

MILK PRODUCTION

Milk production in Illinois during 1999 totaled 2.029 billion pounds, a decrease of 92 million pounds. Milk production per cow during 1999 was 16,496 pounds, slightly down from the previous year's 16,570 pounds. The average number of milk cows on Illinois farms during 1999 decreased 5,000 head from 1998 to 123,000.

Milk production in Illinois peaked in 1945 with production at 5.78 billion pounds. Production declined through the 1950's, 1960's, and 1970's reaching a low of 2.39 billion pounds in 1979. Milk production climbed through most of the 1980's, but began to decline after 1987. In 1999 annual milk production was the lowest since records began in 1924, reflecting the decline in the average number of milk cows on farms.

MILK COWS: Average number on farms by months, Illinois, 1990-99

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Annual
<u>Thousand head</u>													
1990	176	176	175	175	175	173	173	173	172	172	172	171	174
1991	171	171	171	171	171	171	171	170	170	170	170	170	171
1992	170	170	170	170	170	170	170	168	168	168	168	168	169
1993	168	168	167	166	165	164	163	163	162	162	161	160	164
1994	160	160	159	159	159	158	158	157	157	156	156	155	158
1995	155	155	154	153	152	151	150	150	149	148	147	146	151
1996	145	144	143	142	141	140	139	139	138	138	137	136	140
1997	135	134	134	133	133	133	133	132	131	131	131	130	133
1998	130	129	129	129	128	128	127	127	127	126	126	125	128
1999	125	125	125	124	123	122	122	121	121	121	121	121	123

MILK PER COW: Average per milk cow on farms by months, Illinois, 1990-99

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Annual
<u>Pounds</u>													
1990	1,230	1,160	1,285	1,280	1,310	1,260	1,245	1,220	1,160	1,200	1,170	1,230	14,707
1991	1,260	1,170	1,310	1,285	1,300	1,240	1,250	1,280	1,200	1,230	1,195	1,250	14,936
1992	1,250	1,160	1,240	1,170	1,220	1,215	1,270	1,280	1,275	1,300	1,250	1,300	14,941
1993	1,340	1,210	1,350	1,340	1,400	1,335	1,330	1,265	1,190	1,195	1,130	1,230	15,329
1994	1,290	1,210	1,340	1,340	1,350	1,300	1,300	1,300	1,270	1,270	1,250	1,320	15,519
1995	1,380	1,260	1,420	1,370	1,410	1,340	1,340	1,270	1,230	1,280	1,250	1,350	15,887
1996	1,380	1,310	1,430	1,380	1,400	1,280	1,280	1,340	1,270	1,310	1,290	1,360	16,050
1997	1,390	1,270	1,490	1,480	1,480	1,390	1,380	1,380	1,320	1,340	1,310	1,380	16,564
1998	1,400	1,310	1,510	1,490	1,510	1,360	1,320	1,320	1,280	1,340	1,350	1,420	16,570
1999	1,430	1,310	1,480	1,430	1,490	1,420	1,310	1,280	1,300	1,340	1,330	1,430	16,496

MILK PRODUCTION: Total milk produced on farms by months, Illinois, 1990-99

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Annual
<u>Million pounds</u>													
1990	216	204	225	224	229	218	215	211	200	206	201	210	2,559
1991	215	200	224	220	222	212	214	218	204	209	203	213	2,554
1992	213	197	211	199	207	207	216	215	214	218	210	218	2,525
1993	225	203	225	222	231	219	217	206	193	194	182	197	2,514
1994	206	194	213	213	215	205	205	204	199	198	195	205	2,452
1995	214	195	219	210	214	202	201	191	183	189	184	197	2,399
1996	200	189	204	196	197	179	178	186	175	181	177	185	2,247
1997	188	170	200	197	197	185	184	182	173	176	172	179	2,203
1998	182	169	195	192	193	174	168	168	163	169	170	178	2,121
1999	179	164	185	177	183	173	160	155	157	162	161	173	2,029