

MILK PRODUCTION

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February milk production down 4 percent from Leap Year in 1968

U. S. milk production in February is estimated at 8,795 million pounds, 4 percent less than a year earlier. Although this was the smallest February production since 1953, most of the decrease from a year earlier was due to the Leap Year Day. Daily average production this February was 1 percent below a year earlier. The output provided 1.55 pounds of milk per person daily, compared with 1.50 pounds a month earlier and 1.58 pounds a year earlier.

Monthly production below year earlier in most States

February milk production was below a year earlier in 45 States. It equalled year earlier output in Maryland and Colorado but the trend in Idaho, Nevada and Utah continued ahead of a year earlier, despite the shorter February. The drop from 29 to 28 days would account for a $3\frac{1}{2}$ -percent decline from February 1968.

Daily output per cow up 2 percent from year earlier

February milk production per cow averaged 689 pounds, down 1 percent from a year earlier because of Leap Year. Daily February production averaged 24.6 pounds per cow, 2 percent above a year earlier and 4 percent above January 1969. Output per cow was highest in Arizona at 870 pounds, followed by Minnesota, 850 pounds; California, 830 pounds; Massachusetts, 820 pounds and New Jersey with 810 pounds.

Milk-feed price ratio 5 percent above a year earlier

February milk-feed price ratio at 1.75, was record high for the month, 5 percent above a year earlier. Higher milk prices and no change in average ration value caused the increase.

NOTICE

Data on interstate movement of dairy cattle normally in the April issue of this report has been discontinued as a result of recent program analysis.

Table 1.-Milk per cow and milk production by months, United States, 1969, with comparisons

Month	Milk per cow			Milk production			
	1967	1968	1969	1967	1968	1969	Change from 1968
	Pounds			Million Pounds			Percent
January	713	721	735	9,802	9,546	9,407	-1.5
February	667	698	689	9,150	9,207	8,795	1/-4.5
Jan.-Feb. total ..	-	-	-	18,952	18,753	18,202	1/-2.9
March	762	773		10,407	10,169		
April	784	797		10,675	10,457		
May	837	858		11,360	11,227		
June	817	832		11,038	10,840		
July	767	785		10,326	10,201		
August	722	738		9,688	9,567		
September	681	699		9,114	9,035		
October	687	707		9,169	9,120		
November	660	678		8,781	8,721		
December	698	716		9,259	9,191		
Annual	8,797	9,006		118,769	117,281		

1/ Extra day added 3.6 percent to February 1968 production. On a daily average basis, change from 1968 was -1.1 percent for February and -1.3 percent for the January-February total.

Table 2.-Milk-feed price ratios, milk prices, and ration values, by region and United States February 1969, with comparisons 1/

Region	Milk-feed price ratio 2/			All milk price per cwt.			Ration value 3/		
	Feb. 1968	Jan. 1969	Feb. 1969	Feb. 1968	Jan. 1969	Feb. 1969	Feb. 1968	Jan. 1969	Feb. 1969
	Pounds			Dollars					
N. Atl.	1.55	1.68	1.66	5.66	6.12	6.06	3.66	3.64	3.66
E. N. Cent.	1.67	1.78	1.76	4.90	5.17	5.15	2.93	2.91	2.93
W. N. Cent.	1.69	1.81	1.76	4.32	4.71	4.62	2.55	2.60	2.63
S. Atl.	1.86	1.97	1.97	6.49	6.78	6.79	3.49	3.44	3.45
S. Cent.	1.79	1.92	1.88	5.93	6.30	6.22	3.32	3.28	3.30
West.	1.60	1.74	1.68	5.26	5.47	5.33	3.29	3.15	3.17
U. S.	1.66	1.78	1.75	5.20	5.53	5.47	3.13	3.11	3.13

1/ Data for current month are preliminary.

2/ Pounds of concentrate ration equal in value to 1 pound wholesale milk.

3/ Value per 100 pounds of concentrate ration fed to milk cows.

Table 3. Monthly milk per cow and milk production, February 1969

State	Monthly milk per cow 1/			Milk production			
	1967	1968	1969	1967	1968	1969	Change from 1968
	Pounds			Million pounds			Percent
Maine.....	600	635	635	43	44	43	- 2
New Hampshire.....	695	730	720	28	28	27	- 4
Vermont.....	615	660	655	132	139	136	- 2
Massachusetts.....	790	805	820	58	56	55	- 2
Rhode Island.....	745	760	755	6.7	6.4	5.9	- 8
Connecticut.....	780	795	795	55	54	52	- 4
New York.....	755	770	760	814	810	774	- 4
New Jersey.....	815	815	810	73	67	61	- 9
Pennsylvania.....	735	720	720	553	527	523	- 1
Ohio.....	710	720	700	361	346	327	- 5
Indiana.....	715	750	760	202	193	186	- 4
Illinois.....	710	730	720	259	245	231	- 6
Michigan.....	710	725	725	361	349	336	- 4
Wisconsin.....	735	770	740	1,428	1,467	1,376	- 6
Minnesota.....	810	875	850	899	935	879	- 6
Iowa.....	685	710	700	427	415	381	- 8
Missouri.....	523	560	570	212	216	212	- 2
North Dakota.....	545	575	560	98	93	83	-11
South Dakota.....	580	645	630	123	133	124	- 7
Nebraska.....	560	595	590	128	129	120	- 7
Kansas.....	600	635	620	135	137	129	- 6
Delaware.....	650	650	645	11.0	10.4	9.7	- 7
Maryland.....	660	680	690	117	117	117	0
Virginia.....	495	535	525	121	125	119	- 5
West Virginia.....	430	460	465	32	32	30	- 6
North Carolina.....	560	590	590	113	116	113	- 3
South Carolina.....	535	565	570	41	41	40	- 2
Georgia.....	540	585	575	79	82	79	- 4
Florida.....	695	720	685	128	132	125	- 5
Kentucky.....	450	455	465	173	170	166	- 2
Tennessee.....	390	440	450	138	148	143	- 3
Alabama.....	410	435	440	63	63	62	- 2
Mississippi.....	345	375	385	79	80	78	- 2
Arkansas.....	405	450	465	45	47	46	- 2
Louisiana.....	425	450	455	81	82	80	- 2
Oklahoma.....	600	630	615	97	98	95	- 3
Texas.....	585	630	650	227	238	222	- 7
Montana.....	505	570	565	26	27	25	- 7
Idaho.....	675	685	680	107	106	107	+ 1
Wyoming.....	585	595	585	12.0	11.8	11.1	- 6
Colorado.....	640	660	650	63	65	65	0
New Mexico.....	630	660	650	24	25	24	- 4
Arizona.....	810	900	870	42	46	45	- 2
Utah.....	740	770	765	57	57	59	+ 4
Nevada.....	750	765	760	10.0	10.4	10.5	+ 1
Washington.....	710	755	770	141	144	141	- 2
Oregon.....	530	570	560	63	65	63	- 3
California.....	835	855	830	651	667	647	- 3
Alaska.....	760	790	785	1.44	1.42	1.33	- 6
Hawaii.....	800	795	795	11.6	11.1	10.2	- 8
United States.....	667	698	689	9,150	9,207	8,795	3/- 4.5

1/ Monthly rate based on all milk cows on farms (in milk or dry).

2/ Extra day added 3.6 percent to February 1968 production.

3/ On a daily average basis, change from February 1968 was -1.1 percent.

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