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Monthly Prices

The average price received by farmers for **corn** during December 2025 in Wisconsin was \$3.94 per bushel according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Agricultural Prices* report. This was 8 cents above the November price and 9 cents below December 2024.

The December 2025 average price received by farmers for **soybeans**, at \$10.20 per bushel, was 30 cents below the November price and 67 cents above the December 2024 price.

The December average **oat** price per bushel, at \$3.98, was 71 cents above November and 75 cents above December 2024.

All hay prices in Wisconsin averaged \$140.00 per ton in December. This was \$6.00 above the November price and \$2.00 above the December 2024 price. The December 2025 **alfalfa hay** price, at \$153.00, was \$11.00 above the previous month and \$1.00 above December 2024. The average price received for **other hay** during December was \$93.00 per ton. This was \$10.00 below the November price and even with December last year.

Prices Received by Farmers – Wisconsin and United States

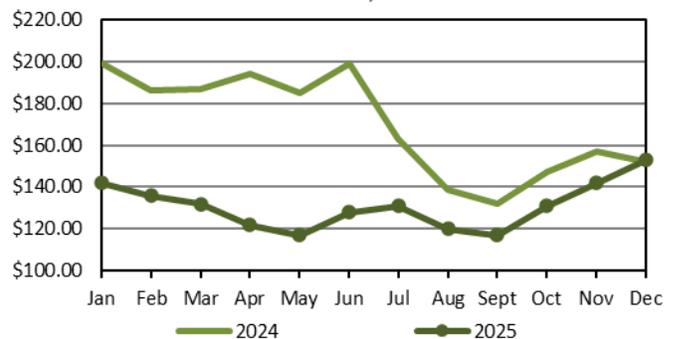
	Wisconsin			United States		
	December 2024	November 2025	December 2025	December 2024	November 2025	December 2025
	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)
Corn.....bu	4.03	3.86	3.94	4.23	3.98	4.10
Hay, all baled.....ton	138.00	134.00	140.00	157.00	151.00	149.00
Alfalfa.....ton	152.00	142.00	153.00	164.00	159.00	161.00
Other.....ton	93.00	103.00	93.00	148.00	134.00	128.00
Oats.....bu	3.23	3.27	3.98	3.19	3.12	3.23
Soybeans.....bu	9.53	10.50	10.20	9.79	10.50	10.40

Livestock Prices Received by Farmers – United States

	December 2024	November 2025	December 2025
	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)
Calves.....cwt	356.00	452.00	472.00
Cattle, all beef.....cwt	190.00	226.00	221.00
Cows ¹cwt	121.00	159.00	157.00
Steers & heifers.....cwt	193.00	228.00	224.00
Hogs, all.....cwt	62.30	65.10	62.30
Barrows & gilts.....cwt	62.90	64.90	62.40
Sows.....cwt	50.60	69.70	60.00
Eggs, market ²doz	4.61	2.11	1.49

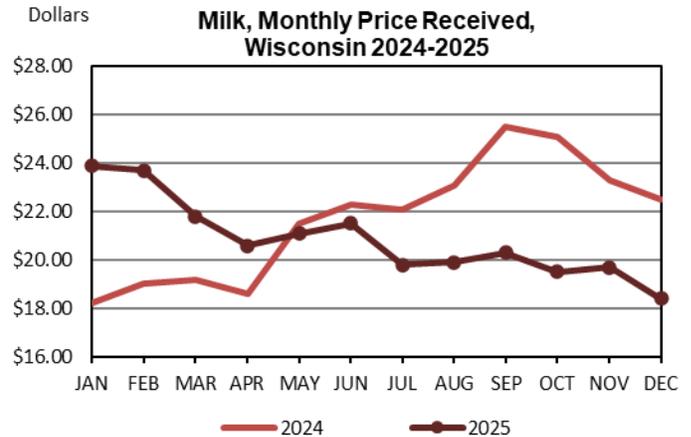
¹Beef cows and cull dairy cows for slaughter
²Also referred to as table eggs

Dollars **Alfalfa Hay (Baled), Monthly Prices Received Wisconsin, 2024-2025**



Milk Prices

The Wisconsin all milk price for December 2025 was \$18.40 per hundredweight (cwt) according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service - *Agricultural Prices* report. This was \$1.30 below last month's price and \$4.10 below last December's price. The U.S. all milk price for December was \$19.00 per cwt, \$0.60 above Wisconsin's price but \$0.70 lower than last month's U.S. price.



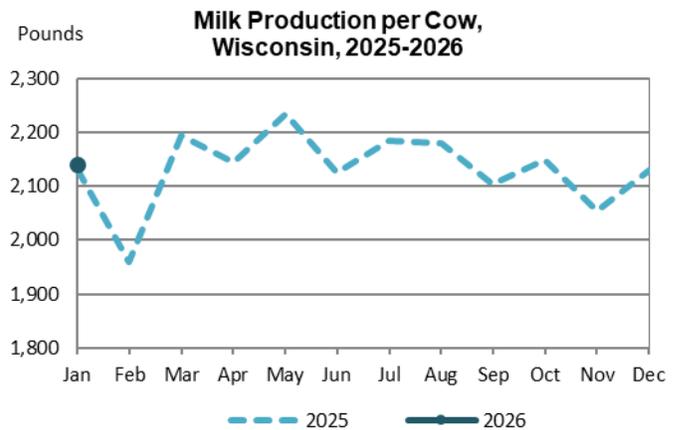
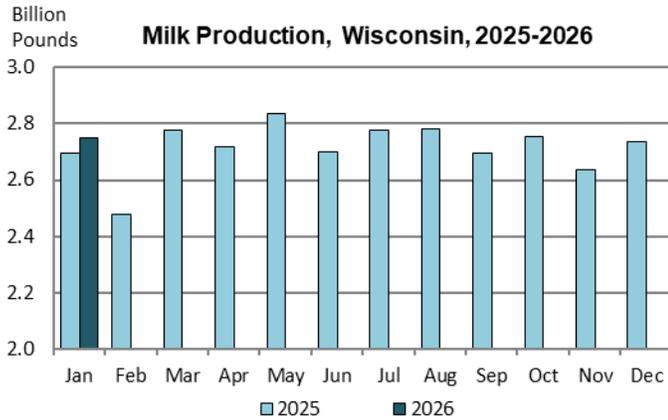
Prices Received for All Milk – Selected States and United States

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

State	December 2024		November 2025		December 2025	
	Price (dollars per cwt)	Fat test (percent)	Price (dollars per cwt)	Fat test (percent)	Price (dollars per cwt)	Fat test (percent)
Arizona.....	23.50	4.30	17.10	4.12	17.40	4.16
California.....	22.40	4.38	19.30	4.28	19.60	4.37
Colorado.....	23.70	4.19	18.30	4.21	18.40	4.23
Florida.....	27.10	4.04	22.50	4.04	24.00	3.98
Georgia.....	27.70	4.10	23.60	4.08	24.40	4.09
Idaho.....	23.30	4.57	19.60	4.57	18.20	4.55
Illinois.....	22.90	4.41	20.20	4.46	19.10	4.50
Indiana.....	24.90	4.35	20.50	4.30	20.90	4.38
Iowa.....	22.30	4.64	19.40	4.63	18.60	4.67
Kansas.....	22.60	4.66	18.40	4.67	17.60	4.76
Michigan.....	23.30	4.38	19.80	4.44	19.20	4.50
Minnesota.....	22.90	4.71	20.70	4.72	18.90	4.76
New Mexico.....	21.80	4.28	18.50	4.40	17.40	4.45
New York.....	24.40	4.43	19.60	4.49	19.30	4.56
Ohio.....	24.70	4.40	21.20	4.39	21.10	4.44
Oregon.....	23.50	4.66	20.60	4.61	19.90	4.60
Pennsylvania.....	24.20	4.36	19.30	4.42	18.90	4.50
South Dakota.....	22.60	4.80	20.30	4.82	18.60	4.85
Texas.....	23.90	4.67	20.00	4.64	18.90	4.70
Utah.....	23.00	4.36	18.60	4.35	18.10	4.37
Vermont.....	24.60	4.45	20.00	4.53	19.60	4.59
Virginia.....	27.10	4.25	23.00	4.29	24.10	4.36
Washington.....	24.20	4.55	18.80	4.64	18.30	4.65
Wisconsin.....	22.50	4.46	19.70	4.45	18.40	4.51
United States.....	23.30	4.46	19.70	4.46	19.00	4.51

Milk Production

Milk production in Wisconsin during January 2026 totaled 2.75 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the previous January according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Milk Production* report. The average number of milk cows during November, at 1.29 million head, was up 20,000 from January 2025. Monthly production per cow averaged 2,140 pounds, up 10 pounds from last January.



Milk Cows and Production – 24 Selected States: January 2025 and 2026

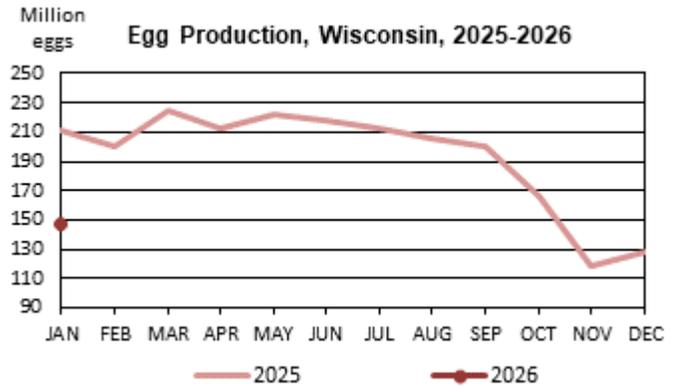
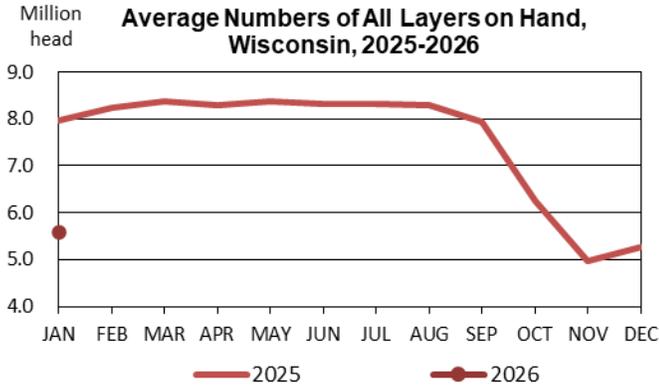
State	Milk Cows ¹		Milk Per Cow ²		Milk Production ²	
	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026
	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(Pounds)	(Pounds)	(Million Pounds)	(Million Pounds)
Arizona.....	192	193	2,145	2,145	412	414
California.....	1,710	1,712	1,960	2,050	3,352	3,510
Colorado.....	206	213	2,205	2,210	454	471
Florida.....	95	95	1,885	1,880	179	179
Georgia.....	85	89	2,050	2,085	174	186
Idaho.....	700	722	2,130	2,130	1,491	1,538
Illinois.....	77	76	1,870	1,870	144	142
Indiana.....	191	197	2,030	2,040	388	402
Iowa.....	245	245	2,080	2,100	510	515
Kansas.....	181	226	2,035	2,055	368	464
Michigan.....	445	460	2,335	2,340	1,039	1,076
Minnesota.....	440	455	2,000	2,000	880	910
New Mexico.....	238	230	2,120	2,115	505	486
New York.....	630	653	2,165	2,160	1,364	1,410
Ohio.....	251	256	1,925	1,930	483	494
Oregon.....	117	123	1,760	1,760	206	216
Pennsylvania.....	465	454	1,810	1,800	842	817
South Dakota.....	218	242	1,975	1,975	431	478
Texas.....	678	715	2,190	2,235	1,485	1,598
Utah.....	93	97	1,950	1,960	181	190
Vermont.....	113	114	1,865	1,860	211	212
Virginia.....	66	66	1,800	1,815	119	120
Washington.....	253	236	2,020	2,035	511	480
Wisconsin.....	1,265	1,285	2,130	2,140	2,694	2,750
24-State Total.....	8,954	9,154	2,058	2,082	18,423	19,058

¹Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.004

²Excludes milk sucked by calves.

Chickens & Eggs

Wisconsin egg production during January 2026 was 148 million eggs, down 30 percent from the previous January, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Chickens and Eggs* report. The average number of all layers on hand during January 2026 was 5.57 million, down 30 percent from last year. Eggs per 100 layers for January was 2,647, down less than 1 percent from a year ago.



Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced – Wisconsin and United States: January 2025 and 2026

Commodity	Wisconsin		United States	
	2025	2026	2025	2026
Table egg layers in flock				
30,000 & above 1,000 layers	6,785	4,382	290,950	296,494
Total layers 1,000 layers	7,961	5,573	369,507	374,566
Eggs per 100 layers..... eggs	2,658	2,647	2,437	2,455
Total egg production million eggs	211.6	147.5	9,005.4	9,195.6
Table egg production million eggs	205.8	141.5	7,709.1	7,880.9

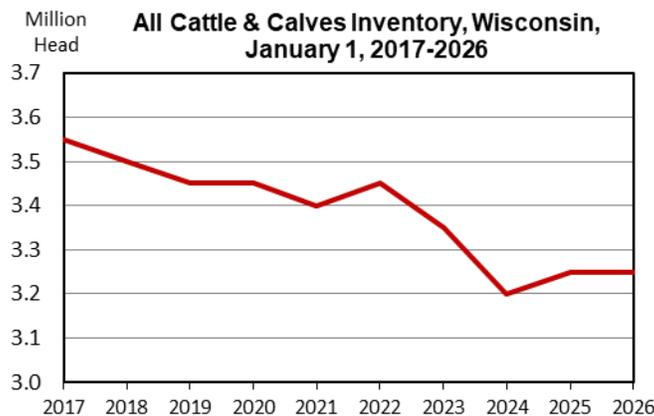
Cattle

All cattle and calves in Wisconsin as of January 1, 2026, totaled 3.25 million head, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Cattle* report. This was unchanged from January 1, 2025. Beef cows, at 275,000 head, were unchanged from last year. Milk cow inventory was up 20,000 head to 1.29 million head.

Heifers for beef cow replacement were unchanged from 2025 at 65,000 head; heifers for milk cow replacement, at 500,000 head, were down 2 percent from the previous year; and all other heifers were down 10 percent at 95,000 head.

Steers weighing 500 pounds and over were unchanged from last year at 360,000 head. Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over were unchanged at 30,000 head. Calves under 500 pounds on January 1, 2026, totaled 640,000 head, unchanged from last year.

The 2025 calf crop was estimated at 1.37 million head, unchanged from the 2024 calf crop. Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in all feedlots on January 1, 2026, totaled 240,000 head, up 4 percent from one year ago.



Cattle and Calves: Number by Class and Calf Crop, Wisconsin and United States, January 1, 2025-2026

Class	Wisconsin		United States	
	2025 (1,000 head)	2026 (1,000 head)	2025 (1,000 head)	2026 (1,000 head)
All cattle and calves.....	3,250	3,250	86,472	86,155
All cows that have calved	1,540	1,560	37,273	37,176
Beef cows.....	275	275	27,892	27,607
Milk cows.....	1,265	1,285	9,381	9,568
Heifers 500 pounds and over.....				
For beef cow replacement	65	65	4,673	4,714
For milk cow replacement.....	510	500	3,915	3,905
Other heifers.....	105	95	9,542	9,398
Steers 500 pounds and over.....	360	360	15,697	15,601
Bulls 500 pounds and over	30	30	2,009	2,015
Calves under 500 pounds.....	640	640	13,363	13,347
Cattle on feed ¹	230	240	14,323	13,848
	2024	2025	2024	2025
Calf crop.....	1,370	1,370	33,417	32,896

¹Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better. Cattle and calves on feed are included in the cattle inventory estimates by classes.

United States Cattle Inventory

All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2026 totaled 86.2 million head, slightly below the 86.5 million head on January 1, 2025.

All cows and heifers that have calved, at 37.2 million head, were slightly below the 37.3 million head on January 1, 2025. Beef cows, at 27.6 million head, were down 1 percent from a year ago. Milk cows, at 9.57 million head, were up 2 percent from the previous year.

All heifers 500 pounds and over as of January 1, 2026 totaled 18.0 million head, 1 percent below the 18.1 million head on January 1, 2025. Beef replacement heifers, at 4.71 million head, were up 1 percent from a year ago. Milk replacement heifers, at 3.90 million head, were down slightly from the previous year. Other heifers, at 9.40 million head, were 2 percent below a year earlier.

Steers weighing 500 pounds and over as of January 1, 2026 totaled 15.6 million head, down 1 percent from January 1, 2025.

Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over as of January 1, 2026 totaled 2.01 million head, up slightly from January 1, 2025.

Calves under 500 pounds as of January 1, 2026 totaled 13.3 million head, down slightly from January 1, 2025.

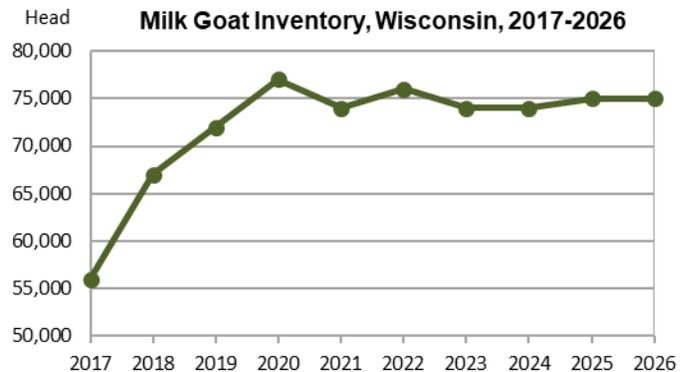
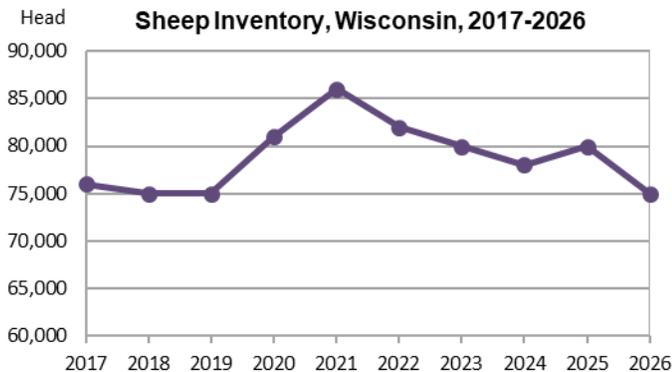
Sheep and Goats

All sheep and lambs inventory in Wisconsin as of January 1, 2026, totaled 75,000 head, down 5,000 head from 2025, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Sheep and Goats* report. Total breeding stock, at 61,000 head, was 6 percent below last year. Market sheep and lambs decreased 7 percent from a year ago and totaled 14,000 head. The 2025 lamb crop was estimated at 59,000 head, up 2 percent from the 2024 lamb crop. Wool production for 2025 was 280,000 pounds, down 10 percent from 2024, with fleece weights averaging 6.4 pounds.

Sheep Inventory, Lamb Crop, and Wool Production – Wisconsin and United States: 2024-2026

Class	Wisconsin		United States	
	January 1, 2025 (1,000 head)	January 1, 2026 (1,000 head)	January 1, 2025 (1,000 head)	January 1, 2026 (1,000 head)
All sheep and lambs	80	75	5,025	4,990
Total breeding sheep	65	61	3,660	3,610
Ewes	50	47	2,880	2,850
Rams	3	3	165	160
Replacement lambs	12	11	615	600
Total market	15	14	1,365	1,380
Lamb Crop	2024	2025	2024	2025
Lamb crop 1,000 head	58	59	3,040	3,030
Wool	2024	2025	2024	2025
Sheep shorn..... 1,000 head	48	44	3,100	3,000
Weight per fleece pounds	6.5	6.4	6.9	6.8
Production..... 1,000 pounds	310	280	21,500	20,500
Price per pound..... dollars	0.40	0.40	1.43	1.40
Value ¹ 1,000 dollars	124	112	30,773	28,714

¹Production multiplied by marketing year average price. United States value is the summation of State values



Milk goat inventory in Wisconsin as of January 1, 2026, was 75,000 head, the same as January 2025. Total meat and other goat inventory was 34,000 head, up 2,000 from last year.

Goat Inventory – Wisconsin and United States: January 1, 2025 and 2026

Class	Wisconsin		United States	
	2025 (1,000 head)	2026 (1,000 head)	2025 (1,000 head)	2026 (1,000 head)
Milk goats	75	75	420	415
Meat & other goats	32	34	1,975	2,005

United States Sheep and Goats

All sheep and lambs inventory in the United States on January 1, 2026 totaled 4.99 million head, down 1 percent from 2025. Breeding sheep inventory at 3.61 million head on January 1, 2026, decreased 1 percent from 3.66 million head on January 1, 2025. Ewes one year old and older, at 2.85 million head, were 1 percent below last year. Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2026 totaled 1.38 million head, up 1 percent from January 1, 2025. Market lambs comprised 94 percent of the total market inventory. Market sheep comprised the remaining 6 percent of total market inventory.

The 2025 lamb crop of 3.03 million head was down slightly from 2024. The 2025 lambing rate was 105 lambs per 100 ewes one year old and older on January 1, 2025, down 1 percent from 2024.

Shorn wool production in the United States during 2025 was 20.5 million pounds, down 5 percent from 2024. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 3.00 million head, down 3 percent from 2024. The average price paid for wool sold in 2025 was \$1.40 per pound for a total value of 28.7 million dollars, down 7 percent from 30.8 million dollars in 2024. As of January 1, 2026, 28 percent of the total sheep and lambs were hair sheep or wool hair crosses.

Sheep death loss during 2025 totaled 185,000 head, down 3 percent from 2024. Lamb death loss decreased 3 percent from 370,000 head to 360,000 head in 2025.

All goats and kids inventory in the United States on January 1, 2026 totaled 2.51 million head, up 1 percent from 2025. Breeding goat inventory totaled 2.07 million head, up 1 percent from 2025. Does one year old and older, at 1.54 million head, were 1 percent above last year's number. Market goats and kids totaled 444,000 head, up slightly from a year ago.

Kid crop for 2025 totaled 1.52 million head for all goats, up 1 percent from 2024.

Meat and all other goats totaled 2.01 million head on January 1, 2026, up 2 percent from 2025. Milk goat inventory was 415,000 head, down 1 percent from January 1, 2025, while angora goats were down 11 percent, totaling 89,000 head.

Mohair production in the United States during 2025 was 430,000 pounds. Goats and kids clipped totaled 85,000 head. Average weight per clip was 5.1 pounds. Mohair price was \$6.40 per pound with a value of 2.75 million dollars.

Dairy Products

Cheese production in Wisconsin totaled 315 million pounds in December 2025, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Dairy Products* report. This was up 3 percent from the previous December. American cheese production in Wisconsin was down 9 percent, and Italian cheese production rose 10 percent.

Cheese Production – Wisconsin and United States

Type	Wisconsin			United States		
	December 2024 (1,000 pounds)	November 2025 (1,000 pounds)	December 2025 (1,000 pounds)	December 2024 (1,000 pounds)	November 2025 (1,000 pounds)	December 2025 (1,000 pounds)
American.....						
Cheddar	60,739	51,997	55,798	312,307	322,291	340,350
Total American.....	98,432	82,167	89,783	468,264	473,117	500,232
Italian						
Mozzarella.....	94,722	91,086	97,222	416,010	421,881	440,619
Total Italian	146,308	147,637	160,641	522,330	533,279	561,012
Total Cheese	306,267	295,534	314,981	1,198,672	1,224,436	1,278,817

Vegetables Annual Summary

Wisconsin farmers harvested 48,500 acres of **snap beans** in 2025 for a total production of 5.00 million cwt, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Vegetables 2025 Summary*. Fresh market production totaled 119,900 cwt and was valued at \$20.7 million. Processing production accounted for 243,531 tons and had a total value of \$30.9 million. Wisconsin ranked first in production of snap beans with 43 percent of the nation's production. U.S. snap bean production totaled 11.6 million cwt.

There were 52,900 acres of **sweet corn** harvested in Wisconsin with a total production of 8.73 million cwt. Fresh market production accounted for 174,600 cwt with a total value of \$9.43 million. Production of sweet corn for processing totaled 427,697 tons and was valued at \$31.6 million. Wisconsin ranked third for sweet corn production with 15 percent of the nation's production. U.S. sweet corn production totaled 58.2 million cwt.

Green pea production in Wisconsin in 2025 totaled 1.10 million cwt from 24,400 harvested acres and was valued at \$16.5 million. Wisconsin ranked third for green pea production with 23 percent of the nation's production. Green pea production in the U.S. totaled 4.69 million cwt.

There were 3,400 acres of **beets** harvested in Wisconsin in 2025 with a total value of production of \$4.51 million. **Cabbage** production in 2025 totaled 2.82 million cwt with a total value of production of \$47.2 million. There were 6,700 acres of **cucumbers** harvested in 2025 with a total value of production of \$23.8 million. Wisconsin farmers harvested 3,200 acres of **pumpkins** in 2025 with a total value of production of \$8.21 million.

Vegetables Acreage, Yield, and Production – Wisconsin: 2024 and 2025

Crop	Planted		Harvested		Yield per acre		Utilized Production					
							Fresh		Processed		All	
	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025
	(acres)				(cwt)		(1,000 cwt)		(tons)		(1,000 cwt)	
Beets.....	3,000	3,400	3,000	3,400	255.0	215.0	24.5	10.2	36,988	36,038	764.2	731.0
Cabbage.....	3,900	4,500	3,800	4,400	645.0	640.0	1,176.5	1,126.4	63,603	84,339	2,448.5	2,813.2
Cucumbers.....	6,900	6,800	6,800	6,700	120.0	155.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	815.2	1,035.4
Green peas.....	21,000	26,500	20,200	24,400	41.9	45.0	0.8	(D)	42,278	(D)	846.4	1,096.9
Pumpkins.....	3,400	3,500	3,100	3,200	160.0	95.0	473.0	292.1	0	0	473.2	292.1
Snap beans.....	48,600	50,000	47,600	48,500	90.0	103.0	98.5	119.9	209,059	243,531	4,279.7	4,990.5
Sweet corn.....	53,100	55,500	52,800	52,900	165.0	165.0	348.5	174.6	417,740	427,697	8,703.3	8,728.5

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

(x) Not applicable.

Vegetables Price and Value by Utilization – Wisconsin: 2024 and 2025

Crop	Price						Value of utilized production					
	Fresh		Processed		All		Fresh		Processed		All	
	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025
	(dollars per cwt)		(dollars per ton)		(dollars per cwt)		(1,000 dollars)					
Beets.....	100.00	202.00	68.60	68.00	6.53	6.17	2,450	2,060	2,537	2,451	4,987	4,511
Cabbage.....	33.70	35.00	116.00	91.80	19.20	16.80	39,648	39,424	7,378	7,742	47,026	47,166
Cucumbers.....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	19.40	23.00	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	15,815	23,814
Green peas.....	215.00	(D)	287.00	(D)	14.50	15.10	172	(D)	12,134	(D)	12,306	16,547
Pumpkins.....	18.20	28.10	(X)	(X)	18.20	28.10	8,612	8,208	(X)	(X)	8,612	8,208
Snap beans.....	110.00	173.00	130.00	127.00	8.88	10.40	10,835	20,743	27,178	30,928	38,013	51,671
Sweet corn.....	41.40	54.00	85.90	73.80	5.78	4.70	14,428	9,428	35,884	31,564	50,312	40,992

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(x) Not applicable.

Farms and Land in Farms

The total number of farms in Wisconsin in 2025 was 58,000 farms, down 200 from 2024 according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Farms and Land in Farms 2025 Summary* report. Total land in farms for Wisconsin during 2025 was 13.7 million acres. Wisconsin’s average farm size in 2025 was 236 acres, down 1 acre from 2024.

Farms and Land in Farms, by Sales Class – Wisconsin: 2021-2025

[Farms are classified in “sales classes” by summing sales of agricultural products and government program payments.]

	\$1,000- \$9,999	\$10,000- \$99,999	\$100,000- \$249,999	\$250,000- \$499,999	\$500,000- \$999,999	\$1,000,000 & over	Total
Number of Farms							
2021	26,300	19,400	6,400	4,100	2,400	2,600	61,200
2022	24,200	18,300	6,100	4,200	2,450	3,250	58,500
2023	24,200	18,300	6,100	4,200	2,450	3,250	58,500
2024	24,100	18,300	6,000	4,150	2,400	3,250	58,200
2025	24,000	18,200	6,000	4,150	2,400	3,250	58,000
Land in Farms, 1,000 acres							
2021	1,700	2,600	1,800	1,900	1,800	4,200	14,000
2022	1,600	2,300	1,600	1,700	1,600	5,000	13,800
2023	1,500	2,100	1,600	1,700	1,500	5,400	13,800
2024	1,500	2,100	1,600	1,700	1,500	5,400	13,800
2025	1,500	2,000	1,600	1,700	1,500	5,400	13,700
Average Farm Size, acres							
2021	65	134	281	463	750	1,615	229
2022	66	126	262	405	653	1,538	236
2023	62	115	262	405	612	1,662	236
2024	62	115	267	410	625	1,662	237
2025	63	110	267	410	625	1,662	236

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