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Monthly Prices

The average price received by farmers for **corn** during March 2026 in Wisconsin was \$4.10 per bushel according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Agricultural Prices* report. This was 14 cents above the February price and 29 cents below March 2025.

The March 2026 average price received by farmers for **soybeans**, at \$10.80 per bushel, was 60 cents above the February price and \$1.09 above the March 2025 price.

The March average **oat** price per bushel, at \$4.04, was 14 cents below February and 3 cents below March 2025.

All hay prices in Wisconsin averaged \$127.00 per ton in March. This was down \$5.00 from the February price and \$7.00 above the March 2025 price. The March 2026 **alfalfa hay** price, at \$142.00, was \$5.00 below the previous month and \$10.00 above March 2025. The average price received for **other hay** during March was \$80.00 per ton. This was \$4.00 above the February price and \$10.00 below March last year.

Prices Received by Farmers – Wisconsin and United States

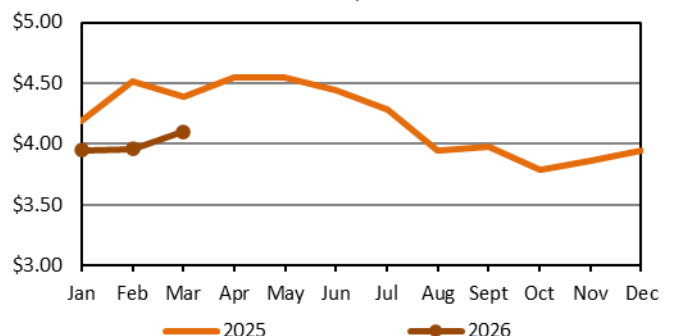
	Wisconsin			United States		
	March 2025	February 2026	March 2026	March 2025	February 2026	March 2026
	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)
Corn.....bu	4.39	3.96	4.10	4.57	4.11	4.27
Hay, all baled.....ton	120.00	132.00	127.00	158.00	152.00	156.00
Alfalfa.....ton	132.00	147.00	142.00	168.00	159.00	166.00
Other.....ton	90.00	76.00	80.00	144.00	139.00	138.00
Oats.....bu	4.07	4.18	4.04	3.58	3.07	3.19
Soybeans.....bu	9.71	10.20	10.80	10.20	10.60	11.10

Livestock Prices Received by Farmers – United States

	March 2025	February 2026	March 2026
	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)
Calves.....cwt	378.00	524.00	512.00
Cattle, all beef.....cwt	202.00	239.00	236.00
Cows ¹cwt	140.00	162.00	164.00
Steers & heifers.....cwt	204.00	243.00	240.00
Hogs, all.....cwt	67.00	65.90	68.70
Barrows & gilts.....cwt	66.50	65.60	68.30
Sows.....cwt	75.90	71.30	76.80
Eggs, market ²doz	5.96	0.98	1.25

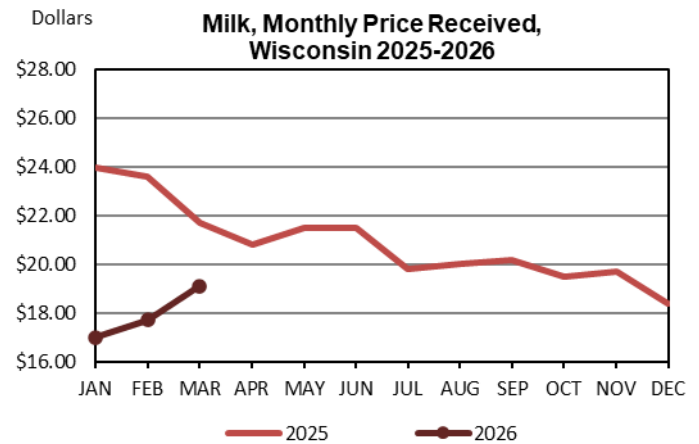
¹Beef cows and cull dairy cows for slaughter
²Also referred to as table eggs

Corn For Grain, Monthly Prices Received Wisconsin, 2025-2026



Milk Prices

The Wisconsin all milk price for March 2026 was \$19.10 per hundredweight (cwt) according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service - *Agricultural Prices* report. This was \$1.40 above last month's price and \$2.60 below last March's price. The U.S. all milk price for March was \$19.70 per cwt, \$0.60 above Wisconsin's price and \$1.40 higher than last month's U.S. price.



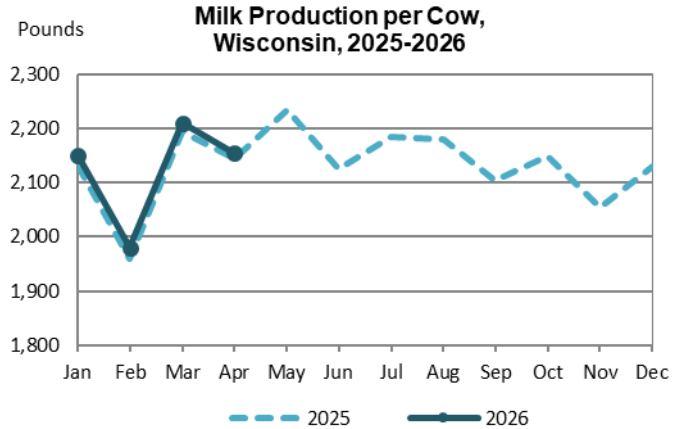
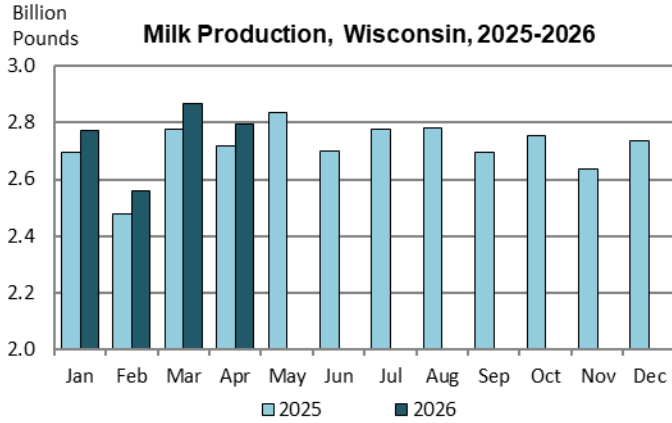
Prices Received for All Milk – Selected States and United States

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

State	March 2025		February 2026		March 2026	
	Price (dollars per cwt)	Fat test (percent)	Price (dollars per cwt)	Fat test (percent)	Price (dollars per cwt)	Fat test (percent)
Arizona.....	21.90	4.19	17.40	4.19	18.90	4.14
California.....	20.70	4.28	17.80	4.36	19.00	4.28
Colorado.....	22.30	4.09	17.50	4.16	18.70	4.07
Florida.....	26.00	3.97	21.50	4.00	22.40	3.90
Georgia.....	26.10	4.05	22.50	4.10	23.10	3.99
Idaho.....	21.40	4.39	18.90	4.50	20.40	4.45
Illinois.....	21.80	4.33	18.30	4.46	20.00	4.35
Indiana.....	23.50	4.27	19.50	4.30	20.30	4.20
Iowa.....	21.40	4.49	17.90	4.59	19.30	4.56
Kansas.....	21.20	4.49	16.80	4.59	18.70	4.54
Michigan.....	22.90	4.33	18.30	4.46	19.60	4.38
Minnesota.....	21.80	4.56	18.10	4.69	19.60	4.64
New Mexico.....	20.50	4.15	16.90	4.36	18.60	4.25
New York.....	23.10	4.38	19.00	4.56	20.60	4.48
Ohio.....	23.80	4.30	20.10	4.43	21.20	4.33
Oregon.....	23.00	4.49	19.80	4.52	20.80	4.48
Pennsylvania.....	22.90	4.35	18.60	4.49	20.10	4.38
South Dakota.....	22.00	4.67	17.90	4.78	19.50	4.76
Texas.....	22.40	4.51	18.30	4.62	20.10	4.54
Utah.....	22.10	4.24	17.30	4.35	18.80	4.28
Vermont.....	23.50	4.43	19.30	4.60	20.90	4.55
Virginia.....	25.70	4.19	21.90	4.35	22.80	4.23
Washington.....	22.30	4.40	18.60	4.54	20.60	4.50
Wisconsin.....	21.70	4.37	17.70	4.44	19.10	4.39
United States.....	22.00	4.36	18.30	4.46	19.70	4.39

Milk Production

Milk production in Wisconsin during April 2026 totaled 2.80 billion pounds, up 3 percent from the previous April according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Milk Production* report. The average number of milk cows during April, at 1.30 million head, was up 31,000 from April 2025. Monthly production per cow averaged 2,155 pounds, up 10 pounds from last April.



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

State	Milk Cows ¹		Milk Per Cow ²		Milk Production ²	
	2025 (1,000 Head)	2026 (1,000 Head)	2025 (Pounds)	2026 (Pounds)	2025 (Million Pounds)	2026 (Million Pounds)
Arizona.....	191	194	2,185	2,185	417	424
California.....	1,710	1,715	2,030	2,070	3,471	3,550
Colorado.....	209	219	2,170	2,180	454	477
Florida.....	95	97	1,895	1,900	180	184
Georgia.....	87	88	2,040	2,110	177	186
Idaho.....	704	727	2,130	2,125	1,500	1,545
Illinois.....	76	77	1,880	1,895	143	146
Indiana.....	189	199	2,000	2,005	378	399
Iowa.....	244	247	2,085	2,095	509	517
Kansas.....	196	240	2,020	2,040	396	490
Michigan.....	448	467	2,315	2,310	1,037	1,079
Minnesota.....	442	452	1,995	1,995	882	902
New Mexico.....	239	237	2,130	2,140	509	507
New York.....	638	647	2,155	2,145	1,375	1,388
Ohio.....	254	256	1,890	1,910	480	489
Oregon.....	116	124	1,760	1,765	204	219
Pennsylvania.....	464	452	1,810	1,820	840	823
South Dakota.....	230	243	1,925	1,940	443	471
Texas.....	690	719	2,190	2,195	1,511	1,578
Utah.....	97	100	1,940	1,955	188	196
Vermont.....	113	112	1,850	1,860	209	208
Virginia.....	67	66	1,840	1,845	123	122
Washington.....	251	234	2,050	2,045	515	479
Wisconsin.....	1,267	1,298	2,145	2,155	2,718	2,797
24-State Total.....	9,017	9,210	2,069	2,082	18,659	19,176

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

Dairy Products

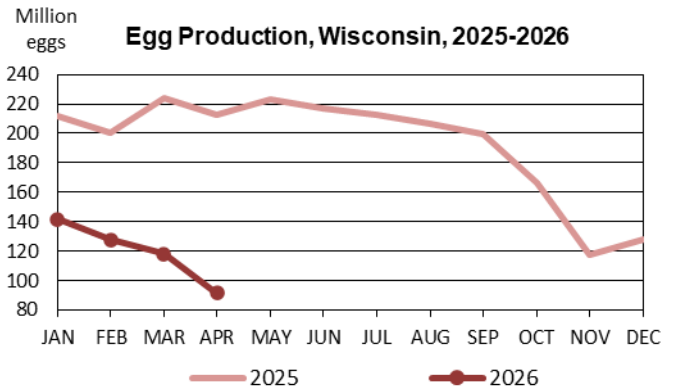
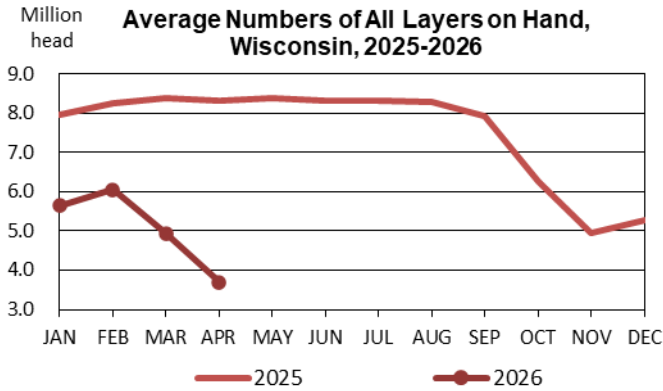
Cheese production in Wisconsin totaled 312 million pounds in March 2026, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Dairy Products* report. This was up 1 percent from the previous March. American cheese production in Wisconsin was down 10 percent, and Italian cheese production rose 7 percent.

Cheese Production – Wisconsin and United States

Type	Wisconsin			United States		
	March 2025 (1,000 pounds)	February 2026 (1,000 pounds)	March 2026 (1,000 pounds)	March 2025 (1,000 pounds)	February 2026 (1,000 pounds)	March 2026 (1,000 pounds)
American.....						
Cheddar.....	62,480	49,008	52,744	348,904	316,595	341,793
Total American.....	92,660	79,216	83,856	499,593	454,687	488,296
Italian.....						
Mozzarella.....	93,309	89,537	97,661	419,320	395,689	421,587
Total Italian.....	148,984	147,096	159,612	530,080	508,741	542,347
Total Cheese.....	308,158	283,903	311,902	1,243,436	1,164,121	1,258,465

Chickens & Eggs

Wisconsin egg production during April 2026 was 91.7 million eggs, down 57 percent from the previous April, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Chickens and Eggs* report. The average number of all layers on hand during April 2026 was 3.69 million, down 56 percent from last year. Eggs per 100 layers for April was 2,484, down 3 percent from a year ago.



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

Commodity	Wisconsin		United States	
	2025	2026	2025	2026
Table egg layers in flock				
30,000 & above 1,000 layers	7,109	2,493	281,158	293,998
Total layers 1,000 layers	8,305	3,691	358,756	372,963
Eggs per 100 layers eggs	2,561	2,484	2,367	2,392
Total egg production million eggs	212.7	91.7	8,492.1	8,923.0
Table egg production million eggs	206.4	85.8	7,253.7	7,652.2

Cranberries

Wisconsin cranberry production totaled 4.61 million barrels in 2025, compared to 5.35 million barrels in 2024, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Noncitrus Fruits and Nuts 2025 Summary*. The state's cranberry growers harvested 19,100 acres, the same as last year. Average yield per acre, at 241.0 barrels, was down 14 percent from last year's 280.0 barrels. The price of cranberries was down 4 percent from 2024 to \$37.60 per barrel. The total value of utilized production was \$172 million dollars. Processed cranberries accounted for 94 percent of the state's utilized cranberry production. Wisconsin maintained its number one ranking in total cranberry production with 61 percent of the nation's total.

Cranberry Area Harvested, Yield, Production, and Utilization – Selected States and United States: 2024 and 2025 [A barrel weighs 100 pounds.]

State	Area harvested		Yield per acre ¹		Production				Utilized production			
					Total		Utilized		Fresh		Processed	
	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025
	(acres)		(barrels)		(1,000 barrels)							
Massachusetts ...	11,900	11,000	188.8	175.2	2,245	1,925	2,238	1,906	(D)	29	(D)	1,877
New Jersey	2,700	2,800	202.6	160.2	547	449	546	449	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon	2,500	2,400	239.8	220.5	600	529	585	528	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	19,100	19,100	280.0	241.0	5,350	4,605	5,339	4,587	230	267	5,109	4,320
United States	36,200	35,300	241.5	212.7	8,742	7,508	8,709	7,469	278	307	8,431	7,162

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

¹Yield is based on utilized production.

Cranberry Price and Value by Utilization – Selected States and United States: 2024 and 2025

State	Price per barrel ¹						Value of utilized production					
	Fresh		Processed		All		Fresh		Processed		All	
	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025
	(dollars)						(1,000 dollars)					
Massachusetts ...	(D)	54.50	(D)	33.50	36.20	33.80	(D)	1,574	(D)	62,876	80,919	64,450
New Jersey	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	39.30	36.60	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	21,461	16,425
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	36.80	32.00	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	21,501	16,887
Wisconsin	81.10	84.50	37.30	34.70	39.20	37.60	18,657	22,570	190,577	149,887	209,234	172,457
United States	80.40	80.80	36.90	34.30	38.20	36.20	22,342	24,774	310,773	245,445	333,115	270,219

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¹Weighted average of co-op and independent sales. Co-op prices represent pool proceeds less returns for processing non-cranberry products, capital stock dividends, capital stock retains, and other retains.

Annual Dairy Products

Cheese Production – Wisconsin: 2021-2025

Year	Total Cheese ¹	Total American ²	Hispanic	Total Italian	Muenster	Swiss
(1,000 pounds)						
2021	3,492,789	1,091,552	111,474	1,654,508	72,312	(D)
2022	3,520,640	1,062,388	127,612	1,680,441	67,873	15,597
2023	3,517,903	1,104,300	130,030	1,674,241	72,286	14,939
2024	3,585,590	1,099,575	151,316	1,707,371	79,461	15,463
2025	3,643,832	1,063,028	154,881	1,798,224	78,352	15,187

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¹Includes cream cheese and other miscellaneous types of cheese. Does not include cottage cheese. ²Includes Cheddar, Colby, washed curd, stirred curd, and Monterey Jack.

American Cheese Production by Type – Wisconsin: 2021-2025

Year	Cheddar	Other American 1/
(1,000 pounds)		
2021	738,830	352,722
2022	710,656	351,732
2023	733,312	370,988
2024	697,980	401,595
2025	682,125	380,903

¹Includes Cheddar, Colby, washed curd, stirred curd, and Monterey Jack.

Italian Cheese Production by Type, Selected Varieties – Wisconsin: 2021-2025

Year	Mozzarella	Parmesan	Provolone	Romano
(1,000 pounds)				
2021	1,053,829	231,025	201,604	34,147
2022	1,074,965	251,893	191,082	30,955
2023	1,078,715	262,236	197,686	29,504
2024	1,099,513	243,840	208,152	36,530
2025	1,126,341	296,065	205,716	36,760

Dry Whey (Human) Production – Wisconsin: 2021-2025

Year	Production
(1,000 pounds)	
2021	289,836
2022	277,044
2023	254,489
2024	273,454
2025	268,372

Ice Cream, Regular (Hard) Production – Wisconsin: 2021-2025

Year	Production ¹
(1,000 gallons)	
2021	7,729
2022	8,384
2023	10,506
2024	10,991
2025	11,813

¹Contains minimum milkfat content to 10% and not less than 4.5 pounds per gallon.

Specialty Cheese Production – Wisconsin: 2024 & 2025

Type	2024 number of producers	2024 revised production	2025 number of producers	2025 production	Change in production from 2024
		1,000 pounds		1,000 pounds	Percent
Asiago	16	43,484	13	43,664	0
Cheddar ¹	40	44,864	36	38,126	-15
Farmers	12	1,163	13	968	-17
Feta	8	133,391	8	124,823	-6
Fontina	12	11,262	11	10,458	-7
Gouda	32	15,908	29	17,944	13
Gruyere	(D)	(D)	5	3,587	(NA)
Havarti	14	44,611	15	45,246	1
Hispanic	19	151,316	21	154,881	2
Monterey Jack ¹	18	29,482	(D)	(D)	(NA)
Parmesan Wheel	6	85,406	7	113,644	33
Romano Wheel	6	11,349	5	16,013	41
All Other ²	50	443,513	53	457,500	3
Total³	93	1,015,749	93	1,026,854	1

¹Includes only specialty types of this variety. ²Combined to avoid disclosure of individual plant data. Includes: Alpine, American Grana, Auribella, Bel Paese, Blue, Brie and Camembert, Butterkase, specialty Colby, Edam, Fior di Latte, Fontinella, Gorgonzola, Gruyere (2024 only), other specialty Italian, Italic, Juustoleipa, Krakow, Limburger, Mascarpone, Middle Eastern cheeses, specialty Monterey Jack (2025 only), specialty Mozzarella, other specialty Parmesan, Pepato, Peperon, specialty Provolone, Quark, Raclette, other specialty Romano, Soft-ripened, other specialty Swiss, and Tvarog Polish. ³Total cheese plants producing one or more specialty cheeses.

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