

May 9, 2025 Board Meeting

- **Crop Planting Intentions**

- As of March 1, WI farmers intended to plant 3.95 million acres of corn. This is up 200,000 acres from 2024.
 - U.S. corn planted acres are estimated at 95.3 million acres, up 5 percent from last year. Compared with last year, planted acreage is expected to be up or unchanged in 40 of the 48 estimating States.
- Soybean acres in WI are estimated at 1.90 million acres. This is a 250,000 acre decrease from 2024.
 - U.S. soybean planted acres are estimated at 83.5 million acres, down 4 percent from last year. Compared with last year, planted acreage is down or unchanged in 23 of the 29 estimating States.

- **Milk Production**

- In March 2025, WI milk production totaled 2.78 billion pounds. This is up less than 1 percent from the previous March.
- Milk production in the 24 major states totaled 19.0 billion pounds. This is up 1.0 percent from the previous year.
- As of April 1, 2025, WI had 5,303 milk cow herds. This is down 292 herds from April 2024.

- **Prices Received**

- Milk price for February was \$23.70 per cwt up \$4.70 from February 2024. The U.S. price for March was \$23.60.
- Corn \$4.51 per bushel up \$0.37 from February 2024.
- Soybean price \$9.91 per bushel down \$2.19 from the previous February.
- Alfalfa hay \$136 per ton down \$50 from last year.

- **Crop Progress as of April 20, 2025**

- Corn planting is 1 percent complete.
- Soybean planting is 2 percent complete.
- Oats planted was at 17 percent. One day behind both last year and the 5-year average.
- Potatoes are 14 percent planted and are even with the average.
- Topsoil moisture ratings are at 16 percent very short to short, 84 percent adequate to surplus.

- **Honey**

- Honey production from producers with five or more colonies in Wisconsin totaled 2.51 million pounds in 2024. This was 10 percent lower than the 2.79 million pounds produced in 2023.
- The number of honey producing colonies in the state, at 57,000, was down 5,000 from 2023.

- **Other noteworthy items:**

- 2024 Corn and Soybean county estimates will be released on May 6.
- June Agriculture Survey
 - Collecting data from May 30 until June 14.
 - The data is used to set the planted acres for 2025.
 - Results will be released on June 30.
- NASS is currently collecting data for the 2024 Census of Horticulture. This is a follow-on census survey for which reporting is mandatory.



Wisconsin Ag News – Prospective Plantings

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Wisconsin farmers intend to plant 3.95 million acres of **corn** for all purposes in 2025 according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Prospective Plantings* report. This is up 200,000 acres from 2024.

Producers intend to plant 1.90 million acres of **soybeans** in Wisconsin this year. This is 250,000 acres lower than 2024.

Farmers in Wisconsin expect to harvest 1.31 million acres of **all dry hay** for the 2025 crop year. This is 20,000 acres above last year.

Wisconsin farmers intend to plant 165,000 acres of **oats** for all purposes. This is up 25,000 acres from last year.

Winter wheat producers planted area is estimated at 310,000 acres, up 45,000 acres from last year.

Wisconsin farmers intend to plant 12,000 acres of **barley**, down 3,000 acres from last year.

Area Planted - Wisconsin and United States: 2023-2025

Crop	Wisconsin				United States			
	2023	2024	2025 ¹	'25 as % of '24	2023	2024	2025 ¹	'25 as % of '24
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(percent)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(percent)
Barley	12	15	12	80	3,109	2,373	2,317	98
Corn, all	4,000	3,750	3,950	105	94,641	90,594	95,326	105
Hay, all ²	1,030	1,290	1,310	102	52,771	49,390	48,493	98
Oats ³	135	140	165	118	2,555	2,213	2,177	98
Soybeans	2,110	2,150	1,900	88	83,600	87,050	83,495	96
Wheat, winter ³	280	265	310	117	36,699	33,390	33,315	100

¹ Intended plantings in 2025 as indicated by reports from farmers.

² Intended area harvested.

³ Includes area planted in preceding fall.

UNITED STATES PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS

Corn planted area for all purposes in 2025 is estimated at 95.3 million acres, up 5 percent or 4.73 million acres from last year. Compared with last year, planted acreage is expected to be up or unchanged in 40 of the 48 estimating States.

Soybean planted area for 2025 is estimated at 83.5 million acres, down 4 percent from last year. Compared with last year, planted acreage is down or unchanged in 23 of the 29 estimating States.

All wheat planted area for 2025 is estimated at 45.4 million acres, down 2 percent from 2024. If realized, this represents the second lowest all wheat planted area since records began in 1919. The 2025 winter wheat planted area, at 33.3 million acres, is down 2 percent from the previous estimate and down less than 1 percent from last year. Of this total, about 23.6 million acres are Hard Red Winter, 6.09 million acres are Soft Red Winter, and 3.66 million acres are White Winter. Area expected to be planted to other spring wheat for 2025 is estimated at 10.0 million acres, down 6 percent from 2024 estimate. Of this total, about 9.40 million acres are Hard Red Spring wheat. Durum planted area for 2025 is expected to total 2.02 million acres, down 2 percent from the previous year.

The complete report can be found on the USDA NASS website at www.nass.usda.gov/Publications.



Wisconsin Ag News – Milk Production

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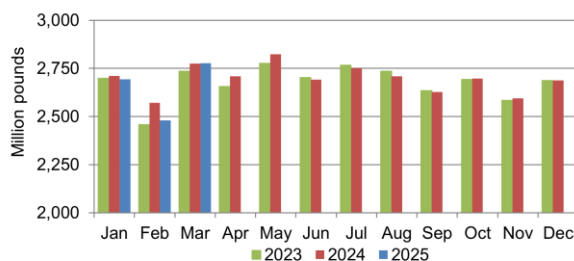
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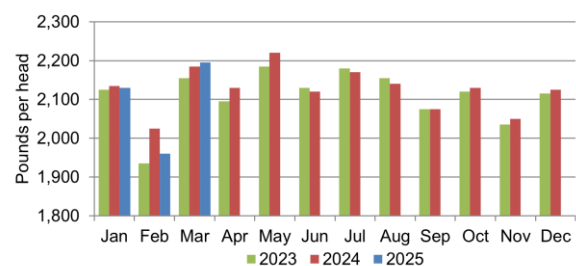
April 22, 2025 - For Immediate Release

Milk production in Wisconsin during March 2025 totaled 2.78 billion pounds, up slightly from the previous March according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service -- *Milk Production* report. The average number of milk cows during March, at 1.27 million head, was unchanged from last month but down 5,000 from March 2024. Monthly production per cow averaged 2,195 pounds, up 10 pounds from last March.

**Milk Production
Wisconsin: 2023-2025**



**Milk Production per Cow
Wisconsin: 2023-2025**



Milk Cows and Production – Selected States: March 2024 and 2025

State	Milk Cows ¹		Milk Per Cow ²		Milk Production ²		
	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	Change from 2024
	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(Pounds)	(Pounds)	(Million Pounds)	(Million Pounds)	(Percent)
Arizona	193	192	2,280	2,275	440	437	-0.7
California	1,709	1,710	2,140	2,095	3,657	3,582	-2.1
Colorado	203	208	2,235	2,235	454	465	2.4
Florida	100	95	1,925	1,960	193	186	-3.6
Georgia	85	85	2,025	2,100	172	179	4.1
Idaho	668	697	2,145	2,145	1,433	1,495	4.3
Illinois	79	77	1,950	1,940	154	149	-3.2
Indiana	190	191	2,045	2,050	389	392	0.8
Iowa	242	245	2,150	2,125	520	521	0.2
Kansas	174	182	2,095	2,095	365	381	4.4
Michigan	439	443	2,370	2,380	1,040	1,054	1.3
Minnesota	446	440	2,005	2,030	894	893	-0.1
New Mexico	240	242	2,200	2,215	528	536	1.5
New York	630	630	2,185	2,215	1,377	1,395	1.3
Ohio	255	252	1,930	1,970	492	496	0.8
Oregon	116	116	1,820	1,810	211	210	-0.5
Pennsylvania	465	464	1,860	1,865	865	865	0.0
South Dakota	212	221	1,950	1,965	413	434	5.1
Texas	643	688	2,225	2,275	1,431	1,565	9.4
Utah	91	91	1,960	1,965	178	179	0.6
Vermont	115	113	1,860	1,905	214	215	0.5
Virginia	67	66	1,860	1,890	125	125	0.0
Washington	260	251	2,080	2,065	541	518	-4.3
Wisconsin	1,270	1,265	2,185	2,195	2,775	2,777	0.1
24-State Total	8,892	8,964	2,121	2,125	18,861	19,049	1.0

¹ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

² Excludes milk sucked by calves.

United States Milk Production

Milk production in the 24 major States during March totaled 19.0 billion pounds, up 1.0 percent from March 2024. February revised production, at 17.0 billion pounds, was down 2.4 percent from February 2024. The February revision represented an increase of 26 million pounds or 0.2 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 24 major States averaged 2,125 pounds for March, 4 pounds above March 2024.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 24 major States was 8.96 million head, 72,000 head more than March 2024, and 9,000 head more than February 2025.

Milk production in the United States during the January - March quarter totaled 56.7 billion pounds, down 0.3 percent from the January - March quarter last year.

The average number of milk cows in the United States during the quarter was 9.40 million head, 36,000 head more than the October - December quarter, and 58,000 head more than the same period last year.

The complete report can be found on the USDA NASS website at www.nass.usda.gov/Publications.



Wisconsin Ag News – Milk Prices

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The Wisconsin all milk price for February 2025 was \$23.70 per hundredweight (cwt) according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service - *Agricultural Prices* report. This was 20 cents below last month's price but \$4.70 above last February's price. The U.S. all milk price for February was \$23.60 per cwt, 10 cents lower than Wisconsin's price and 50 cents lower than last month's U.S. price.

Prices Received for All Milk – Selected States and United States: February 2025 with Comparisons

[Before deduction for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.]

State	February 2024		January 2025		February 2025	
	Price	Fat test	Price	Fat test	Price	Fat test
	(dollars per cwt)	(percent)	(dollars per cwt)	(percent)	(dollars per cwt)	(percent)
Arizona	20.90	4.12	23.70	4.28	23.10	4.18
California	20.20	4.25	22.70	4.37	21.90	4.33
Colorado	20.90	4.14	24.40	4.22	24.10	4.18
Florida	24.30	3.94	26.80	4.06	26.90	3.99
Georgia	24.10	4.09	27.30	4.14	27.10	4.07
Idaho	20.80	4.37	24.30	4.53	23.30	4.47
Illinois	20.40	4.30	23.40	4.42	23.20	4.41
Indiana	21.60	4.20	25.10	4.35	25.10	4.35
Iowa	19.00	4.43	24.10	4.63	23.50	4.59
Kansas	19.90	4.40	23.40	4.62	22.80	4.61
Michigan	20.50	4.23	24.50	4.41	24.40	4.40
Minnesota	19.50	4.55	24.20	4.67	23.90	4.67
New Mexico	19.50	4.15	22.40	4.29	21.60	4.22
New York	22.00	4.30	25.00	4.45	24.70	4.45
Ohio	21.10	4.16	25.40	4.41	25.20	4.38
Oregon	23.20	4.47	24.20	4.61	24.20	4.60
Pennsylvania	21.90	4.19	24.70	4.39	24.30	4.36
South Dakota	20.20	4.78	24.40	4.78	24.20	4.76
Texas	21.10	4.42	24.60	4.68	23.90	4.63
Utah	20.40	4.24	23.00	4.36	23.30	4.27
Vermont	22.40	4.36	25.10	4.48	25.00	4.50
Virginia	24.10	4.17	27.10	4.28	27.10	4.25
Washington	21.50	4.36	24.70	4.51	24.40	4.50
Wisconsin	19.00	4.26	23.90	4.43	23.70	4.43
United States	20.60	4.30	24.10	4.46	23.60	4.43

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The average price received by farmers for **corn** during February 2025 in Wisconsin was \$4.51 per bushel according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Agricultural Prices* report. This was 32 cents above the January price and 37 cents above February 2024.

The February 2025 average price received by farmers for **soybeans**, at \$9.91 per bushel, was 1 cent below the January price and \$2.19 below the February 2024 price.

The February average **oat** price per bushel, at \$3.82, was 22 cents above January but 32 cents below February 2024.

All hay prices in Wisconsin averaged \$124.00 per ton in February. This was \$8.00 below the January price and \$28.00 below the February 2024 price. The February 2025 **alfalfa hay** price, at \$136.00, was \$6.00 below the previous month and \$50.00 below February 2024. The average price received for **other hay** during February was \$79.00 per ton. This was \$5.00 below the January price and \$73.00 below February last year.

The average price for **milk** was \$23.70 per cwt, 20 cents below the January price but \$4.70 above February 2024.

Prices Received by Farmers – Wisconsin and United States

	Wisconsin			United States		
	February 2024	January 2025	February 2025	February 2024	January 2025	February 2025
	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)
Cornbu	4.14	4.19	4.51	4.36	4.29	4.58
Hay, all baledbu	152.00	132.00	124.00	191.00	153.00	153.00
Alfalfaton	186.00	142.00	136.00	201.00	161.00	159.00
Otherton	152.00	84.00	79.00	172.00	140.00	143.00
Oatsbu	4.14	3.60	3.82	4.10	3.55	3.41
Soybeansbu	12.10	9.92	9.91	11.90	10.00	10.20
Milk, allcwt	19.00	23.90	23.70	20.60	24.10	23.60

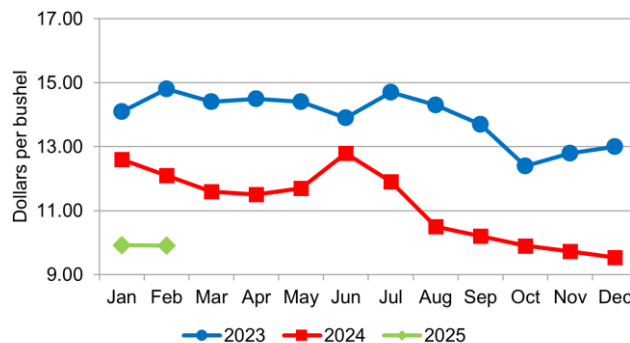
Livestock Prices Received by Farmers – United States

	February 2024	January 2025	February 2025
Calvescwt	311.00	367.00	364.00
Cattle, all beefcwt	178.00	199.00	203.00
Cows ¹cwt	109.00	126.00	135.00
Steers and heiferscwt	182.00	202.00	206.00
Hogs, allcwt	58.20	61.10	66.00
Barrows & Giltscwt	58.70	61.40	65.60
Sowscwt	50.10	55.30	74.30
Eggs, market ²doz	2.30	6.55	7.47

¹ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.

² Also referred to as table eggs.

Soybean Price Received by Farmers - Wisconsin





Wisconsin Ag News – Crop Progress & Condition

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Wisconsin had **3.9 days suitable for fieldwork** statewide for the week ending April 20, 2025, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. While days suitable increased, rainy and wet conditions across much of the state limited fieldwork. Field activities included spreading fertilizer and manure, as well as tillage as conditions allowed.

Topsoil moisture condition rated 2 percent very short, 14 percent short, 65 percent adequate and 19 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** condition rated 4 percent very short, 20 percent short, 59 percent adequate and 17 percent surplus.

Corn planting was 1 percent complete, while 2 percent of **soybeans** have been planted.

Oat planting was 17 percent complete, 1 day behind both last year and the 5-year average.

Potato planting has reached 14 percent, 5 days behind last year but even with the average.

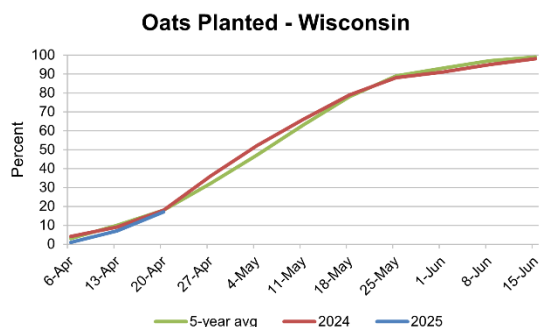
Spring tillage was 15 percent complete, 4 days behind last year and 2 days behind the average.

Pasture and range condition was rated 27 percent good to excellent, up 3 percentage points from last week.

Winter wheat condition was rated 52 percent good to excellent, up 6 percentage points from last week.

Crop Condition as of April 20, 2025

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pasture and range .	9	24	40	25	2
Wheat, winter	1	5	42	47	5



Crop Progress as of April 20, 2025

Item	Districts									State			
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Oats planted	3	0	2	9	3	7	55	32	8	17	7	18	18
Spring tillage	8	3	2	11	17	6	30	27	14	15	8	21	18

Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Condition as of April 20, 2025

Item	Districts									State		
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last year
	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)
Days suitable	3.6	2.9	2.9	4.4	4.2	3.2	4.7	4.7	2.5	3.9	3.3	3.4
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture												
Very short	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	6	2	2	2	5
Short	10	1	2	6	2	12	30	24	20	14	15	16
Adequate	63	58	56	84	69	69	59	61	59	65	65	69
Surplus	26	41	42	9	29	19	10	9	19	19	18	10
Subsoil moisture												
Very short	1	0	2	3	0	2	7	9	11	4	3	5
Short	11	2	2	19	9	19	38	28	29	20	20	23
Adequate	64	52	63	75	61	65	48	54	45	59	59	64
Surplus	24	46	33	3	30	14	7	9	15	17	18	8

Additional soil moisture data are available at: <https://nassgeo.csiss.gmu.edu/CropCASMA/>



Wisconsin Ag News – Honey

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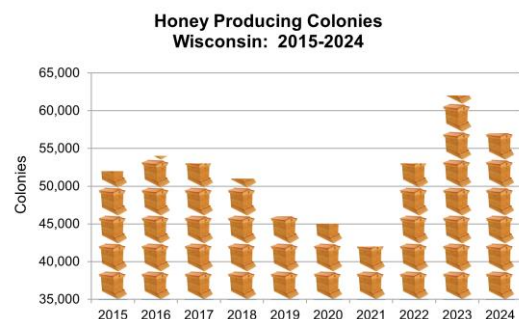
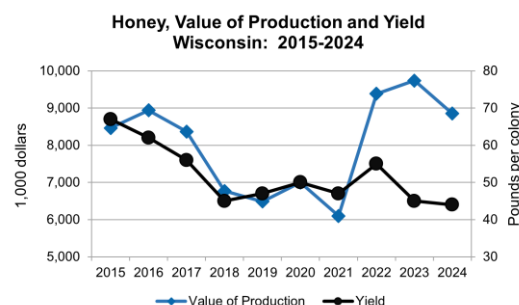
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Honey production from producers with five or more colonies in Wisconsin totaled 2.51 million pounds in 2024 according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Honey* report. This was 10 percent lower than the 2.79 million pounds produced in 2023. The number of honey producing colonies in the state, at 57,000, was down 5,000 from 2023. This number does not include producers with fewer than five colonies or producers who did not harvest honey. Yield per colony in Wisconsin averaged 44 pounds, compared to 45 pounds per colony in 2023. Colonies which produced honey in more than one state were counted in each state where the honey was produced. Therefore, at the United States level yield per colony may be understated, but total production would not be impacted.

On December 15, 2024, producer honey stocks in Wisconsin, excluding stocks under government loan programs, were 1,104 thousand pounds, 10 percent higher than 2023. The state's 2024 honey crop was valued at \$8.85 million, down 9 percent from the previous year's \$9.74 million. The average price per pound for all marketing channels in Wisconsin was \$3.53, up 4 cents from 2023.



Honey – Selected States and United States: 2023 and 2024

Crop	Producing Colonies ¹		Yield		Production		Honey Stocks Dec 15 ²		Average Price per Pound ³		Value of Production ⁴	
	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(1,000) (lbs)	(1,000) (lbs)	(1,000) (lbs)	(1,000) (lbs)	(cents)	(cents)	(1,000) (dollars)	(1,000) (dollars)
California	325	310	42	43	13,650	13,330	5,051	3,466	2.29	2.46	31,259	32,792
Florida	147	124	32	33	4,704	4,092	706	532	3.00	2.80	14,112	11,458
Georgia	77	64	33	29	2,541	1,856	152	204	3.45	3.36	8,766	6,236
Idaho	92	114	32	22	2,944	2,508	442	351	1.84	2.06	5,417	5,166
Iowa	40	41	66	67	2,640	2,747	739	577	3.05	3.81	8,052	10,466
Louisiana	51	68	45	50	2,295	3,400	161	1,156	3.88	2.67	8,905	9,078
Michigan	70	82	55	61	3,850	5,002	924	850	3.10	3.04	11,935	15,206
Minnesota	106	127	58	54	6,148	6,858	861	3,360	2.02	1.85	12,419	12,687
Montana	114	142	85	71	9,690	10,082	3,392	2,521	2.01	2.06	19,477	20,769
New York	41	52	58	53	2,378	2,756	761	965	4.63	5.88	11,010	16,205
North Dakota	510	490	75	74	38,250	36,260	9,180	10,515	1.78	1.86	68,085	67,444
South Dakota	210	250	87	53	18,270	13,250	12,424	8,745	1.95	2.84	35,627	37,630
Texas	111	89	35	46	3,885	4,094	505	2,252	3.18	2.24	12,354	9,171
Wisconsin	62	57	45	44	2,790	2,508	1,004	1,104	3.49	3.53	9,737	8,853
United States ^{5 6}	2,532	2,597	55.1	51.7	139,471	134,393	44,072	43,394	2.55	2.69	355,651	361,517

¹ Honey producing colonies are the maximum number of colonies from which honey was taken during the year. It is possible to take honey from colonies which did not survive the year.

² Stocks held by producers.

³ Average price per pound based on expanded sales.

⁴ Value of production is equal to production multiplied by average price per pound.

⁵ Due to rounding, total colonies multiplied by total yield may not exactly equal production.

⁶ United States value of production will not equal summation of states.