

MILK PRODUCTION

Milk production in Illinois during 2009 totaled 1.925 billion pounds, an increase of 31 million pounds from the previous year. Milk production per cow during 2009 was 18,873 pounds, up 2 percent from the previous year's 18,569 pounds. The average number of milk cows on Illinois farms during 2009 remained steady at 102,000 head.

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. Milk production climbed through most of the 1980's, but began to decline after 1987.

MILK COWS: Average number on farms by months, Illinois, 2000-2009

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Annual
<u>Thousand head</u>													
2000	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	119	118	118	120
2001	118	117	117	117	116	115	115	115	115	114	115	115	116
2002	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115
2003	114	114	113	111	110	110	110	110	109	109	109	109	111
2004	108	108	108	108	108	108	107	107	107	106	106	106	107
2005	105	105	105	105	104	104	104	104	104	104	104	104	104
2006	104	104	104	104	103	103	103	103	103	103	103	103	103
2007	103	103	103	103	103	103	103	103	103	103	103	103	103
2008	103	102	102	102	102	102	102	102	102	102	102	102	102
2009	102	102	102	102	102	102	102	102	102	101	101	101	102

MILK PER COW: Average per milk cow on farms by months, Illinois, 2000-2009

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Annual
<u>Pounds</u>													
2000	1,500	1,480	1,580	1,520	1,550	1,440	1,430	1,400	1,350	1,400	1,390	1,460	17,450
2001	1,470	1,380	1,580	1,555	1,610	1,480	1,405	1,370	1,345	1,390	1,375	1,490	17,414
2002	1,550	1,440	1,620	1,610	1,630	1,470	1,420	1,395	1,365	1,430	1,420	1,505	17,835
2003	1,580	1,485	1,670	1,610	1,650	1,525	1,490	1,480	1,420	1,495	1,485	1,585	18,441
2004	1,610	1,520	1,650	1,580	1,620	1,540	1,520	1,490	1,440	1,480	1,450	1,540	18,486
2005	1,620	1,500	1,670	1,605	1,660	1,600	1,580	1,515	1,450	1,510	1,480	1,570	18,827
2006	1,630	1,540	1,720	1,680	1,690	1,590	1,600	1,550	1,485	1,550	1,510	1,620	19,252
2007	1,645	1,460	1,655	1,645	1,670	1,550	1,550	1,480	1,440	1,490	1,470	1,580	18,612
2008	1,615	1,515	1,640	1,615	1,665	1,565	1,520	1,455	1,425	1,490	1,470	1,580	18,569
2009	1,610	1,510	1,675	1,625	1,670	1,570	1,580	1,530	1,480	1,550	1,510	1,600	18,873

MILK PRODUCTION: Total milk produced on farms by months, Illinois, 2000-2009

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Annual
<u>Million pounds</u>													
2000	180	178	190	182	186	173	172	168	162	167	164	172	2,094
2001	173	161	185	182	187	170	162	158	155	158	158	171	2,020
2002	178	166	186	185	187	169	163	160	157	164	163	173	2,051
2003	180	169	189	179	182	168	164	163	155	163	162	173	2,047
2004	174	164	178	171	175	166	163	159	154	157	154	163	1,978
2005	170	158	175	169	173	166	164	158	151	157	154	163	1,958
2006	170	160	179	175	174	164	165	160	153	160	156	167	1,983
2007	169	150	170	169	172	160	160	152	148	153	151	163	1,917
2008	166	155	167	165	170	160	155	148	145	152	150	161	1,894
2009	164	154	171	166	170	160	161	156	151	157	153	162	1,925