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June Milk Production up 2.4 Percent

Milk production in the 24 major States during June totaled 18.9 billion pounds, up 2.4 percent from June 2025. May revised production, at 19.7 billion pounds, was up 2.2 percent from May 2025. The May revision represented a decrease of 43 million pounds or 0.2 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 24 major States averaged 2,051 pounds for June, 7 pounds above June 2025.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 24 major States was 9.23 million head, 185,000 head more than June 2025, and 18,000 head more than May 2026.

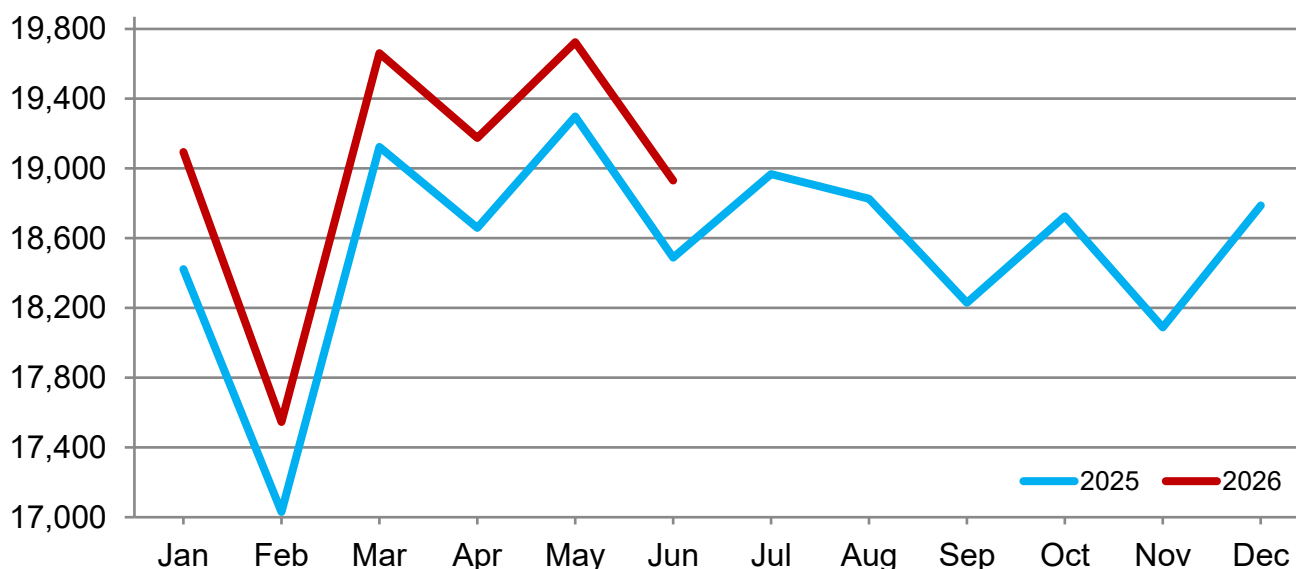
April-June Milk Production up 2.4 Percent

Milk production in the United States during the April - June quarter totaled 60.2 billion pounds, up 2.4 percent from the April - June quarter last year.

The average number of milk cows in the United States during the quarter was 9.67 million head, 44,000 head more than the January - March quarter, and 192,000 head more than the same period last year.

Monthly Milk Production - 24 Selected States

Million pounds



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 ¹		Milk per cow ²		Milk production ²		
	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	9,622	6,043	6,091	56,865	58,603	3.1
April-June	9,474	9,666	6,205	6,227	58,783	60,194	2.4
July-September	9,543		6,100		58,208		
October-December	9,564		6,044		57,802		
Annual	9,498		24,390		231,658		

¹ Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh.

² Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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

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Month	Milk cows ¹		Milk per cow ²		Milk production ²		
	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	9,170	2,058	2,082	18,423	19,095	3.6
February	8,966	9,175	1,899	1,912	17,030	17,546	3.0
March	8,995	9,198	2,126	2,138	19,124	19,662	2.8
April	9,017	9,218	2,069	2,080	18,659	19,175	2.8
May	9,043	9,213	2,134	2,141	19,298	19,724	2.2
June	9,046	9,231	2,044	2,051	18,489	18,930	2.4
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		

¹ Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh.

² Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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

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Month	Milk cows ¹		Milk per cow ²		Milk production ²		
	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	9,610	2,044	2,068	19,194	19,875	3.5
February	9,404	9,614	1,887	1,900	17,746	18,263	2.9
March	9,434	9,641	2,112	2,123	19,925	20,465	2.7
April	9,455	9,664	2,055	2,065	19,432	19,960	2.7
May	9,481	9,658	2,120	2,126	20,097	20,529	2.1
June	9,485	9,677	2,030	2,036	19,254	19,705	2.3
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		

¹ Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh.

² Excludes milk sucked by calves.

Milk Cows and Production – 24 Selected States: June 2025 and 2026

[May not add due to rounding]

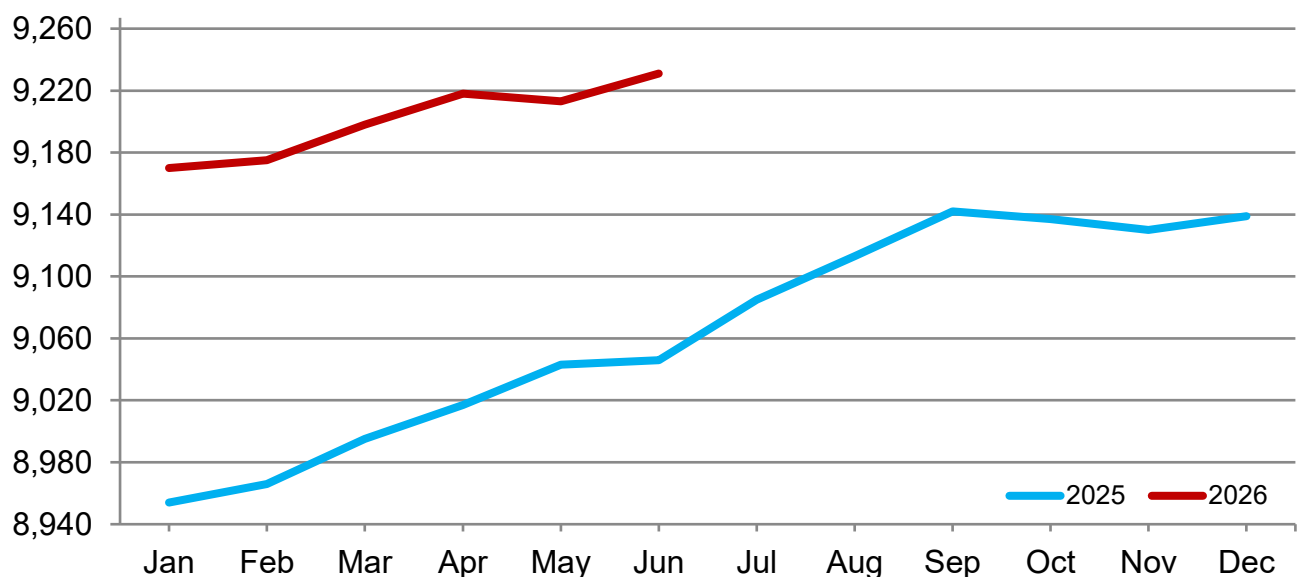
State	Milk cows ¹		Milk per cow ²		Milk production ²		
	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026	Change from 2025
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Arizona	191	197	2,040	2,050	390	404	3.6
California	1,710	1,714	2,005	2,005	3,429	3,437	0.2
Colorado	211	221	2,155	2,165	455	478	5.1
Florida	97	101	1,805	1,810	175	183	4.6
Georgia	87	89	1,960	2,030	171	181	5.8
Idaho	715	729	2,150	2,155	1,537	1,571	2.2
Illinois	75	76	1,830	1,835	137	139	1.5
Indiana	191	198	1,990	1,995	380	395	3.9
Iowa	242	245	2,060	2,070	499	507	1.6
Kansas	206	240	1,975	1,980	407	475	16.7
Michigan	452	466	2,290	2,300	1,035	1,072	3.6
Minnesota	444	452	1,980	1,995	879	902	2.6
New Mexico	238	239	2,035	2,035	484	486	0.4
New York	641	651	2,150	2,150	1,378	1,400	1.6
Ohio	254	255	1,890	1,890	480	482	0.4
Oregon	118	127	1,770	1,780	209	226	8.1
Pennsylvania	460	455	1,740	1,760	800	801	0.1
South Dakota	233	245	1,925	1,935	449	474	5.6
Texas	696	725	2,160	2,175	1,503	1,577	4.9
Utah	96	100	1,985	1,990	191	199	4.2
Vermont	113	113	1,830	1,840	207	208	0.5
Virginia	67	66	1,720	1,730	115	114	-0.9
Washington	239	237	2,010	2,015	480	478	-0.4
Wisconsin	1,270	1,290	2,125	2,125	2,699	2,741	1.6
24-State Total	9,046	9,231	2,044	2,051	18,489	18,930	2.4

¹ Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh.

² Excludes milk sucked by calves.

Monthly Milk Cows - 24 Selected States

Thousand head



Milk Cows and Production – 24 Selected States: May 2025 and 2026

[May not add due to rounding]

State	Milk cows ¹		Milk per cow ²		Milk production ²		Change from 2025
	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Arizona	191	197	2,185	2,205	417	434	4.1
California	1,710	1,714	2,085	2,115	3,565	3,625	1.7
Colorado	210	219	2,235	2,240	469	491	4.7
Florida	97	101	1,915	1,905	186	192	3.2
Georgia	87	88	2,065	2,135	180	188	4.4
Idaho	710	727	2,210	2,215	1,569	1,610	2.6
Illinois	76	76	1,945	1,940	148	147	-0.7
Indiana	194	197	2,075	2,070	403	408	1.2
Iowa	244	245	2,160	2,160	527	529	0.4
Kansas	202	240	2,080	2,085	420	500	19.0
Michigan	453	464	2,400	2,390	1,087	1,109	2.0
Minnesota	444	452	2,065	2,075	917	938	2.3
New Mexico	239	237	2,165	2,175	517	515	-0.4
New York	638	651	2,225	2,220	1,420	1,445	1.8
Ohio	258	254	1,960	1,960	506	498	-1.6
Oregon	116	127	1,830	1,840	212	234	10.4
Pennsylvania	462	452	1,835	1,830	848	827	-2.5
South Dakota	233	243	1,995	1,990	465	484	4.1
Texas	694	722	2,265	2,265	1,572	1,635	4.0
Utah	97	100	2,040	2,045	198	205	3.5
Vermont	113	112	1,915	1,915	216	214	-0.9
Virginia	67	66	1,840	1,850	123	122	-0.8
Washington	240	237	2,080	2,105	499	499	-
Wisconsin	1,268	1,292	2,235	2,225	2,834	2,875	1.4
24-State Total	9,043	9,213	2,134	2,141	19,298	19,724	2.2

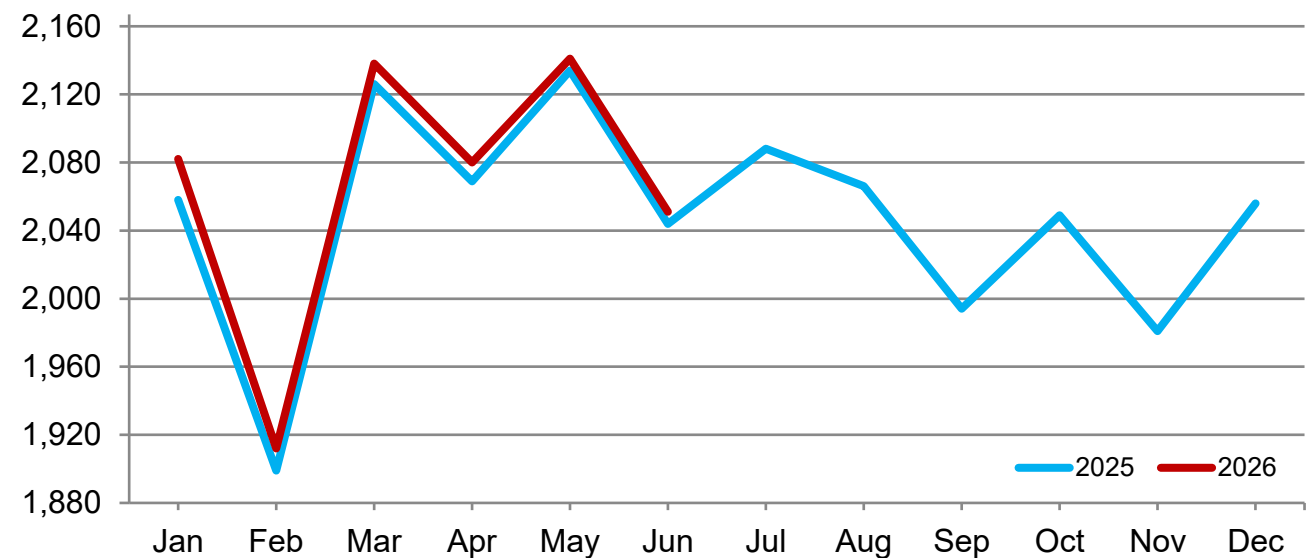
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Monthly Milk Per Cow - 24 Selected States

Pounds



Milk Cows and Production – States and United States: Revised January - March 2025 and 2026

[May not add due to rounding]

State	January - March milk cows ¹		January - March milk production ²		
	2025	2026	2025	2026	Change from 2025
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Arizona	192.0	194.0	1,234.0	1,250.0	1.3
California	1,710.0	1,711.0	10,079.0	10,362.0	2.8
Colorado	208.0	215.0	1,338.0	1,391.0	4.0
Florida	95.0	97.0	533.0	544.0	2.1
Georgia	85.0	88.0	518.0	547.0	5.6
Idaho	700.0	725.0	4,358.0	4,514.0	3.6
Illinois	77.0	76.0	427.0	427.0	-
Indiana	192.0	199.0	1,135.0	1,182.0	4.1
Iowa	244.0	245.0	1,497.0	1,517.0	1.3
Kansas	183.0	232.0	1,099.0	1,400.0	27.4
Kentucky	41.0	37.0	210.0	194.0	-7.6
Maine	24.0	24.0	137.0	133.0	-2.9
Maryland	38.0	38.0	206.0	204.0	-1.0
Michigan	445.0	464.0	3,051.0	3,185.0	4.4
Minnesota	441.0	453.0	2,585.0	2,657.0	2.8
Missouri	55.0	55.0	191.0	191.0	-
Nebraska	49.0	51.0	307.0	315.0	2.6
Nevada	32.0	35.0	198.0	217.0	9.6
New Mexico	240.0	231.0	1,517.0	1,454.0	-4.2
New York	632.0	651.0	4,022.0	4,116.0	2.3
North Carolina	35.0	36.0	207.0	213.0	2.9
Ohio	252.0	256.0	1,424.0	1,447.0	1.6
Oklahoma	43.0	46.0	206.0	221.0	7.3
Oregon	116.0	123.0	604.0	640.0	6.0
Pennsylvania	464.0	453.0	2,482.0	2,417.0	-2.6
South Dakota	222.0	242.0	1,276.0	1,394.0	9.2
Tennessee	22.0	22.0	104.0	103.0	-1.0
Texas	683.0	717.0	4,445.0	4,705.0	5.8
Utah	94.0	99.0	534.0	567.0	6.2
Vermont	113.0	113.0	618.0	621.0	0.5
Virginia	66.0	66.0	354.0	358.0	1.1
Washington	252.0	236.0	1,495.0	1,405.0	-6.0
Wisconsin	1,265.0	1,294.0	7,952.0	8,203.0	3.2
Other States ³	99.8	97.8	521.6	508.6	-2.5
United States	9,410.0	9,622.0	56,865.0	58,603.0	3.1

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² Excludes milk sucked by calves.

³ Other States includes states not published.

Milk Cows and Production – States and United States: Preliminary April - June 2025 and 2026

[May not add due to rounding]

State	April - June milk cows ¹		April - June milk production ²		
	2025	2026	2025	2026	Change from 2025
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Arizona	191.0	197.0	1,224.0	1,268.0	3.6
California	1,710.0	1,714.0	10,465.0	10,582.0	1.1
Colorado	210.0	220.0	1,378.0	1,446.0	4.9
Florida	96.0	101.0	541.0	570.0	5.4
Georgia	87.0	88.0	528.0	555.0	5.1
Idaho	710.0	728.0	4,606.0	4,733.0	2.8
Illinois	76.0	76.0	428.0	433.0	1.2
Indiana	191.0	198.0	1,161.0	1,202.0	3.5
Iowa	243.0	245.0	1,535.0	1,551.0	1.0
Kansas	201.0	240.0	1,223.0	1,465.0	19.8
Kentucky	40.0	37.0	215.0	199.0	-7.4
Maine	24.0	24.0	140.0	137.0	-2.1
Maryland	39.0	41.0	210.0	220.0	4.8
Michigan	451.0	465.0	3,159.0	3,257.0	3.1
Minnesota	443.0	452.0	2,678.0	2,744.0	2.5
Missouri	54.0	55.0	204.0	208.0	2.0
Nebraska	50.0	50.0	314.0	315.0	0.3
Nevada	34.0	36.0	215.0	228.0	6.0
New Mexico	239.0	238.0	1,510.0	1,508.0	-0.1
New York	639.0	651.0	4,173.0	4,251.0	1.9
North Carolina	35.0	36.0	210.0	214.0	1.9
Ohio	255.0	255.0	1,466.0	1,469.0	0.2
Oklahoma	43.0	46.0	206.0	220.0	6.8
Oregon	117.0	126.0	625.0	679.0	8.6
Pennsylvania	462.0	453.0	2,488.0	2,451.0	-1.5
South Dakota	232.0	243.0	1,357.0	1,424.0	4.9
Tennessee	22.0	22.0	105.0	105.0	-
Texas	693.0	723.0	4,586.0	4,800.0	4.7
Utah	97.0	100.0	577.0	601.0	4.2
Vermont	113.0	112.0	632.0	630.0	-0.3
Virginia	67.0	66.0	361.0	358.0	-0.8
Washington	243.0	236.0	1,494.0	1,454.0	-2.7
Wisconsin	1,268.0	1,293.0	8,251.0	8,398.0	1.8
Other States ³	98.6	98.6	518.1	518.6	0.1
United States	9,474.0	9,666.0	58,783.0	60,194.0	2.4

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² Excludes milk sucked by calves.

³ 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. Indications of milk cow inventory are also obtained in the January Cattle Surveys.

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 on the next page. 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 milk production estimates over the past 20 quarters is 0.1 percent. This means that chances are 2 out of 3 that the final estimate will not be above or below the current estimate of 60.2 billion pounds by more than 0.1 percent. Chances are 9 out of 10 that the difference will not exceed 0.2 percent.

Reliability of Quarterly Milk Production Estimates

[Based on data for the past 20 quarters]

Item	Root mean square error	90 percent confidence level	Difference between first and latest estimate				
			Average	Smallest	Largest	Quarters	
						Below latest	Above latest
	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(number)	(number)
Milk production	0.1	0.2	67	4	175	8	12
All milk cows	0.1	0.2	8	1	17	9	11

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