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MILK PRODUCTION ON NOVEMBER 1, 1932

The following comments were prepared for the November issue of "Crops and Markets".

With pastures furnishing less feed, milk cows being fed less intensively and weather conditions less favorable than at the same time last year, daily milk production per milk cow on November 1 was reported about six per cent below the unusually high production reported on that date last year. Crop Correspondents were securing 11.70 pounds of milk per cow per day compared with 12.46 pounds on November 1 last year and a November 1 average of 12.19 pounds during the previous five years. Judging from these reports the lower production per cow in comparison with last year more than offset the nearly 4 per cent increase in milk cows in the United States, and total daily milk production on November 1 this year was apparently about 2 per cent below production on that date last year.

Although the proportion of the cows being milked was somewhat less than on November 1 last year, it was above average for that time of the year in the country as a whole and in practically all parts of the country, excepting the South. Production per cow was also below average in the South and West but was about average in the East and West North Central States and above average in the North Atlantic States.

Dairy correspondents reported that milk cows were securing about 43 per cent of their feed from pastures on November 1 as compared with 49 per cent reported on that date last year. Even with less feed from pastures and less favorable weather conditions, these correspondents report less grain being fed per cow per day, the average being 4.17 pounds on November 1 this year compared with 4.31 pounds on that date last year. In addition to the smaller quantity of grain being fed per cow, there has probably been a decrease in the producing quality of the ration due to the relatively high cost of high-protein concentrates in areas where these are normally purchased to supplement the home grown grains.

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