UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BUREAU OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS
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# MILK PRODUCTION ON APRIL 1, 1933

MILK PRODUCTION: - Total milk production on April 1 was apparently about the same as on that date last year, the increase in milk cow numbers being about offset by a reduction in production per cow. Crop correspondents were securing an average of 13.32 pounds of milk per cow compared to 13.66 pounds on April 1 last year and an average of 14.42 pounds on April 1 during the previous 5 years. In most of the Corn Belt States and eastern Great Plains area farmers were feeding more grain per milk cow than on April 1 a year ago and in a few of these States production per cow was above that reported last year. In practically all other States production per cow was below that reported on April 1 last year, due chiefly to the smaller proportion of cows being milked and to lighter feeding in areas dependent on purchased grains. Production per cow was particularly low in the South.

PASTURES: - The April 1 reports provide the first indication of the general pasture situation. They show the average condition of pastures as 72 per cent, the lowest condition that has been reported for April since the inquiry was started nine years ago. There is still an acute shortage of moisture in a considerable portion of the Great Plains area, where this season's supply of feed in range and pastures is now largely dependent on spring rains. Eastern Colorado, Western Kansas, Western Oklahoma, Wyoming, and portions of Montana and North Dakota are the areas most seriously affected. In a large part of California non-irrigated pasture and ranges are in very poor condition because of lack of rainfall, and prospects for material improvement this season are not bright. In the inter-mountain area present conditions are fair but more rain is needed. In most other sections of the country the moisture supply has been adequate or excessive but in practically all states the condition of farm pastures on April 1 was below the usual average. In most of these States, however, the low condition reported was due to cold weather during the latter part of March. There was snow in the middle or latter part of March in practically the whole of the North Central and North Atlantic area and on April 1 very few milk cows were on pastures north of the Potomac, Ohio, and Missouri Rivers. In the South pastures have been late in starting and on April 1 they were substantially below the usual April average although in all Southern States except Maryland, Virginia, and Oklahoma, they were better than on April 1 last year, following the destructive freeze of early March.

CROP REPORT as of April 1, 1933

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## POUNDS OF MILK PRODUCED PER MILK COW IN HERDS KEPT BY CROP CORRESPONDENTS, on April 1, 1931-1933, and 6-year Average, 1925-1930 1/

| STATE | 6-year average 1925-1930 | 1931 | 1932 | 1933 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Me. | 13.8 | 14.0 | 13.1 | 12.6 |
| N.H. | 15.9 | 15.6 | 14.3 | 15.5 |
| Vt. | 15.4 | 15.0 | 14.9 | 14.5 |
| Mass. | 18.4 | 17.4 | 17.0 | 17.2 |
| R.I. | 18.1 | 16.3 | 18.6 | 17.5 |
| Conn. | 17.3 | 17.5 | 17.4 | 16.6 |
| N.Y. | 17.7 | 17.5 | 16.2 | 16.0 |
| N.J. | 18.1 | 20.9 | 18.9 | 18.8 |
| Pa. | 17.4 | 17.9 | 16.7 | 16.3 |
| N.ATL. | 17.26 | 17.35 | 16.29 | 16.01 |
| Ohio | 15.4 | 15.6 | 15.0 | 14.6 |
| Ind. | 14.2 | 14.2 | 13.7 | 13.2 |
| Ill. | 14.8 | 15.2 | 13.9 | 14.7 |
| Mich. | 17.6 | 17.4 | 17.6 | 17.3 |
| Wis. | 17.6 | 18.6 | 17.4 | 16.5 |
| E.N.CENT. | 16.36 | 16.54 | 15.96 | 15.54 |
| Minn. | 17.3 | 17.9 | 18.2 | 17.6 |
| Iowa | 13.5 | 15.0 | 14.3 | 14.5 |
| Mo. | 9.2 | 9.9 | 9.7 | 9.0 |
| N.Dak. | 12.6 | 13.9 | 12.3 | 11.8 |
| S.Dak. | 12.2 | 14.5 | 10.2 | 13.1 |
| Nebr. | 13.3 | 15.7 | 13.7 | 14.6 |
| Kans. | 14.2 | 15.2 | 14.6 | 14.4 |
| W.N.CENT. | 13.60 | 14.69 | 13.48 | 13.77 |
| Del. | 13.3 | 14.8 | 12.7 | 14.4 |
| Md. | 14.8 | 14.0 | 13.3 | 12.8 |
| Va. | 10.6 | 10.2 | 10.4 | 8.8 |
| W.Va. | 10.0 | 10.2 | 9.3 | 9.1 |
| N.C. | 11.2 | 10.5 | 10.2 | 9.4 |
| S.C. | 10.0 | 10.1 | 10.7 | 10.0 |
| Ga. | 9.0 | 8.2 | 8.0 | 8.1 |
| Fla. | 8.9 | 7.1 | 8.2 | 6.7 |
| S.ATL. | 10.70 | 10.21 | 10.10 | 9.36 |
| Ky. | 11.4 | 9.7 | 9.8 | 9.3 |
| Tenn. | 9.6 | 9.2 | 8.7 | 8.4 |
| Ala. | 7.7 | 7.6 | 7.2 | 6.9 |
| Miss. | 7.3 | 8.1 | 7.8 | 6.6 |
| Ark. | 8.7 | 7.9 | 8.5 | 6.9 |
| La. | 6.8 | 7.9 | 7.2 | 6.3 |
| Okla. | 11.2 | 11.0 | 11.8 | 10.2 |
| Tex. | 9.4 | 10.0 | 9.9 | 8.3 |
| S.CENT. | 9.38 | 9.35 | 9.38 | 8.23 |
| Mont. | 11.8 | 13.2 | 11.3 | 12.5 |
| Idaho | 15.7 | 17.4 | 16.1 | 16.3 |
| Wyo. | 11.0 | 12.3 | 12.3 | 10.1 |
| Colo. | 13.5 | 14.2 | 12.6 | 12.7 |
| N.Mex. | 9.2 | 12.7 | 9.4 | 9.0 |
| Ariz. | 17.6 | 18.6 | 16.3 | 19.5 |
| Utah | 15.3 | 15.8 | 14.8 | 15.1 |
| Nev. | 15.2 | 15.4 | 13.9 | 13.2 |
| Wash. | 16.9 | 17.3 | 16.3 | 15.0 |
| Oreg. | 16.3 | 16.5 | 16.0 | 13.6 |
| Calif. | 18.0 | 19.7 | 18.3 | 19.8 |
| WEST. | 14.30 | 15.31 | 14.66 | 14.42 |
| U.S. | 14.04 | 14.39 | 13.66 | 13.32 |

1/ These are not estimates of production but averages obtained by dividing reported daily production of herds kept by reporters by number of milk cows in these herds.

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