

May Milk Production

Milk production in Wisconsin during May 2014 totaled a record 2.39 billion pounds, up fractionally from the previous record set in May 2013, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Milk Production* report. Records for Wisconsin milk production begin in 1933. The average number of milk cows during May, at 1.27 million head, was the same as last month. Monthly production per cow averaged 1,880 pounds which is the record high for the state.

Milk production in the 23 major States during May totaled 16.9 billion pounds, up 1.5 percent from May 2013. April revised production, at 16.3 billion pounds, was up 1.4 percent from April 2013. The April revision represented an increase of 27 million pounds or 0.2 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

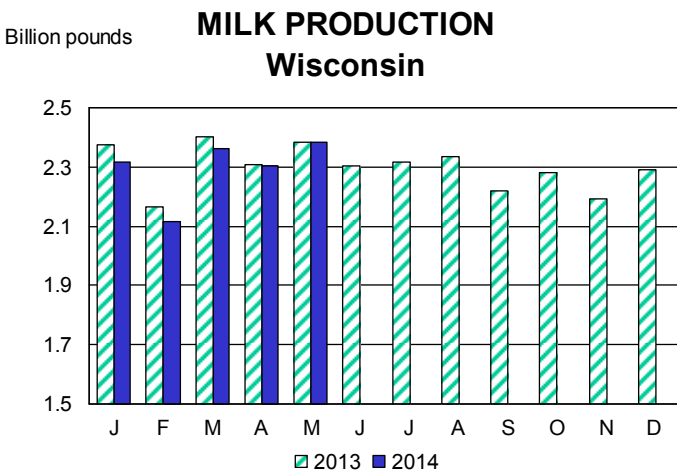
Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,976 pounds for May. This is the highest production per cow for the month of May since the 23 State series began in 2003.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.55 million head, 10,000 head more than April 2014.

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| State | Milk cows 1/ | | Rate per cow 2/ | | Production 2/ | | Production % chnge 2014/13 |
|----------------|---------------|------|-----------------|------|----------------|--------|----------------------------|
| | 2013 3/ | 2014 | 2013 3/ | 2014 | 2013 | 2014 | |
| | Thousand head | | Pounds | | Million pounds | | Percent |
| WI | 1,269 | | 1,880 | | 2,385 | 2,386 | n.c. |
| CA | 1,780 | | 2,110 | | 3,720 | 3,756 | +1 |
| ID | 572 | | 2,070 | | 1,178 | 1,184 | +1 |
| MI | 384 | | 2,145 | | 798 | 824 | +3 |
| MN | 460 | | 1,710 | | 788 | 787 | n.c. |
| NM | 323 | | 2,240 | | 714 | 724 | +1 |
| NY | 615 | | 1,935 | | 1,193 | 1,190 | n.c. |
| PA | 530 | | 1,750 | | 941 | 928 | -1 |
| TX | 460 | | 2,010 | | 840 | 925 | +10 |
| 23-state total | 8,552 | | 1,976 | | 16,648 | 16,897 | +1 |

1/Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/Excludes milk sucked by calves. 3/Survey was not conducted in April and July, resulting in no milk cow and milk per cow data for March through June 2013. Source: USDA, NASS



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Milk Production Report
Ag Yield Survey

Wisconsin Winter Wheat Production Forecast

Winter wheat production in Wisconsin is forecast at 17.9 million bushels, a decrease of 520 thousand bushels from the May forecast, but up 2.57 million bushels from last year according to the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service Crop Production Report. Wisconsin winter wheat growers intend to harvest 260,000 acres for grain, down 2 percent from 2013. Farmers expect winter wheat to yield 69 bushels per acre, down 2 bushels from a month ago, but up 11 bushels from 2013. As of June 1, 65 percent of Wisconsin's winter wheat crop was rated in good to excellent condition. Fourteen percent of the winter wheat crop was at the heading stage of development.

Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.38 billion bushels, down 2 percent from the May 1 forecast and down 10 percent from 2013. Based on June 1 conditions, the United States yield is forecast at 42.4 bushels per acre, down 0.7 bushel from last month and down 5.0 bushels from last year.

Winter Wheat, Selected States, 2013 and Forecasted June 1, 2014

| State | Area harvested | | Yield | | Production | |
|-------|----------------|--------|---------|------|---------------|-----------|
| | 2013 | 2014 | 2013 | 2014 | 2013 | 2014 |
| | 1,000 acres | | Bushels | | 1,000 bushels | |
| WI | 265 | 260 | 58 | 69 | 15,370 | 17,940 |
| CO | 1,640 | 2,550 | 27 | 35 | 44,280 | 89,250 |
| ID | 720 | 660 | 86 | 85 | 61,920 | 56,100 |
| KS | 8,400 | 8,400 | 38 | 29 | 319,200 | 243,600 |
| MT | 1,900 | 2,350 | 43 | 42 | 81,700 | 98,700 |
| NE | 1,130 | 1,420 | 35 | 40 | 39,550 | 56,800 |
| NC | 920 | 760 | 57 | 60 | 52,440 | 45,600 |
| OK | 3,400 | 3,300 | 31 | 18 | 105,400 | 59,400 |
| SD | 670 | 1,090 | 39 | 45 | 26,130 | 49,050 |
| TX | 2,250 | 1,900 | 29 | 25 | 65,250 | 47,500 |
| WA | 1,660 | 1,610 | 69 | 68 | 114,540 | 109,480 |
| US | 32,402 | 32,572 | 47.4 | 42.4 | 1,534,253 | 1,381,060 |

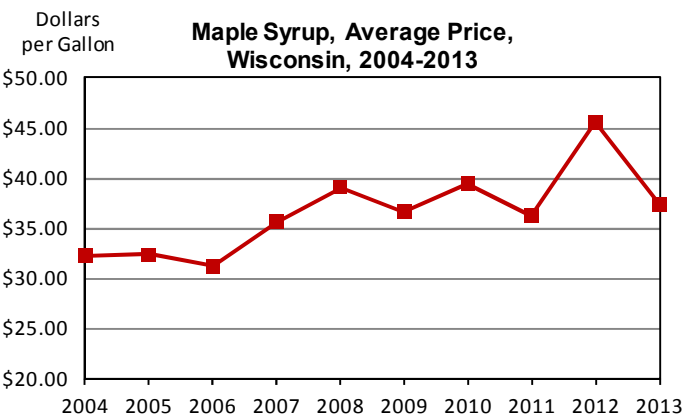
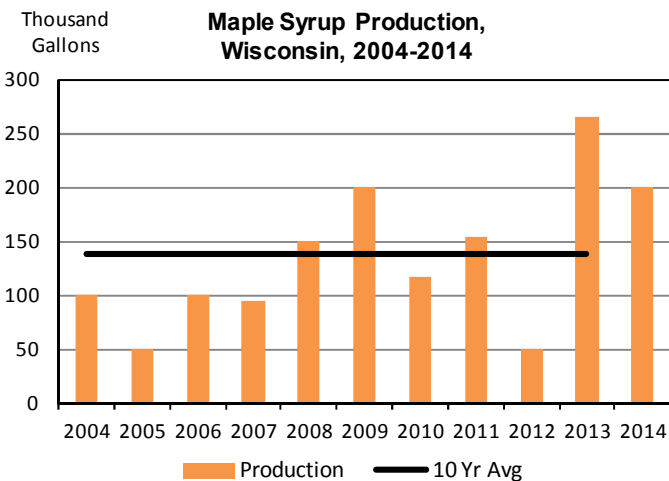
Source: USDA, NASS

Wisconsin Maple Syrup Production Down

Wisconsin’s 2014 maple syrup production was 200,000 gallons, down 65,000 gallons from 2013. The number of taps decreased from 740,000 in 2013 to 700,000 in 2014. Yield was 0.286 gallons per tap, compared to 0.358 in 2013.

In 2013, the average price Wisconsin maple syrup producers received was \$37.40 per gallon, down from \$45.60 in 2012.

The 2014 Wisconsin maple syrup season began on March 8, twenty-one days later than last year. The season ended on May 4, compared with May 28 last year. This year’s season averaged 23 days, which was 6 days shorter than last year. The average open season date was March 28 and the average closing date was April 19.



MAPLE SYRUP: Price and Value, by State, 2012-2013

| State | Average Price per Gallon 1/ | | Value of Production 1/ | |
|-------|-----------------------------|--------------|------------------------|--------------|
| | 2012 | 2013 | 2012 | 2013 |
| | Dollars | | 1,000 dollars | |
| CT | 63.40 | 71.00 | 697 | 1,420 |
| ME | 33.00 | 32.00 | 11,880 | 17,920 |
| MA | 51.50 | 59.10 | 2,060 | 3,723 |
| MI | 51.60 | 48.80 | 3,354 | 7,222 |
| NH | 52.50 | 53.40 | 3,990 | 6,622 |
| NY | 43.50 | 43.60 | 15,660 | 25,026 |
| OH | 42.50 | 36.90 | 4,250 | 5,720 |
| PA | 39.40 | 35.60 | 3,782 | 4,770 |
| VT | 35.50 | 33.40 | 26,625 | 49,432 |
| WI | 45.60 | 37.40 | 2,280 | 9,911 |
| U.S. | 39.10 | 37.40 | 74,578 | 131,766 |

1/ Price and value for 2014 will be published in June 2015. Source: USDA, NASS

MAPLE SYRUP: Price by Sales Type and Container Size, by State, 2013

| Type and State | Gallons | 1/2 Gal. | Quarts | Pints | 1/2 Pints |
|----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| | Dollars | | | | |
| Retail | | | | | |
| CT | 68.00 | 36.10 | 20.10 | 12.80 | 7.00 |
| ME | 55.10 | 30.30 | 16.40 | 10.00 | 5.90 |
| MA | 54.30 | 31.20 | 18.90 | 11.50 | 7.55 |
| MI | 45.00 | 25.70 | 15.20 | 9.00 | 6.60 |
| NH | 52.40 | 29.90 | 18.50 | 10.30 | 6.40 |
| NY | 45.30 | 26.70 | 16.30 | 9.80 | 6.50 |
| OH | 41.70 | 25.60 | 14.70 | 8.90 | 5.90 |
| PA | 41.20 | 23.30 | 13.50 | 8.25 | 4.80 |
| VT | 45.30 | 26.40 | 16.20 | 10.50 | 6.60 |
| WI | 42.80 | 24.30 | 13.20 | 8.10 | 4.60 |
| Wholesale | | | | | |
| CT | 53.80 | (D) | 15.80 | 9.00 | 5.10 |
| ME | (D) | (D) | 14.20 | 7.90 | 4.90 |
| MA | 40.10 | 23.00 | 13.40 | 7.65 | 4.75 |
| MI | 44.00 | 25.60 | 13.30 | 7.80 | 5.00 |
| NH | 46.10 | 20.50 | 13.90 | 8.00 | 5.00 |
| NY | 40.40 | 24.00 | 14.30 | 8.15 | 5.45 |
| OH | 34.00 | 21.20 | 13.10 | 7.50 | 4.60 |
| PA | 39.10 | 22.40 | 12.70 | 7.00 | 4.70 |
| VT | 38.50 | 23.30 | 13.70 | 8.40 | 5.10 |
| WI | 34.50 | 25.50 | 13.40 | 6.80 | 4.40 |

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. Source: USDA, NASS

Maple Syrup Taps, Yield, and Production – States and United States, 2012- 2014

| State | Number of taps | | | Yield per tap | | | Production | | |
|-------|----------------|------------|------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|------------|------------|
| | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 |
| | 1,000 taps | | | gallons | | | 1,000 gallons | | |
| CT | 70 | 78 | 83 | 0.157 | 0.256 | 0.193 | 11 | 20 | 16 |
| ME | 1,500 | 1,880 | 1,850 | 0.240 | 0.298 | 0.295 | 360 | 560 | 545 |
| MA | 250 | 280 | 290 | 0.160 | 0.225 | 0.210 | 40 | 63 | 61 |
| MI | 430 | 490 | 430 | 0.151 | 0.302 | 0.212 | 65 | 148 | 91 |
| NH | 440 | 470 | 490 | 0.173 | 0.264 | 0.229 | 76 | 124 | 112 |
| NY | 2,070 | 2,200 | 2,200 | 0.174 | 0.261 | 0.248 | 360 | 574 | 546 |
| OH | 410 | 440 | 450 | 0.244 | 0.352 | 0.289 | 100 | 155 | 130 |
| PA | 501 | 583 | 588 | 0.192 | 0.230 | 0.248 | 96 | 134 | 146 |
| VT | 3,500 | 4,200 | 4,270 | 0.214 | 0.352 | 0.309 | 750 | 1,480 | 1,320 |
| WI | 600 | 740 | 700 | 0.083 | 0.358 | 0.286 | 50 | 265 | 200 |
| U.S. | 9,771 | 11,361 | 11,351 | 0.195 | 0.310 | 0.279 | 1,908 | 3,253 | 3,167 |

Source: USDA, NASS

2012 Census of Agriculture

The Census of Agriculture is a complete count of America's farms and ranches and the people who operate them. The Census is conducted every five years and provides facts and figures on virtually every aspect of agriculture, including number of farms and types of farm operations, the economic aspects of farm production, and the demographics of farm operators. It provides a source of comprehensive agricultural data for every county in the nation. For Census purposes, any place from which \$1,000 of agricultural products were produced and sold, or normally would have been sold, during the Census year is considered a farm.

Complete results of the 2012 Census are available at:
<http://www.agcensus.usda.gov/>

NURSERY, GREENHOUSE, FLORICULTURE, SOD, MUSHROOMS, VEGETABLE SEEDS, AND PROPAGATIVE MATERIALS GROWN FOR SALE: Census of Agriculture, Wisconsin, 2012 1/

| Crops | Under glass or other protection | | In the open | |
|--|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------|
| | Farms | Square feet | Farms | Acres |
| AQUATIC PLANTS | 9 | 124,960 | 13 | 108 |
| BULBS, CORMS, RHIZOMES, & TUBERS, DRY | 4 | 1,700 | 12 | (D) |
| CUTTINGS, SEEDLINGS, LINERS, & PLUGS | 25 | 584,849 | 20 | 84 |
| FLORICULTURE CROPS, TOTAL | 630 | 10,122,324 | 348 | 925 |
| BEDDING/GARDEN PLANTS | 558 | 7,914,610 | 200 | 348 |
| CUT FLOWERS & FLORIST GREENS | 42 | 195,383 | 105 | 473 |
| FOLIAGE PLANTS, INDOOR | 57 | 352,354 | - | - |
| POTTED FLOWERING PLANTS | 115 | 1,506,942 | 26 | 10 |
| OTHER FLORICULTURE & BEDDING CROPS | 37 | 153,035 | 35 | 93 |
| FLOWER SEEDS | 7 | 23,161 | 17 | 590 |
| GREENHOUSE FRUITS & BERRIES 2/ | 15 | 28,126 | (X) | (X) |
| GREENHOUSE VEGETABLES & FRESH CUT HERBS, TOTAL | 306 | (D) | (X) | (X) |
| 1 TO 999 SQUARE FEET | 66 | 24,501 | (X) | (X) |
| 1,000 TO 1,999 SQUARE FEET | 46 | (D) | (X) | (X) |
| 2,000 TO 2,999 SQUARE FEET | 66 | 157,775 | (X) | (X) |
| 3,000 TO 3,999 SQUARE FEET | 44 | 142,878 | (X) | (X) |
| 4,000 TO 5,999 SQUARE FEET | 38 | 185,639 | (X) | (X) |
| 6,000 TO 9,999 SQUARE FEET | 26 | 194,433 | (X) | (X) |
| 10,000 OR MORE SQUARE FEET | 20 | 434,211 | (X) | (X) |
| 10,000 TO 19,999 SQUARE FEET | 13 | 187,774 | (X) | (X) |
| 20,000 TO 39,999 SQUARE FEET | 6 | (D) | (X) | (X) |
| 40,000 OR MORE SQUARE FEET | 1 | (D) | (X) | (X) |
| GREENHOUSE TOMATOES | 221 | 644,370 | (X) | (X) |
| MUSHROOMS | 27 | 114,600 | (X) | (X) |
| NURSERY STOCK CROPS 3/ | 69 | 1,017,998 | 508 | 9,799 |
| SOD HARVESTED | (X) | (X) | 51 | 5,250 |
| TOBACCO TRANSPLANTS | 7 | 28,800 | - | - |
| VEGETABLE SEEDS | 17 | 12,449 | 14 | 17 |
| VEGETABLE TRANSPLANTS | 54 | 96,620 | 7 | 16 |

(X) Not applicable. (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. 1/ Does not include seeds or transplants grown for use on the same operation. 2/ Includes strawberries, raspberries, etc. grown in greenhouses and high tunnels where the crops were always covered. 3/ Includes ornamentals, shrubs, shade trees, flowering trees, evergreens, live Christmas trees, fruit and nut trees and plants, vines, palms, ornamental grasses, and bare root

SELECTED FIELD CROPS: Number of Operations and Total Acres, Census of Agriculture, Wisconsin, 2012

| Crop | Number of Operations | | Acres Harvested | |
|--------------------|----------------------|------|-----------------|--------|
| | 2007 | 2012 | 2007 | 2012 |
| CANOLA | 11 | 5 | 1,996 | (D) |
| DRY EDIBLE PEAS | 10 | 2 | 647 | (D) |
| HOPS | - | 22 | - | 46 |
| POPCORN | 19 | 48 | 132 | 922 |
| RYE FOR GRAIN | 477 | 478 | 12,455 | 10,552 |
| SORGHUM FOR GRAIN | 11 | 33 | 242 | 717 |
| SORGHUM FOR SILAGE | 138 | 241 | 2,201 | 6,327 |
| SUNFLOWER SEED | 78 | 57 | 3,722 | 2,404 |
| TOBACCO | 195 | 181 | 934 | 810 |

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VEGETABLES AND MELONS: Number of Operations and Acres Harvested, Census of Agriculture, Wisconsin, 2012

| Crop | Number of Operations | | Acres Harvested | |
|--------------------------|----------------------|------|-----------------|-------|
| | 2007 | 2012 | 2007 | 2012 |
| ASPARAGUS | 223 | 178 | 244 | 222 |
| BEANS, GREEN LIMA | 66 | 106 | 3,435 | 5,720 |
| BEETS | 210 | 234 | 2,784 | 3,526 |
| BROCCOLI | 155 | 138 | (D) | 80 |
| BRUSSELS SPROUTS | 56 | 58 | 15 | 24 |
| CAULIFLOWER | 55 | 74 | (D) | 95 |
| CABBAGE, CHINESE | 29 | 34 | 27 | 35 |
| EGGPLANT | 92 | 102 | 25 | 34 |
| GARLIC | 116 | 148 | 34 | 73 |
| GINSENG | 160 | 68 | 554 | 267 |
| GREENS, COLLARD | 9 | 31 | 4 | 42 |
| GREENS, KALE | 43 | 92 | 16 | 78 |
| GREENS, TURNIP | 5 | 14 | 2 | 30 |
| HERBS, FRESH CUT | 72 | 71 | 21 | 66 |
| LETTUCE, ALL | 149 | 144 | 39 | (D) |
| MELONS, CANTALOUPE | 229 | 166 | 235 | 163 |
| MELONS, HONEYDEW | 16 | 26 | 3 | 16 |
| MELONS, WATERMELON | 185 | 136 | 198 | 149 |
| OKRA | 9 | 21 | 2 | 4 |
| ONIONS, GREEN | 92 | 79 | 19 | 26 |
| PARSLEY | 16 | 31 | 2 | 19 |
| PEAS, SUGAR & SNOW | 66 | 72 | 69 | 417 |
| PEPPERS, BELL | 486 | 624 | 396 | 453 |
| PEPPERS, OTHER THAN BELL | 269 | 395 | 234 | 329 |
| PUMPKINS | 1,055 | 829 | 3,600 | 2,736 |
| RADISHES | 68 | 76 | 33 | 41 |
| RHUBARB | 35 | 67 | 6 | 19 |
| SPINACH | 78 | 71 | 18 | 27 |
| SQUASH, SUMMER | 218 | 203 | 180 | 230 |
| SQUASH, WINTER | 433 | 411 | 823 | 777 |
| SWEET POTATOES | 14 | 42 | 13 | 23 |
| TOMATOES IN THE OPEN | 779 | 859 | 406 | 570 |
| TURNIPS | 19 | 42 | 6 | 19 |

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FRUITS AND BERRIES: Number of Operations and Total Acres, Census of Agriculture, Wisconsin, 2012

| Crop | Number of Operations | | Total Acres | |
|-------------------|----------------------|------|-------------|------|
| | 2007 | 2012 | 2007 | 2012 |
| APRICOTS | 22 | 18 | 7 | 4 |
| BLACKBERRIES 1/ | 86 | 74 | 38 | 48 |
| BLUEBERRIES, TAME | 133 | 224 | 216 | 383 |
| BLUEBERRIES, WILD | - | 8 | - | 16 |
| CHERRIES, SWEET | 77 | 109 | 83 | 131 |
| CURRANTS | 24 | 36 | 11 | 10 |
| GRAPES | 253 | 412 | 479 | 817 |
| PEACHES | 46 | 93 | 18 | 31 |
| PEARS | 147 | 208 | 101 | 105 |
| PLUMS & PRUNES | 93 | 156 | 57 | 65 |
| RASPBERRIES | 406 | 417 | 286 | 251 |

1/ Includes dewberries and marionberries.

CUT CHRISTMAS TREES: Number of Farms, Acreage, and Trees Harvested, Census of Agriculture, Wisconsin, 2012

| Item | Acres in Production | | Harvested | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------|------------|----------------|
| | Farms | Acres | Farms | Trees Cut |
| 2012 farms by acres in production: | | | | |
| 1 to 2 acres | 136 | 200 | 100 | 2,976 |
| 3 to 4 acres | 123 | 418 | 86 | 5,533 |
| 5 to 9 acres | 182 | 1,132 | 140 | 14,589 |
| 10 to 19 acres | 176 | 2,191 | 138 | 34,260 |
| 20 to 49 acres | 167 | 4,859 | 137 | 89,668 |
| 50 to 99 acres | 48 | 3,063 | 46 | 75,541 |
| 100 acres or more | 36 | 11,788 | 36 | 388,820 |
| 2012 Total | 868 | 23,651 | 683 | 611,387 |
| 2007 Total | 1,136 | 33,458 | 847 | 950,440 |

VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD DIRECTLY TO INDIVIDUALS FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION: Census of Agriculture, Wisconsin, 2012

| Total direct sales | Number of farms | Value of sales 1,000 dollars |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| \$1 to \$499 | 1,326 | 273 |
| \$500 to \$999 | 748 | 510 |
| \$1,000 to \$4,999 | 2,282 | 5,395 |
| \$5,000 to \$9,999 | 649 | 4,436 |
| \$10,000 to \$24,999 | 480 | 7,120 |
| \$25,000 to \$49,999 | 192 | 6,438 |
| \$50,000 or more | 171 | 22,777 |
| All farms with direct sales | 5,848 | 46,949 |

POULTRY: Number of Operations, Inventory and Number Sold, Census of Agriculture, Wisconsin, 2012

| Item | Number of Operations | Inventory | Number Sold |
|--------------------|----------------------|-----------|-------------|
| | Farms | Number | |
| CHUKARS | 44 | 18,136 | 36,919 |
| DUCKS | 938 | 45,615 | 141,736 |
| EMUS | 52 | 787 | 338 |
| GEESE | 531 | 5,519 | 3,276 |
| GUINEAS | 524 | 5,762 | (D) |
| OSTRICHES | 20 | 170 | 68 |
| PEACOCKS & PEAHENS | 313 | 2,154 | 186 |
| PHEASANTS | 247 | 389,497 | 1,093,635 |
| PIGEONS OR SQUAB | 129 | 12,107 | 5,673 |
| QUAIL | 77 | 14,817 | 40,874 |
| RHEAS | 9 | 85 | - |
| TURKEYS | 631 | 3,468,522 | 7,273,226 |

LIVESTOCK: Number of Operations, Inventory and Number Sold, Census of Agriculture, Wisconsin, 2012

| Item | Number of Operations | Inventory | Number Sold |
|-------------------------|----------------------|-----------|-------------|
| | Farms | Number | |
| ALPACAS | 383 | 6,002 | 868 |
| BISON | 102 | 4,246 | 1,223 |
| DEER | 162 | 9,002 | 1,481 |
| ELK | 105 | 3,390 | 427 |
| HORSES & PONIES | 17,054 | 103,481 | 7,081 |
| MULES, BURROS & DONKEYS | 2,385 | 5,745 | 356 |
| LLAMAS | 654 | 3,481 | 363 |
| MINK, LIVE | 65 | 327,103 | 6,041 |
| RABBITS, LIVE | 674 | 13,091 | 17,899 |

