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Crop Production

Wisconsin **corn** production is forecast at 570 million bushels, down 6 percent from the previous year, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Crop Production* report. Based on conditions as of August 1, yields are expected to average 184.0 bushels per acre, down 4.0 bushels from last year. Corn planted acreage is estimated at 4.00 million acres. An estimated 3.10 million of the acres planted will be harvested for grain.

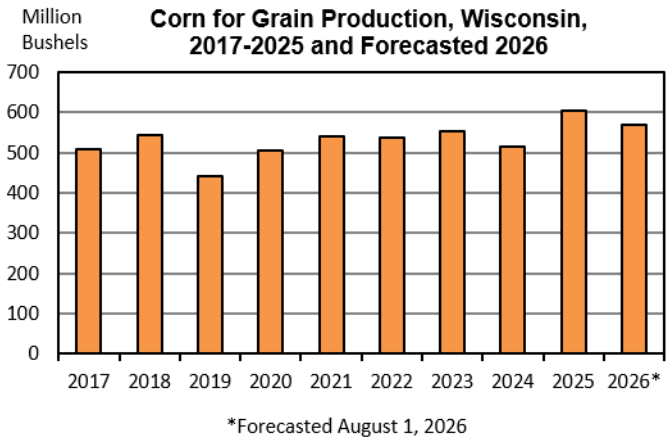
Soybean production is forecast at 122 million bushels, up 8 percent from the previous year. The yield is forecast at 55.0 bushels per acre, 1.0 bushel lower than 2025. Soybean planted acreage is estimated at 2.25 million acres with 2.22 million acres to be harvested.

Winter wheat production is estimated at 16.6 million bushels, down 13 percent from the previous year. The yield is forecast at 81.0 bushels per acre, up 5.0 bushels from the July forecast and up 5.0 bushels from 2025. Winter wheat planted acreage is estimated at 240,000 acres with 205,000 acres to be harvested for grain.

Oat production for grain is forecast at 4.23 million bushels, up 2 percent from the previous year. The expected yield is 65.0 bushels per acre, down 3.0 bushels from the July forecast but up 1.0 bushel from 2025. Oat planted acreage is estimated at 150,000 acres with 65,000 acres to be harvested for grain.

Production of **alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures** for hay is forecast at 2.95 million tons, up 7 percent from the previous year. Yield is expected to average 3.60 tons per acre, down 0.30 tons per acre from last year. Production of **other hay** is forecast at 640,000 tons, down 9 percent from last year. Yield for other hay is expected to average 1.60 tons per acre, unchanged from last year.

The forecasts in this report are based on August 1 conditions and do not reflect weather effects since that time.



Area Harvested, Yield, and Production – Wisconsin and United States: 2025 and Forecasted August 1, 2026

	Area harvested 2025 (1,000 acres)	Area harvested 2026 (1,000 acres)	Yield per acre 2025	Yield per acre 2026	Production 2025 (1,000)	Production 2026 (1,000)
WISCONSIN						
Corn .....bushels	3,220	3,100	188.0	184.0	605,360	570,400
Hay, alfalfa ..... tons	710	820	3.90	3.60	2,769	2,952
Hay, other..... tons	440	400	1.60	1.60	704	640
Oats .....bushels	65	65	64.0	65.0	4,160	4,225
Soybeans .....bushels	2,020	2,220	56.0	55.0	113,120	122,100
Wheat, winter .....bushels	250	205	76.0	81.0	19,000	16,605
UNITED STATES						
Corn .....bushels	91,258	88,592	186.5	180.7	17,020,549	16,012,964
Hay, alfalfa ..... tons	14,676	14,685	3.42	3.25	50,213	47,685
Hay, other..... tons	34,881	35,102	2.09	1.87	72,818	65,586
Oats .....bushels	944	949	73.8	72.0	69,626	68,355
Soybeans .....bushels	80,437	85,781	53.0	52.7	4,261,858	4,519,027
Wheat, winter .....bushels	25,508	21,040	54.9	47.0	1,401,554	989,890

Monthly Prices

Corn – The average price received by farmers for corn during June 2026 in Wisconsin was $4.20 per bushel according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Agricultural Prices* report. This was 10 cents below the May price and 24 cents below June 2025.

Soybeans – The June 2026 average price received by farmers for soybeans, at $11.10 per bushel, was 10 cents above the May price and 90 cents above the June 2025 price.

Oats – The June average oat price per bushel, at $3.38, was 50 cents below May and 38 cents below June 2025.

Hay – All hay prices in Wisconsin averaged $145.00 per ton in June. This was up $10.00 from the May price and $23.00 above the June 2025 price.

> **Alfalfa Hay –** The June 2026 alfalfa hay price, at $153.00, was $3.00 above the previous month and $25.00 above June 2025.
>
> **Other Hay –** The average price received for other hay during June was $98.00 per ton. This was $10.00 above the May price and $11.00 above June last year.

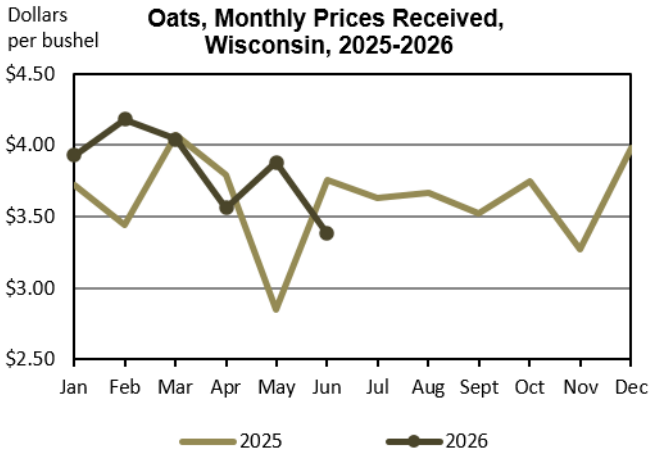
Prices Received by Farmers – Wisconsin and United States (in dollars)

Crop	Wisconsin June 2025	Wisconsin May 2026	Wisconsin June 2026	United States June 2025	United States May 2026	United States June 2026
Corn ..... bu	4.44	4.30	4.20	4.47	4.48	4.28
Hay, all baled ..... ton	122.00	135.00	145.00	165.00	178.00	181.00
Alfalfa ..... ton	128.00	150.00	153.00	177.00	195.00	198.00
Other ..... ton	87.00	88.00	98.00	141.00	142.00	141.00
Oats ..... bu	3.76	3.88	3.38	3.80	3.21	3.25
Soybeans ..... bu	10.20	11.00	11.10	10.40	11.60	11.30

Livestock Prices Received by Farmers – United States (in dollars)

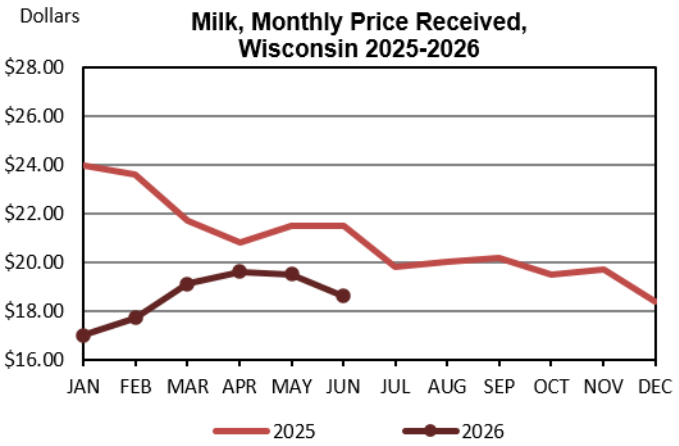
Livestock	June 2025	May 2026	June 2026
Calves ..... cwt	400.00	513.00	497.00
Cattle, all beef ..... cwt	228.00	252.00	254.00
Cows[1] ..... cwt	150.00	172.00	175.00
Steers & heifers ..... cwt	231.00	256.00	258.00
Hogs, all ..... cwt	76.70	68.50	69.40
Barrows & gilts ..... cwt	77.00	68.70	69.70
Sows ..... cwt	70.60	65.20	64.20
Eggs, market[2] ..... doz	2.87	0.56	0.53

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



Milk Prices

The Wisconsin all milk price for June 2026 was $18.60 per hundredweight (cwt) according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service - *Agricultural Prices* report. This was $0.90 below last month's price and $2.90 below last June's price. The U.S. all milk price for June was $21.10 per cwt, $2.50 above Wisconsin's price and $0.20 lower than last month's U.S. price.



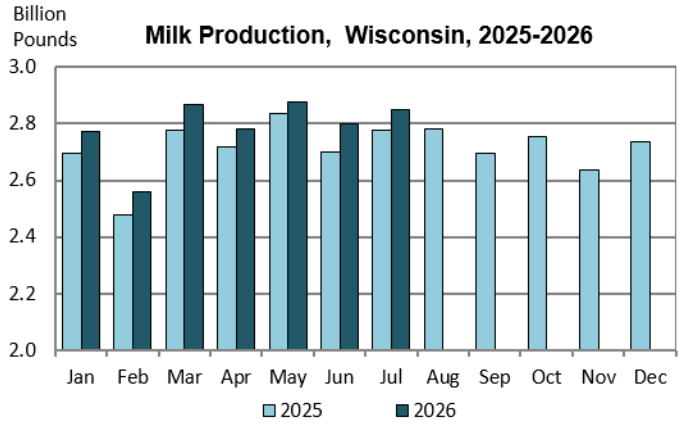
Prices Received for All Milk – Selected States and United States

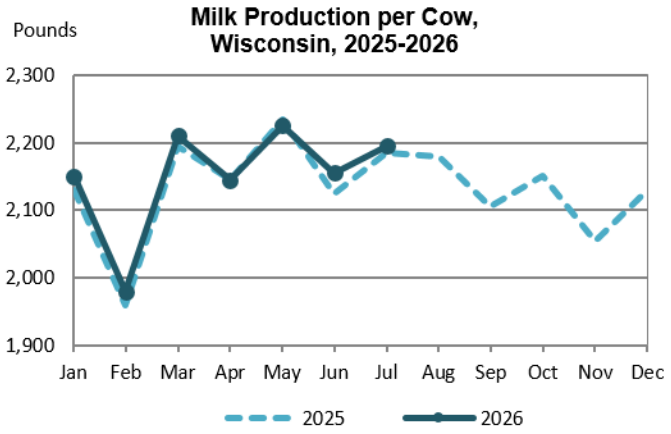
[Before deduction for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.]

State	June 2025 Price (dollars per cwt)	June 2025 Fat test (percent)	May 2026 Price (dollars per cwt)	May 2026 Fat test (percent)	June 2026 Price (dollars per cwt)	June 2026 Fat test (percent)
Arizona	20.10	3.93	20.60	4.13	20.80	4.08
California	20.50	4.14	21.70	4.25	22.00	4.21
Colorado	20.60	3.91	20.20	4.01	19.60	3.90
Florida	23.80	3.78	26.20	3.86	28.00	3.85
Georgia	24.10	3.83	26.50	3.93	28.60	3.88
Idaho	21.20	4.18	20.90	4.37	19.70	4.31
Illinois	21.50	4.16	21.40	4.24	21.60	4.15
Indiana	22.00	4.08	22.50	4.10	23.50	4.07
Iowa	21.00	4.28	19.90	4.36	18.70	4.25
Kansas	20.30	4.23	20.30	4.41	19.90	4.29
Michigan	21.40	4.15	21.70	4.30	22.20	4.21
Minnesota	21.80	4.41	19.90	4.50	18.70	4.38
New Mexico	20.00	4.02	20.30	4.13	19.60	4.08
New York	21.80	4.21	22.70	4.36	23.20	4.28
Ohio	22.50	4.15	22.80	4.23	23.30	4.15
Oregon	22.20	4.23	21.20	4.39	20.60	4.36
Pennsylvania	21.30	4.14	22.10	4.25	22.70	4.19
South Dakota	21.80	4.47	19.90	4.60	18.50	4.46
Texas	21.70	4.37	22.00	4.49	21.40	4.38
Utah	20.40	4.00	20.60	4.16	20.60	4.08
Vermont	22.30	4.25	22.70	4.41	23.20	4.32
Virginia	24.10	4.03	25.80	4.09	27.40	4.05
Washington	21.30	4.20	22.60	4.39	22.10	4.31
Wisconsin	**21.50**	**4.21**	**19.50**	**4.29**	**18.60**	**4.20**
United States	21.30	4.19	21.30	4.31	21.10	4.23

Milk Production

Milk production in Wisconsin during July 2026 totaled 2.85 billion pounds, up 3 percent from the previous July according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Milk Production* report. The average number of milk cows during July, at 1.30 million head, was up 27,000 from July 2025. Monthly production per cow averaged 2,195 pounds, up 10 pounds from last July.





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

State	Milk Cows[1] (1,000 Head) 2025	Milk Cows[1] (1,000 Head) 2026	Milk Per Cow[2] (Pounds) 2025	Milk Per Cow[2] (Pounds) 2026	Milk Production[2] (Million Pounds) 2025	Milk Production[2] (Million Pounds) 2026
Arizona	196	202	1,950	1,965	382	397
California	1,715	1,714	2,045	2,030	3,507	3,479
Colorado	211	219	2,220	2,225	468	487
Florida	97	102	1,765	1,775	171	181
Georgia	89	90	1,950	2,025	174	182
Idaho	723	735	2,230	2,240	1,612	1,646
Illinois	74	75	1,810	1,815	134	136
Indiana	189	198	2,010	2,015	380	399
Iowa	242	243	2,100	2,110	508	513
Kansas	213	245	2,010	2,015	428	494
Michigan	453	467	2,355	2,355	1,067	1,100
Minnesota	445	459	2,030	2,040	903	936
New Mexico	236	238	2,065	2,070	487	493
New York	644	655	2,210	2,220	1,423	1,454
Ohio	252	251	1,925	1,925	485	483
Oregon	120	128	1,815	1,815	218	232
Pennsylvania	460	455	1,760	1,780	810	810
South Dakota	234	250	2,005	2,005	469	501
Texas	700	726	2,205	2,220	1,544	1,612
Utah	98	99	2,020	2,025	198	200
Vermont	114	114	1,875	1,880	214	214
Virginia	66	68	1,735	1,740	115	118
Washington	239	235	2,055	2,045	491	481
Wisconsin	**1,272**	**1,299**	**2,185**	**2,195**	**2,779**	**2,851**
24-State Total	9,082	9,267	2,088	2,093	18,967	19,399

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

Dairy Products

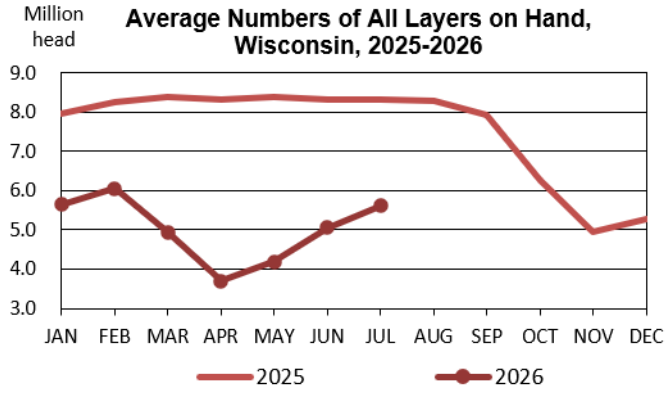
Cheese production in Wisconsin totaled 307 million pounds in June 2026, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Dairy Products* report. This was up 4 percent from the previous June. American cheese production in Wisconsin was down 7 percent, and Italian cheese production rose 10 percent.

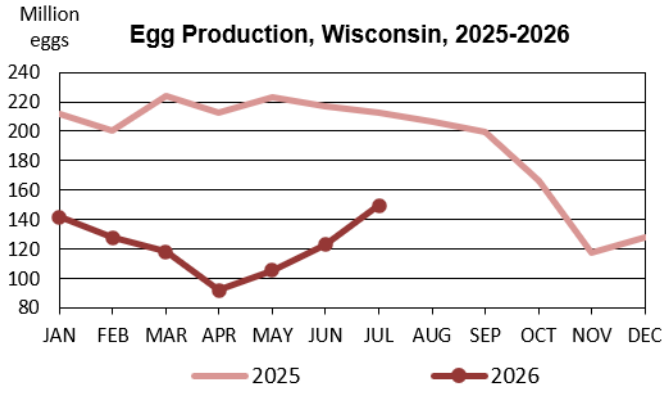
Cheese Production – Wisconsin and United States

Type	Wisconsin June 2025 (1,000 pounds)	Wisconsin May 2026 (1,000 pounds)	Wisconsin June 2026 (1,000 pounds)	United States June 2025 (1,000 pounds)	United States May 2026 (1,000 pounds)	United States June 2026 (1,000 pounds)
American						
Cheddar	55,713	48,369	46,217	334,882	346,408	338,068
Total American	84,707	83,074	78,690	479,371	497,748	484,866
Italian						
Mozzarella	93,383	97,878	98,843	415,838	441,599	405,745
Total Italian	147,330	160,261	161,579	523,354	559,719	521,641
Total Cheese	294,755	307,603	306,976	1,218,094	1,283,363	1,231,236

Chickens & Eggs

Wisconsin egg production during July 2026 was 149 million eggs, down 30 percent from the previous July, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Chickens and Eggs* report. The average number of all layers on hand during July 2026 was 5.61 million, down 33 percent from last year. Eggs per 100 layers for July was 2,665, up 5 percent from a year ago.





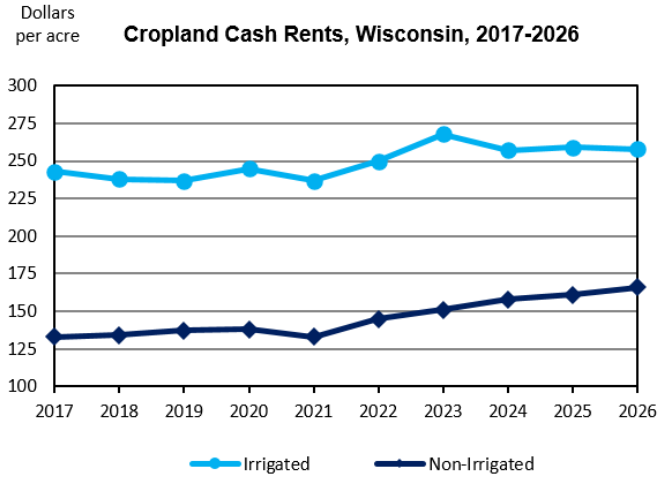
Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced – Wisconsin and United States: July 2025 and 2026

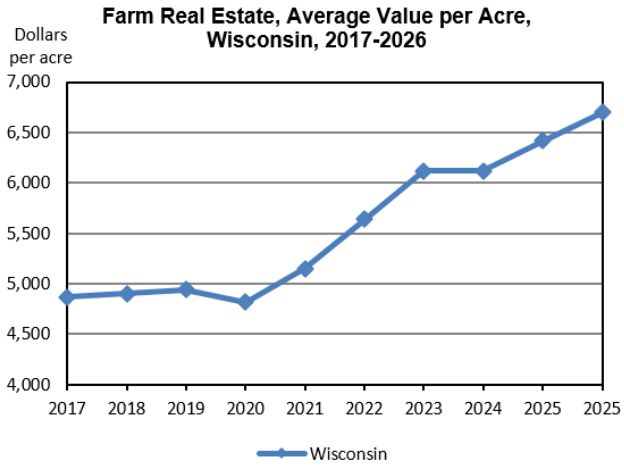
Commodity	Wisconsin 2025	Wisconsin 2026	United States 2025	United States 2026
Table egg layers in flocks 30,000 & above ..... 1,000 layers	7,144	4,412	286,045	300,054
Total layers ..... 1,000 layers	8,329	5,607	363,669	378,535
Eggs per 100 layers ..... eggs	2,548	2,665	2,457	2,457
Total egg production ..... million eggs	212.2	149.4	8,933.7	9,299.6
Table egg production ..... million eggs	205.7	143.0	7,633.3	7,995.4

Cash Rent and Land Values

Cropland cash rent paid to Wisconsin landlords in 2026 averaged $170.00 per acre according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service. Non-irrigated cropland rent averaged $166.00 per acre, $5.00 above last year. Irrigated cropland rent averaged $258.00 per acre, $1.00 below 2025. Pasture rented for cash averaged $44.50 per acre, $0.50 below the previous year.

Wisconsin's farm real estate value, a measurement of the value of all land and buildings on farms, averaged $6,700 per acre in 2026, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Land Values 2026 Summary*. This was up $280 from last year's value. Cropland, at $7,600 per acre, was $350 higher than last year. Pasture, at $3,500 per acre, was $200 above last year.





Cash Rent and Land Values – Wisconsin: 2022-2026

	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Cash rent					
Cropland, cash rent expense ..... dollars per acre	149.00	156.00	162.00	166.00	170.00
Irrigated, cash rent expense ..... dollars per acre	250.00	268.00	257.00	259.00	258.00
Non-irrigated, cash rent expense ..... dollars per acre	145.00	151.00	158.00	161.00	166.00
Pasture, cash rent expense ..... dollars per acre	36.00	37.50	41.00	45.00	44.50
Land Values					
Cropland, average value ..... dollars per acre	5,940	6,620	6,800	7,250	7,600
Pasture, average value ..... dollars per acre	2,800	3,110	3,200	3,300	3,500
Farm real estate, average value ..... dollars per acre	5,640	6,120	6,120	6,420	6,700
Value of farm land and buildings[1 2] ..... million dollars	77,832	84,456	84,456	87,954	(NA)

(NA) Not available.
[1]2026 Land in Farms acres used in this calculation will be released in February 2027.
[2]Total value of land and buildings is derived by multiplying average value per acre of farm real estate by the land in farms.

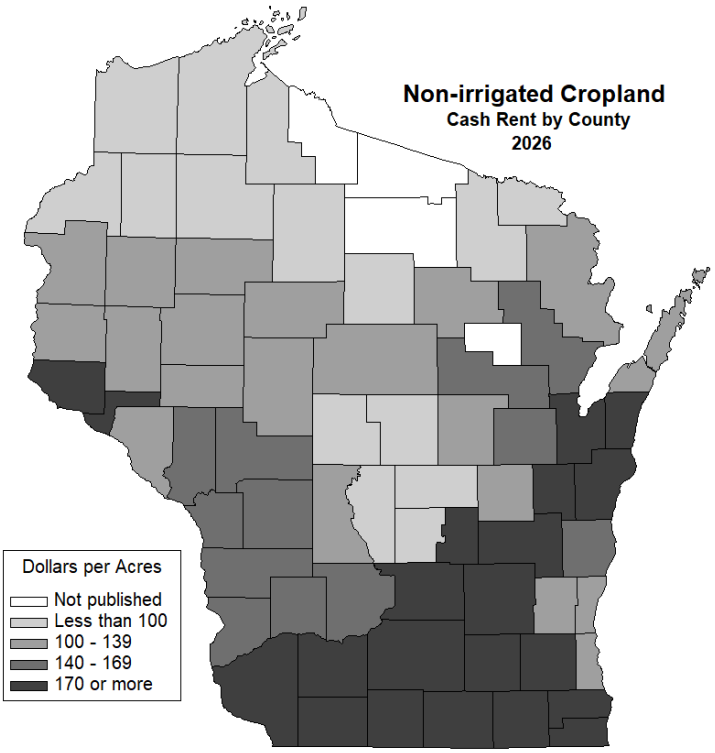
NON-IRRIGATED CROPLAND CASH RENT: VALUE, BY COUNTIES, WISCONSIN, 2026 [1]

County	2026
Adams	74.00
Ashland	38.50
Barron	103.00
Bayfield	28.50
Brown	213.00
Buffalo	139.00
Burnett	56.50
Calumet	187.00
Chippewa	125.00
Clark	119.00
Columbia	215.00
Crawford	167.00
Dane	231.00
Dodge	212.00
Door	120.00
Douglas	16.00
Dunn	131.00
Eau Claire	125.00
Florence	25.00
Fond du Lac	203.00
Forest	40.00
Grant	247.00
Green	223.00
Green Lake	195.00
Iowa	196.00
Iron	-
Jackson	143.00

County	2026
Jefferson	197.00
Juneau	120.00
Kenosha	184.00
Kewaunee	228.00
La Crosse	165.00
Lafayette	240.00
Langlade	103.00
Lincoln	69.50
Manitowoc	199.00
Marathon	133.00
Marinette	124.00
Marquette	91.00
Menominee	-
Milwaukee	101.00
Monroe	154.00
Oconto	154.00
Oneida	-
Outagamie	161.00
Ozaukee	118.00
Pepin	185.00
Pierce	179.00
Polk	122.00
Portage	85.50
Price	37.00
Racine	175.00
Richland	155.00
Rock	223.00

County	2026
Rusk	104.00
St Croix	127.00
Sauk	158.00
Sawyer	60.50
Shawano	142.00
Sheboygan	151.00
Taylor	118.00
Trempealeau	144.00
Vernon	145.00
Vilas	-
Walworth	236.00
Washburn	67.50
Washington	119.00
Waukesha	171.00
Waupaca	129.00
Waushara	78.00
Winnebago	123.00
Wood	81.50
Other counties	39.00
Wisconsin	**166.00**

1 Some counties were not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations. Unpublished data is included in “Other counties.”



Honey Bee Colonies

Honey bee colonies for operations with 5 or more colonies in Wisconsin as of January 1, 2026, totaled 29,000 colonies. This was down 26 percent from 39,000 colonies on January 1 last year and down 40 percent from 48,000 colonies on October 1, 2025. The maximum number of colonies during the January-March 2026 quarter was 35,000.

Honey bee colonies lost for operations with 5 or more colonies for the January-March 2025 quarter was 2,800, or 8 percent. This was up 3 percentage points from the same period last year and down 13 percentage points from losses reported during the October-December 2025 quarter.

Honey Bee Colonies – Wisconsin: 2025-2026

[Operations with 5 or more colonies.]

	First of the quarter number of colonies[1] (number)	Maximum colonies[2] (number)	Lost colonies (number)	Percent lost[3] (percent)	Added colonies (number)	Renovated colonies[4] (number)	Percent renovated[5] (percent)
Jan-Mar 2025	39,000	40,000	1,800	5	1,000	70	(Z)
Apr-Jun 2025	40,000	57,000	2,800	5	10,500	8,500	15
Jul-Sep 2025	66,000	67,000	8,500	13	2,700	6,500	10
Oct-Dec 2025	48,000	48,000	10,000	21	1,800	3,200	7
Jan-Mar 2026	29,000	35,000	2,800	8	7,000	330	1
Apr-Jun 2026	40,000	47,000	2,300	5	11,000	5,500	12

(Z) Less than half of the unit shown.
[1]Number of colonies in the state as of the first day of the quarter.
[2]Number of colonies in the state on the first day of the quarter plus all colonies moved into state during the quarter.
[3]Percent lost is the number of lost colonies divided by the maximum colonies.
[4]Defined as any surviving colony that was requeened or received new honey bees through nuc or package.
[5]Percent renovated is the number of renovated colonies divided by the maximum colonies.

Honey Bee Colony Health – Wisconsin: 2025-2026

[Operations with 5 or more colonies.]

	Varroa mites (percent)	Other pests and parasites[1] (percent)	Diseases[2] (percent)	Pesticides (percent)	Other[3] (percent)	Unknown (percent)
Jan-Mar 2025	17.5	0.5	(Z)	0.0	2.4	3.8
Apr-Jun 2025	12.3	11.4	(Z)	4.6	1.5	9.6
Jul-Sep 2025	29.9	12.4	3.1	3.9	8.4	1.4
Oct-Dec 2025	28.9	(Z)	8.7	1.8	0.7	7.1
Jan-Mar 2026	15.7	0.7	(Z)	0.6	2.6	2.8
Apr-Jun 2026	13.6	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	4.5	0.8

(Z) Less than half of the unit shown.
[1]Tracheal mites, nosea, hive beetle, wax moths, etc.
[2]Includes American and European foulbrood, chalkbrood, stonebrood, paralysis (acute and chronic), kashmir, deformed wing, sabrood, IAPV, Lake Sinai II, etc.
[3]Includes weather, starvation, insufficient forage, queen failure, hive damage/destroyed, etc.

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