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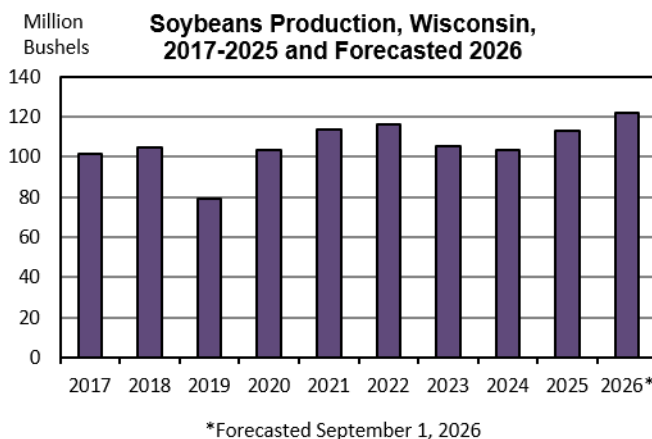
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Crop Production

Wisconsin **corn** production is forecast at 558 million bushels, down 8 percent from the previous year, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Crop Production* report. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average 180.0 bushels per acre, down 8.0 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.

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



Area Harvested, Yield, and Production – Wisconsin and United States: 2025 and Forecasted September 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						
Cornbushels	3,220	3,100	188.0	180.0	605,360	558,000
Soybeansbushels	2,020	2,220	56.0	55.0	113,120	122,100
UNITED STATES						
Cornbushels	91,258	88,506	186.5	178.5	17,020,549	15,799,759
Soybeansbushels	80,437	85,881	53.0	52.8	4,261,858	4,534,981

United States Crop Production

Corn production for grain is forecast at 15.8 billion bushels, down 1 percent from the previous forecast and down 7 percent from 2025. If realized, this would be the second highest grain production on record for the Nation. The average yield is forecast at 178.5 bushels per acre, down 2.2 bushels from the previous forecast and down 8.0 bushels from 2025.

Soybean production for beans is forecast at 4.53 billion bushels, up less than 1 percent from the previous forecast and up 6 percent from 2025. Yields are expected to average 52.8 bushels per acre, up 0.1 bushel from the previous forecast but down 0.2 bushel from 2025.

Monthly Prices

Corn – The average price received by farmers for corn during July 2026 in Wisconsin was \$4.16 per bushel according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Agricultural Prices* report. This was 4 cents below the June price and 12 cents below July 2025.

Soybeans – The July 2026 average price received by farmers for soybeans, at \$11.20 per bushel, was 10 cents above the June price and \$1.23 above the July 2025 price.

Oats – The July average oat price per bushel, at \$3.57, was 19 cents above June and 6 cents below July 2025.

Hay – All hay prices in Wisconsin averaged \$128.00 per ton in July. This was down \$17.00 from the June price and \$14.00 above the July 2025 price.

Alfalfa Hay – The July 2026 alfalfa hay price, at \$143.00, was \$10.00 below the previous month and \$12.00 above July 2025.

Other Hay – The average price received for other hay during July was \$91.00 per ton. This was \$7.00 below the June price and \$11.00 above July last year.

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

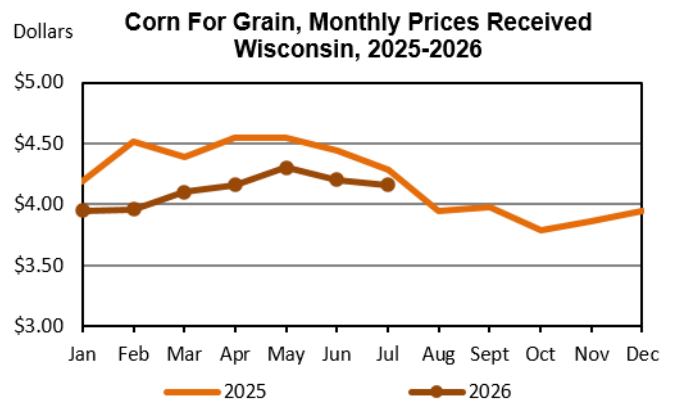
Crop	Wisconsin July 2025	Wisconsin June 2026	Wisconsin July 2026	United States July 2025	United States June 2026	United States July 2026
Corn bu	4.28	4.20	4.16	4.29	4.28	4.26
Hay, all baled ton	114.00	145.00	128.00	162.00	181.00	184.00
Alfalfa ton	131.00	153.00	143.00	175.00	198.00	203.00
Other ton	80.00	98.00	91.00	136.00	141.00	143.00
Oats bu	3.63	3.38	3.57	3.44	3.25	3.10
Soybeans bu	9.97	11.10	11.20	10.20	11.30	11.60

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

Livestock	July 2025	June 2026	July 2026
Calves cwt	408.00	497.00	482.00
Cattle, all beef cwt	229.00	254.00	246.00
Cows ¹ cwt	157.00	175.00	175.00
Steers & heifers cwt	232.00	258.00	249.00
Hogs, all cwt	79.80	69.40	71.00
Barrows & gilts cwt	79.50	69.70	71.80
Sows cwt	84.20	64.20	54.70
Eggs, market ² doz	2.93	0.53	0.78

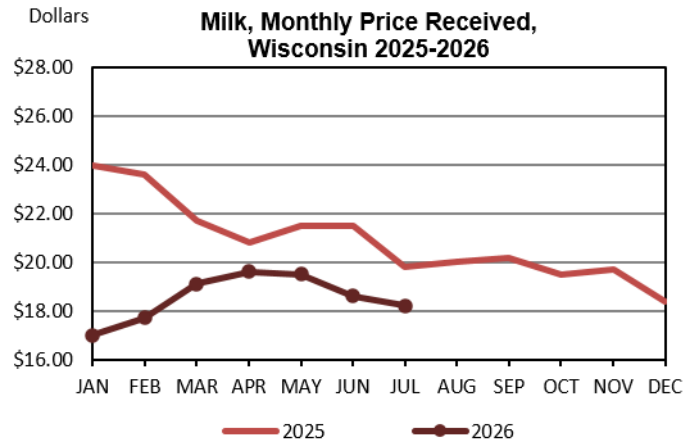
¹Beef cows and cull dairy cows for slaughter

²Also referred to as table eggs



Milk Prices

The Wisconsin all milk price for July 2026 was \$18.20 per hundredweight (cwt) according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service - *Agricultural Prices* report. This was \$0.40 below last month's price and \$1.60 below last July's price. The U.S. all milk price for July was \$20.30 per cwt, \$2.10 above Wisconsin's price and \$0.80 lower than last month's U.S. price.



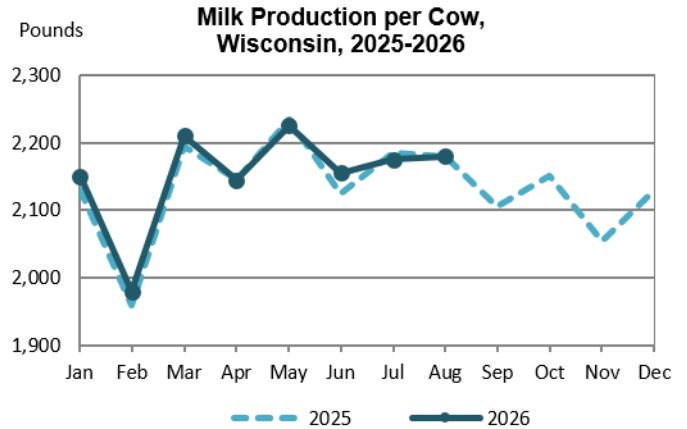
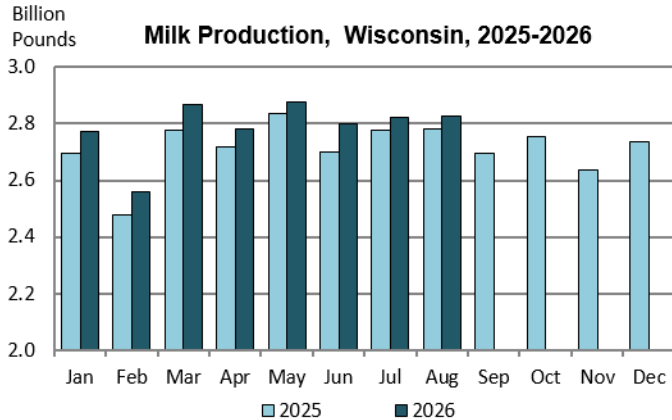
Prices Received for All Milk – Selected States and United States

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

State	July 2025 Price (dollars per cwt)	July 2025 Fat test (percent)	June 2026 Price (dollars per cwt)	June 2026 Fat test (percent)	July 2026 Price (dollars per cwt)	July 2026 Fat test (percent)
Arizona.....	21.00	4.05	20.80	4.08	20.40	4.06
California.....	20.60	4.13	22.00	4.21	21.00	4.20
Colorado.....	20.20	3.84	19.60	3.90	18.60	3.84
Florida.....	25.30	3.80	28.00	3.85	27.50	3.83
Georgia.....	25.70	3.81	28.60	3.88	27.70	3.87
Idaho.....	20.60	4.15	19.70	4.31	19.20	4.28
Illinois.....	21.00	4.07	21.60	4.15	20.30	4.12
Indiana.....	22.00	3.99	23.50	4.07	22.50	4.01
Iowa.....	19.50	4.19	18.70	4.25	18.10	4.26
Kansas.....	19.60	4.16	19.90	4.29	18.30	4.23
Michigan.....	20.90	4.08	22.20	4.21	20.70	4.15
Minnesota.....	20.20	4.30	18.70	4.38	18.70	4.33
New Mexico.....	19.50	4.01	19.60	4.08	19.90	4.05
New York.....	21.60	4.10	23.20	4.28	21.70	4.21
Ohio.....	22.40	4.06	23.30	4.15	22.30	4.08
Oregon.....	21.40	4.26	20.60	4.36	20.30	4.36
Pennsylvania.....	21.30	4.03	22.70	4.19	21.50	4.13
South Dakota.....	19.90	4.35	18.50	4.46	18.00	4.42
Texas.....	21.20	4.32	21.40	4.38	21.40	4.34
Utah.....	20.20	3.95	20.60	4.08	20.20	4.05
Vermont.....	22.30	4.18	23.20	4.32	21.90	4.26
Virginia.....	25.20	3.95	27.40	4.05	26.80	4.01
Washington.....	21.70	4.20	22.10	4.31	21.20	4.34
Wisconsin.....	19.80	4.11	18.60	4.20	18.20	4.12
United States	20.80	4.13	21.10	4.23	20.30	4.19

Milk Production

Milk production in Wisconsin during August 2026 totaled 2.83 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the previous August according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Milk Production* report. The average number of milk cows during August, at 1.30 million head, was up 20,000 from August 2025. Monthly production per cow averaged 2,180 pounds, unchanged from last August.



Milk Cows and Production – 24 Selected States: August 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.....	202	197	1,890	1,880	382	370
California.....	1,715	1,716	1,990	1,975	3,413	3,389
Colorado.....	211	218	2,210	2,220	466	484
Florida.....	97	101	1,675	1,710	162	173
Georgia.....	89	92	1,930	1,995	172	184
Idaho.....	722	734	2,220	2,220	1,603	1,629
Illinois.....	75	74	1,750	1,755	131	130
Indiana.....	190	198	1,990	2,000	378	396
Iowa.....	244	243	2,065	2,080	504	505
Kansas.....	218	247	2,010	2,020	438	499
Michigan.....	455	466	2,340	2,345	1,065	1,093
Minnesota.....	450	456	2,005	2,020	902	921
New Mexico.....	236	235	2,035	2,035	480	478
New York.....	649	655	2,205	2,205	1,431	1,444
Ohio.....	251	251	1,905	1,905	478	478
Oregon.....	123	132	1,800	1,805	221	238
Pennsylvania.....	460	457	1,755	1,775	807	811
South Dakota.....	234	253	1,995	2,000	467	506
Texas.....	700	729	2,190	2,210	1,533	1,611
Utah.....	98	95	1,995	1,990	196	189
Vermont.....	115	114	1,870	1,875	215	214
Virginia.....	66	69	1,735	1,740	115	120
Washington.....	237	236	2,050	2,055	486	485
Wisconsin.....	1,276	1,296	2,180	2,180	2,782	2,825
24-State Total.....	9,113	9,264	2,066	2,070	18,827	19,172

¹Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

²Excludes milk sucked by calves.

Dairy Products

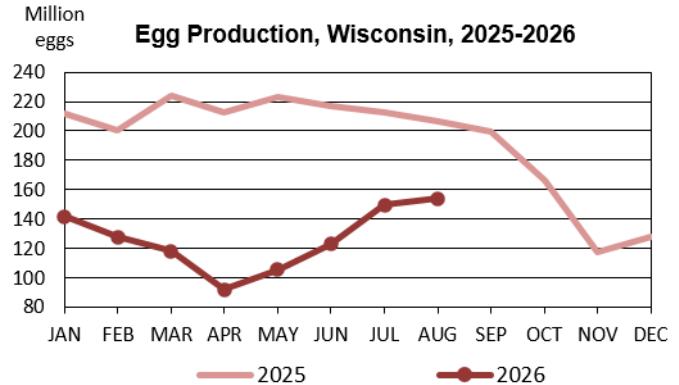
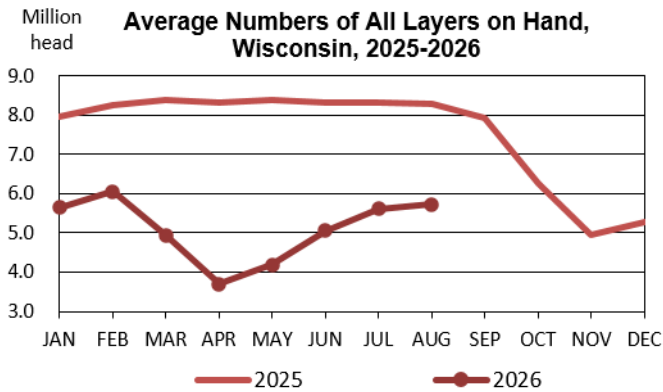
Cheese production in Wisconsin totaled 309 million pounds in July 2026, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Dairy Products* report. This was up 2 percent from the previous June. American cheese production in Wisconsin was down 8 percent, and Italian cheese production rose 5 percent.

Cheese Production – Wisconsin and United States

Type	Wisconsin July 2025 (1,000 pounds)	Wisconsin June 2026 (1,000 pounds)	Wisconsin July 2026 (1,000 pounds)	United States July 2025 (1,000 pounds)	United States June 2026 (1,000 pounds)	United States July 2026 (1,000 pounds)
American.....						
Cheddar	53,606	45,076	47,312	334,424	335,512	328,636
Total American.....	85,060	76,954	78,253	485,117	482,748	479,793
Italian						
Mozzarella	94,851	98,843	92,759	421,034	406,256	433,293
Total Italian	149,489	161,705	157,267	529,258	522,384	551,149
Total Cheese	301,720	306,625	308,905	1,237,630	1,235,683	1,264,014

Chickens & Eggs

Wisconsin egg production during August 2026 was 154 million eggs, down 25 percent from the previous August, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Chickens and Eggs* report. The average number of all layers on hand during August 2026 was 5.72 million, down 31 percent from last year. Eggs per 100 layers for August was 2,689, up 8 percent from a year ago.



Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced – Wisconsin and United States: August 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	7,101	4,522	288,464	304,168
Total layers 1,000 layers	8,300	5,719	366,028	382,801
Eggs per 100 layers..... eggs	2,484	2,689	2,449	2,464
Total egg production million eggs	206.2	153.8	8,962.2	9,433.1
Table egg production million eggs	199.2	147.3	7,662.8	8,121.6

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