

January 29, 2026

Board Meeting

- **Milk Production**

- In November, WI milk production totaled 2.64 billion pounds. This was up 2 percent from the previous November.
- Milk production in the 24 major states totaled 18.1 billion pounds. This is up 5 percent from the previous year.
- As of January 1, 2026, WI had 5,115 milk cow herds. This is down 233 herds from January 2025.

- **November Prices Received**

- Milk price for November was \$19.70 per cwt. This was \$3.60 lower than last November's price. The U.S. price for November was \$19.70.
- The November price for corn was \$3.86 per bushel. This was 4 cents below last November.
- The November price for soybeans was \$10.50 per bushel. This was 77 cents above November 2024.
- The November price for alfalfa hay was \$142 per ton down \$15 per ton from last November.

- **Highlights from the 2025 Final Crop Production Report**

- **Corn for grain** – Total production is estimated at 605 million bushels. This is up 18 percent from 2024. Wisconsin's corn for grain yield is estimated at a record 188 bushels per acre. The average yield in 2025 for the United States is estimated at 186.5 bushels per acre.
- **Soybeans** – Total production is estimated 113 million bushels. This is up 10 percent from 2024. Wisconsin soybean growers averaged a record 56 bushels per acre which is up 8 bushels per acre from 2024. The average yield in 2025 for the United States is estimated at 53.0 bushels per acre.
- **Alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures for dry hay** – 2025 production in Wisconsin is estimated at 2.77 million tons, down 9 percent from 2024. Producers averaged 3.90 tons per acre.

- **Potatoes** – Production is estimated at 28.8 million cwt, up 9 percent from 2024. Yield is estimated at 430 cwt, up 8 percent from the 2024 yield.
- **Storage Capacity**
 - Wisconsin on-farm storage capacity on December 1, 2025, was 375 million bushels, down 5 million bushels from December 1, 2024.
 - Wisconsin's 290 off-farm storage facilities have a storage capacity of 405 million bushels, unchanged from the previous year.
- **Chickens & Eggs**
 - Wisconsin egg production during November 2025 was 94.8 million eggs, down 54 percent from last year.
 - The average number of all layers on hand during November 2025 was 5.10 million, down 36 percent from last year.
- **Other noteworthy items:**
 - Beginning in February, NASS will be contacting farms for the Agricultural Resource Management Survey (ARMS). This is USDA's primary source of information on agricultural resource use, costs, and farm sector financial conditions.



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Annual Crop Production

Corn for grain production in Wisconsin for 2025 was estimated at 605 million bushels, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Crop Production 2025 Summary*. Current year production was up 18 percent from the previous year's 515 million bushels. Wisconsin's corn for grain yield was estimated at a record 188.0 bushels per acre. Area harvested for grain was estimated at 3.22 million acres, 260,000 acres above 2024. Corn planted for all purposes in 2025 was estimated at 4.15 million acres.

Corn for silage production was estimated at 19.5 million tons, up 33 percent from 2024. The silage yield estimate of 22.0 tons per acre was up 2.0 tons per acre from 2024. Producers harvested 885,000 acres of corn for silage, up 21 percent from 2024.

Soybean production was estimated at 113 million bushels in 2025. This was up 10 percent from last year's 103 million bushels. The Wisconsin soybean crop yielded a record 56.0 bushels per acre in 2025. The harvested acreage of 2.02 million was down 130,000 acres from 2024. Soybean planted acreage, at 2.03 million, was down 150,000 acres from 2024.

All hay production for the state was estimated at 3.47 million tons, down 11 percent from the 3.90 million tons produced in 2024. Producers averaged 3.02 tons per acre, down 0.01 tons per acre from 2024. All hay harvested acres were estimated at 1.15 million acres, down 140,000 acres from 2024.

Alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures for hay production was estimated at 2.77 million tons, down 9 percent from 2024. Producers averaged 3.90 tons per acre, up 0.25 tons per acre from 2024. Harvested acres were down 120,000 from last year, to 710,000 acres. Wisconsin producers seeded 210,000 acres of alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures in 2025, down 13 percent from 2024.

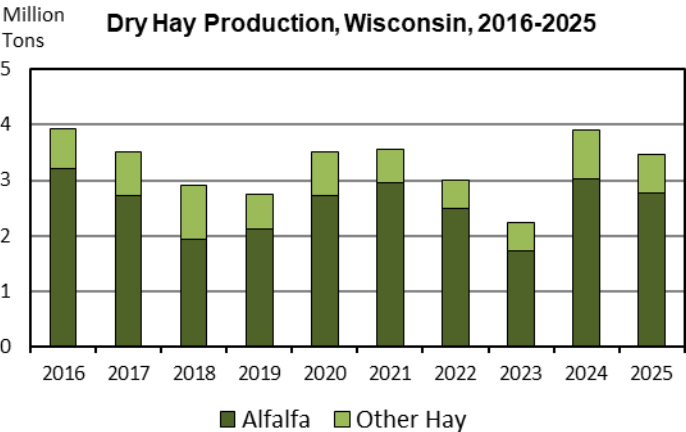
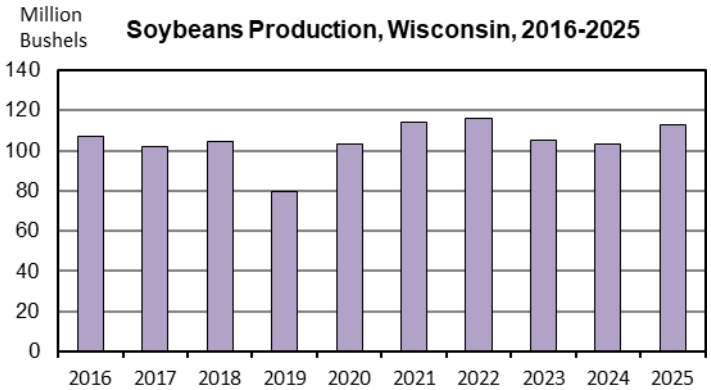
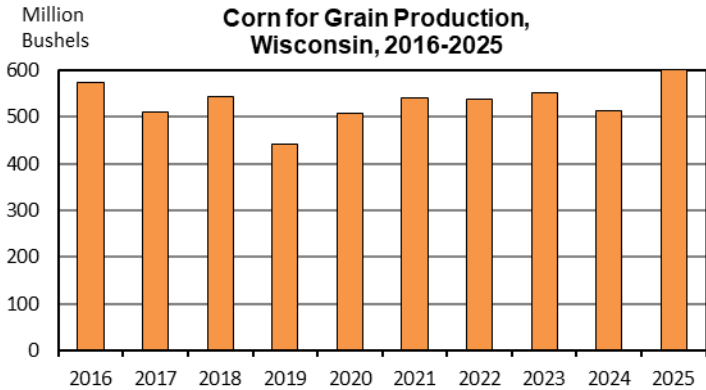
Other hay production was estimated at 704,000 tons, down 19 percent from 2024. Producers averaged 1.60 tons per acre, down 0.30 tons from the 2024 yield. Harvested acres of other hay, at 440,000, were down 20,000 acres from 2024.

Potato production for 2025 was estimated at 28.8 million cwt, up 9 percent from 2024. Producers averaged 430 cwt per acre, up 8 percent from the 2024 yield. Planted and harvested acres were estimated at 68,000 acres and 67,000 acres, respectively.

Crop Production Summary – Wisconsin and United States: 2024-2025

State	Area planted		Area harvested		Yield per acre		Production	
	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)			(1,000)	(1,000)
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Corn for grain ¹bushels	3,750	4,150	2,960	3,220	174.0	188.0	515,040	605,360
Corn for silage..... tons	(NA)	(NA)	730	885	20.0	22.0	14,600	19,470
Hay, all..... tons	(NA)	(NA)	1,290	1,150	3.03	3.02	3,904	3,473
Hay, alfalfa..... tons	(NA)	(NA)	830	710	3.65	3.90	3,030	2,769
Hay, other..... tons	(NA)	(NA)	460	440	1.90	1.60	874	704
Oats.....bushels	145	150	66	65	67.0	64.0	4,422	4,160
Potatoes..... cwt	67.0	68.0	66.0	67.0	400	430	26,400	28,810
Rye ²bushels	260	220	30	14	39.0	42.0	1,170	588
Soybeans.....bushels	2,180	2,030	2,150	2,020	48.0	56.0	103,200	113,120
Wheat, winter.....bushels	265	300	220	250	82.0	76.0	18,040	19,000
UNITED STATES								
Corn for grain ¹bushels	90,909	98,788	83,046	91,258	179.3	186.5	14,891,756	17,020,549
Corn for silage..... tons	(NA)	(NA)	6,207	6,208	20.2	21.8	125,590	135,540
Hay, all..... tons	(NA)	(NA)	49,390	49,557	2.48	2.48	122,462	123,031
Hay, alfalfa..... tons	(NA)	(NA)	14,612	14,676	3.41	3.42	49,840	50,213
Hay, other..... tons	(NA)	(NA)	34,778	34,881	2.09	2.09	72,622	72,818
Oats.....bushels	2,235	2,370	894	944	76.4	73.8	68,335	69,626
Potatoes..... cwt	932.0	902.0	927.0	896.8	454	460	421,172	412,860
Rye ²bushels	2,206	2,229	402	341	36.6	36.5	14,729	12,459
Soybeans.....bushels	87,260	81,215	86,208	80,437	50.7	53.0	4,374,228	4,261,858
Wheat, winter.....bushels	33,535	33,153	26,207	25,508	51.7	54.9	1,354,436	1,401,554

(NA) Not available
¹Area planted for all purposes
²Includes area planted in preceding fall



United States Crop Production

Corn for grain production in 2025 was estimated at a record high 17.0 billion bushels, up 14 percent from the 2024 estimate. The average yield in the United States was estimated at a record high 186.5 bushels per acre, 7.2 bushels above the 2024 yield of 179.3 bushels per acre. Area harvested for grain was estimated at 91.3 million acres, up 10 percent from the 2024 estimate.

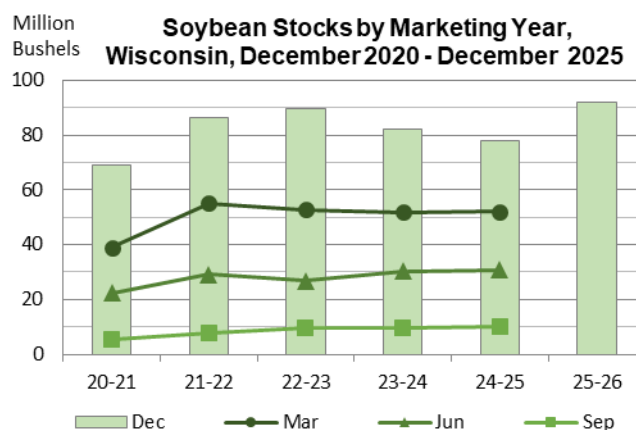
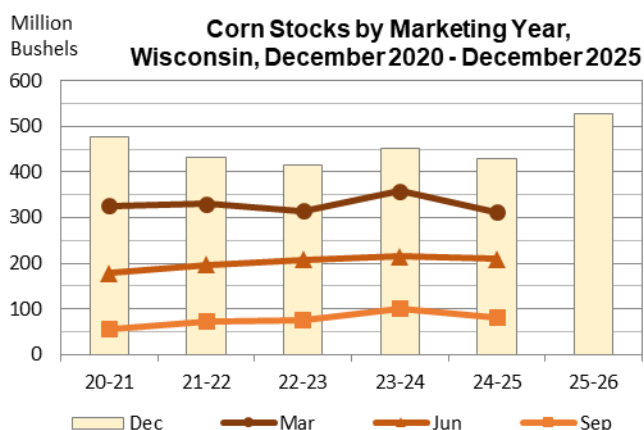
Soybean production in 2025 totaled 4.26 billion bushels, down 3 percent from 2024. The average yield per acre was estimated at a record high 53.0 bushels per acre, up 2.3 bushels from 2024. Harvested area, at 80.4 million acres, was down 7 percent from last year.

Grain Stocks

Corn stored in all positions in Wisconsin on December 1, 2025, totaled 528 million bushels, up 23 percent from December 1, 2024, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – Grain Stocks report. Of the total stocks, 59 percent were stored on-farm.

Soybeans stored in all positions in Wisconsin on December 1, 2025, totaled 91.9 million bushels, up 18 percent from December 1, 2024. Of the total stocks, 33 percent were stored on-farm.

Oats stored in all positions in Wisconsin on December 1, 2025, totaled 4.79 million bushels, down 27 percent from the 6.57 million bushels on hand December 1, 2024. Of the total stocks, 31 percent were stored on-farm.



Grain Stocks by Position – Wisconsin and United States

	Wisconsin		United States	
	December 1, 2024	December 1, 2025	December 1, 2024	December 1, 2025
	(1,000 bushels)			
On-Farm Stocks				
Corn	245,000	310,000	7,663,000	8,699,000
Oats	1,900	1,500	25,350	28,700
Soybeans	27,000	30,000	1,540,000	1,576,000
All Wheat	(D)	(D)	466,580	445,890
Off-Farm Stocks ¹				
Corn	184,614	217,550	4,412,407	4,583,366
Oats	4,673	3,291	26,799	27,312
Soybeans	50,885	61,885	1,560,285	1,714,076
All Wheat	37,102	27,946	1,105,841	1,229,161
Total Stocks				
Corn	429,614	527,550	12,075,407	13,282,366
Oats	6,573	4,791	52,149	56,012
Soybeans	77,885	91,885	3,100,285	3,290,076
All Wheat	(D)	(D)	1,572,421	1,675,051

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

¹Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals, and processors.

United States

Corn stored in all positions on December 1, 2025 totaled 13.3 billion bushels, up 10 percent from December 1, 2024. Of the total stocks, 8.70 billion bushels are stored on farms, up 14 percent from a year earlier. Off-farm stocks, at 4.58 billion bushels, are up 4 percent from a year ago. The September - November 2025 indicated disappearance is 5.29 billion bushels, compared with 4.58 billion bushels during the same period last year.

Soybeans stored in all positions on December 1, 2025 totaled 3.29 billion bushels, up 6 percent from December 1, 2024. Soybean stocks stored on farms totaled 1.58 billion bushels, up 2 percent from a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 1.71 billion bushels, are up 10 percent from last December. Indicated disappearance for September - November 2025 totaled 1.30 billion bushels, down 20 percent from the same period a year earlier.

All wheat stored in all positions on December 1, 2025 totaled 1.68 billion bushels, up 7 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks are estimated at 446 million bushels, down 4 percent from last December. Off-farm stocks, at 1.23 billion bushels, are up 11 percent from a year ago. The September - November 2025 indicated disappearance is 459 million bushels, 9 percent above the same period a year earlier.

Oats stored in all positions on December 1, 2025 totaled 56.0 million bushels, up 7 percent from the stocks on December 1, 2024. Of the total stocks on hand, 28.7 million bushels are stored on farms, up 13 percent from a year ago. Off-farm stocks totaled 27.3 million bushels, up 2 percent from the previous year. Indicated disappearance during September - November 2025 totaled 8.03 million bushels.

Monthly Prices

The average price received by farmers for **corn** during November 2025 in Wisconsin was \$3.86 per bushel according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Agricultural Prices* report. This was 7 cents above the October price and 4 cents below November 2024.

The November 2025 average price received by farmers for **soybeans**, at \$10.50 per bushel, was 94 cents above the October price and 77 cents above the November 2024 price.

The November average **oat** price per bushel, at \$3.27, was 48 cents below October and 80 cents below November 2024.

All hay prices in Wisconsin averaged \$134.00 per ton in November. This was \$15.00 above the October price and \$12.00 below the November 2024 price. The November 2025 **alfalfa hay** price, at \$142.00, was \$11.00 above the previous month and \$15.00 below November 2024. The average price received for **other hay** during November was \$103.00 per ton. This was \$10.00 above the October price and even with November last year.

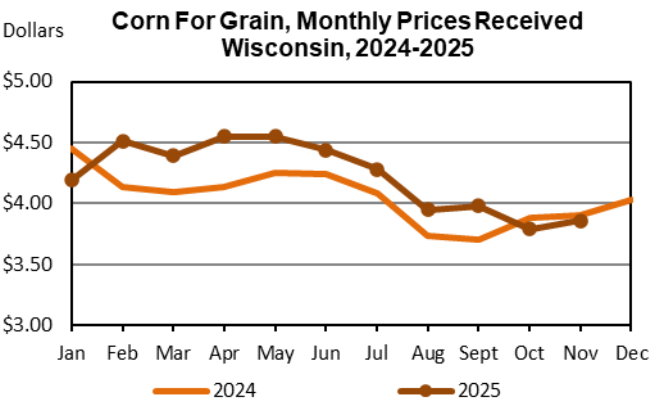
Prices Received by Farmers – Wisconsin and United States

	Wisconsin			United States		
	November 2024	October 2025	November 2025	November 2024	October 2025	November 2025
	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)
Corn bu	3.90	3.79	3.86	4.07	3.93	3.98
Hay, all baled ton	146.00	119.00	134.00	159.00	159.00	151.00
Alfalfa ton	157.00	131.00	142.00	164.00	168.00	159.00
Other ton	103.00	93.00	103.00	150.00	140.00	134.00
Oats bu	4.07	3.75	3.27	3.49	3.18	3.12
Soybeans bu	9.73	9.56	10.50	9.84	9.71	10.50

Livestock Prices Received by Farmers – United States

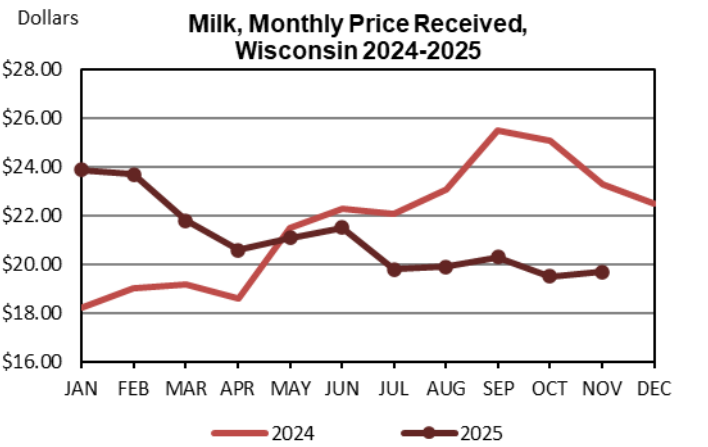
	November 2024	October 2025	November 2025
	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)
Calves cwt	334.00	491.00	452.00
Cattle, all beef cwt	188.00	232.00	226.00
Cows ¹ cwt	124.00	162.00	159.00
Steers & heifers cwt	190.00	235.00	228.00
Hogs, all cwt	65.40	71.30	65.10
Barrows & gilts cwt	65.30	71.10	64.90
Sows cwt	66.10	75.90	69.70
Eggs, market ² doz	3.22	1.47	2.12

¹Beef cows and cull dairy cows for slaughter
²Also referred to as table eggs



Milk Prices

The Wisconsin all milk price for November 2025 was \$19.70 per hundredweight (cwt) according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service - *Agricultural Prices* report. This was \$0.20 above last month's price and \$3.60 below last October's price. The U.S. all milk price for October was \$19.70 per cwt, the same as Wisconsin's price but \$0.30 lower than last month's U.S. price.



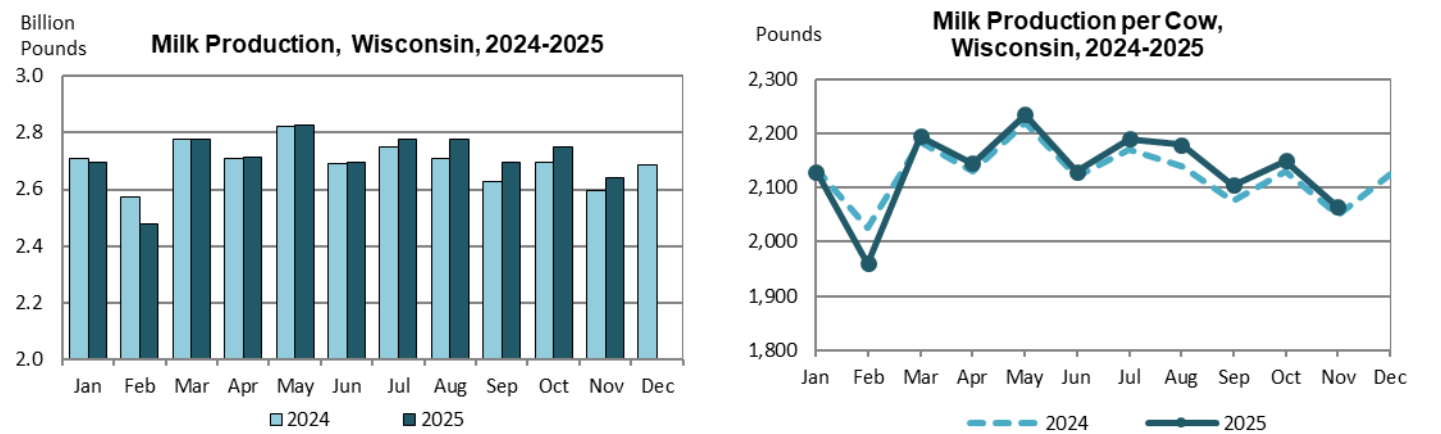
Prices Received for All Milk – Selected States and United States

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

State	November 2024		October 2025		November 2025	
	Price	Fat test	Price	Fat test	Price	Fat test
	(dollars per cwt)	(percent)	(dollars per cwt)	(percent)	(dollars per cwt)	(percent)
Arizona.....	24.40	4.30	19.00	4.01	17.10	4.12
California.....	23.70	4.37	19.70	4.26	19.30	4.28
Colorado	24.90	4.13	19.10	4.13	18.30	4.21
Florida	28.30	3.97	23.70	3.99	22.50	4.04
Georgia	28.80	3.97	24.70	4.02	23.60	4.08
Idaho	24.00	4.48	20.50	4.49	19.60	4.57
Illinois	23.80	4.35	19.80	4.28	20.20	4.46
Indiana	25.60	4.22	20.90	4.18	20.50	4.30
Iowa	23.20	4.56	19.50	4.45	19.40	4.63
Kansas	23.90	4.56	18.50	4.48	18.40	4.67
Michigan.....	24.20	4.27	20.10	4.31	19.80	4.44
Minnesota.....	23.50	4.65	20.40	4.55	20.70	4.72
New Mexico.....	23.20	4.27	18.20	4.24	18.50	4.40
New York	25.30	4.34	20.10	4.37	19.60	4.49
Ohio	25.30	4.25	21.50	4.29	21.20	4.39
Oregon	24.30	4.61	20.70	4.53	20.60	4.61
Pennsylvania.....	25.10	4.27	19.80	4.32	19.30	4.42
South Dakota	23.80	4.74	20.00	4.63	20.30	4.82
Texas.....	24.60	4.60	20.10	4.47	20.00	4.64
Utah	24.30	4.31	19.40	4.30	18.60	4.35
Vermont.....	25.50	4.39	20.40	4.41	20.00	4.53
Virginia	28.20	4.16	24.00	4.20	23.00	4.29
Washington	25.30	4.52	19.30	4.55	18.80	4.64
Wisconsin	23.30	4.36	19.50	4.31	19.70	4.45
United States.....	24.20	4.39	20.00	4.35	19.70	4.46

Milk Production

Milk production in Wisconsin during November 2025 totaled 2.64 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the previous November according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Milk Production* report. The average number of milk cows during November, at 1.28 million head, was up 14,000 from November 2024. Monthly production per cow averaged 2,065 pounds, up 15 pounds from last November.



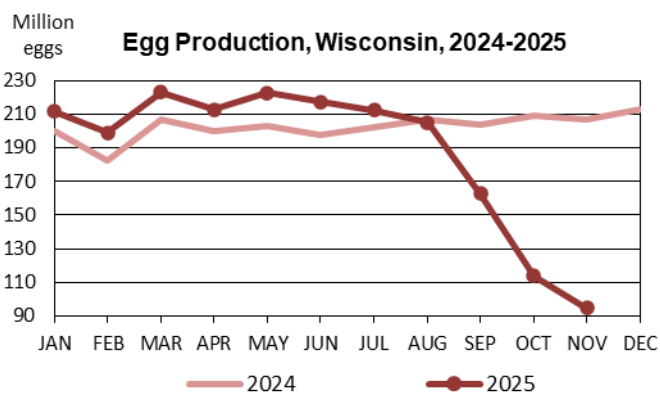
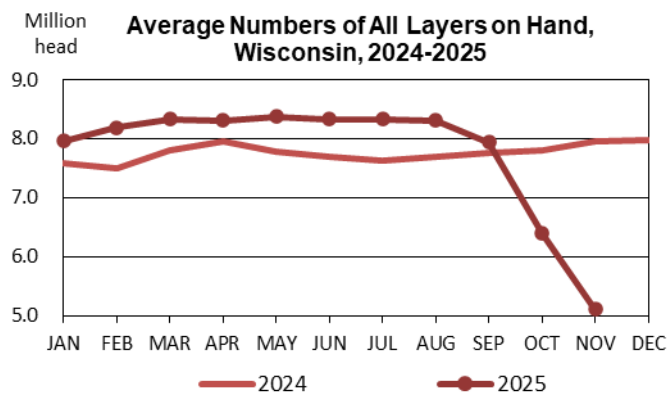
Milk Cows and Production – 24 Selected States: November 2024 and 2025

State	Milk Cows ¹		Milk Per Cow ²		Milk Production ²	
	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025
	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(Pounds)	(Pounds)	(Million Pounds)	(Million Pounds)
Arizona.....	189	195	1,955	1,955	369	381
California.....	1,709	1,711	1,755	1,935	2,999	3,311
Colorado	204	211	2,105	2,100	429	443
Florida.....	96	99	1,615	1,670	155	165
Georgia	85	89	1,890	1,945	161	173
Idaho	680	720	2,045	2,040	1,391	1,469
Illinois	77	77	1,740	1,750	134	135
Indiana	190	194	1,950	1,970	371	382
Iowa	244	246	1,995	2,000	487	492
Kansas	180	225	1,940	1,960	349	441
Michigan.....	440	459	2,235	2,240	983	1,028
Minnesota.....	442	455	1,890	1,910	835	869
New Mexico.....	240	233	1,960	1,960	470	457
New York.....	630	649	2,065	2,070	1,301	1,343
Ohio	251	254	1,830	1,835	459	466
Oregon	116	121	1,680	1,680	195	203
Pennsylvania.....	465	460	1,690	1,690	786	777
South Dakota	215	237	1,900	1,910	409	453
Texas.....	675	703	2,110	2,125	1,424	1,494
Utah	91	98	1,870	1,875	170	184
Vermont.....	113	115	1,770	1,770	200	204
Virginia	66	66	1,690	1,685	112	111
Washington	255	236	1,905	1,925	486	454
Wisconsin	1,266	1,280	2,050	2,065	2,595	2,643
24-State Total	8,919	9,133	1,936	1,979	17,270	18,078

¹Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.004
²Excludes milk sucked by calves.

Chickens & Eggs

Wisconsin egg production during November 2025 was 94.8 million eggs, down 54 percent from the previous November, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Chickens and Eggs* report. The average number of all layers on hand during November 2025 was 5.10 million, down 36 percent from last year. Eggs per 100 layers for November was 1,858, down 28 percent from a year ago.



Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced – Wisconsin and United States: November 2024 and 2025

Commodity	Wisconsin		United States	
	2024	2025	2024	2025
Table egg layers in flock				
30,000 & above1,000 layers	6,796	3,933	296,255	290,061
Total layers1,000 layers	7,950	5,101	376,396	367,621
Eggs per 100 layers.....eggs	2,597	1,858	2,374	2,364
Total egg production million eggs	206.5	94.8	8,934.7	8,691.7
Table egg production million eggs	200.9	89.4	7,691.9	7,437.6

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