

Table 20. Milk Cow Numbers, Total Milk Production and Production Per Cow

Year	Iowa			United States		
	Milk Cows On Farms ^{a/}	Milk Production	Production Per Cow	Milk Cows On Farms ^{a/}	Milk Production	Production Per Cow
	(thous.)	(mil. lbs.)	(lbs.)	(million)	(bil. lbs.)	(lbs.)
1940	1,383	6,611	4,780	23.7	109.4	4,622
1945	1,343	6,702	4,990	25.0	119.8	4,787
1950	1,124	6,171	5,490	21.9	116.6	5,314
1955	1,022	5,958	5,830	21.0	122.9	5,842
1960	851	5,940	6,980	17.5	123.1	7,029
1965	718	5,945	8,280	15.0	124.2	8,305
1970	497	4,670	9,396	12.0	117.0	9,751
1971	474	4,577	9,656	11.8	118.6	10,015
1972	454	4,542	9,838	11.7	120.0	10,259
1973	416	4,405	10,011	11.4	115.5	10,119
1974	407	4,025	9,889	11.2	115.6	10,293
1975	401	3,893	9,708	11.1	115.4	10,360
1976	392	3,954	10,087	11.0	120.2	10,894
1977	386	4,240	10,984	10.9	122.7	11,206
1978	377	4,034	10,700	10.8	121.5	11,243
1979	370	3,858	10,427	10.7	123.3	11,492
1980	368	3,994	10,853	10.8	128.4	11,891
1981	362	4,056	11,204	10.9	132.8	12,183
1982	361	4,004	11,091	11.0	135.5	12,306
1983	360	4,036	11,211	11.1	139.7	12,585
1984	345	3,805	11,029	10.8	135.5	12,506
1985	352	4,058	11,528	11.0	143.1	12,994
1986	335	3,879	11,579	10.8	143.4	13,260
1987	302	3,644	12,066	10.3	142.7	13,819
1988	307	4,040	13,160	10.2	145.1	14,145
1989	309	4,202	13,599	10.1	144.3	14,244
1990	306	4,330	14,150	10.1	148.3	14,645
1991	303	4,151	13,700	10.0	148.5	14,860
1992	302	4,231	14,010	9.7	150.9	15,574
1993	264	4,054	15,356	9.6	150.6	15,704
1994	255	3,960	15,529	9.5	153.6	16,391
1995	251	4,038	16,087	9.5	155.6	16,433
1996	249	3,784	15,197	9.4	154.0	16,479
1997	244	3,987	16,340	9.3	156.1	16,916
1998	225	3,833	17,188	9.2	157.4	17,191
1999	220	3,802	17,521	9.1	162.2	17,710
2000	215	3,934	18,298	9.1	167.7	18,204
2001	210	3,785	18,024	9.1	165.3	18,139
2002	209	3,804	18,571	9.1	169.8	18,571
2003	201	3,780	18,806	7.8 ^{b/}	147.9	19,017
2004	209	3,804	18,201	9.1	170.9	18,967
2005	195	4,025	20,641	9.0	176.9	19,565
2006	205	4,130	20,146	9.1	181.8	19,951
2007	213	4,278	20,085	9.2	185.6	20,267
2008	216	4,319	19,995	9.3	190.0	20,396

lower than the January 1 inventory of milk cows that have calved.

^{b/} Excluding dry cows, heifers, and not yet fresh.

Source: [Milk Production, Disposition and Income \(Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry\)](#), USDA, NASS [Milk Production](#)