,976 pounds for May. This is the highest production per cow for the month of May since the 23 State series began in 2003.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.55 million head, 10,000 head more than April 2014.

## Monthly Milk Production – 23 Selected States

Million pounds



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