

MILK PRODUCTION

JUNE 1969

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June milk production slightly below a year earlier

U. S. 1969 milk production moved closer to 1968 level in June. Production was 10,780 million pounds, 0.6 percent less than a year earlier, compared with 1.6 percent less for May. Daily average production for June was up 1 percent from May, compared with no change during this period in 1968. June output provided 1.77 pounds of milk per person daily for all uses, compared with 1.76 pounds a month earlier and 1.80 pounds a year earlier. Daily average production during the first half of 1969 was 1.3 percent less than a year earlier.

June milk production was down from 1968 in 25 States, up in 20 and unchanged in 5 States. Production was down in all West North Central States and most North Atlantic States, up in the South Atlantic and mixed elsewhere. Wisconsin output moved above a year earlier for the first time since June 1968.

June rate per cow up 2 percent from a year earlier

Milk output per cow averaged 850 pounds in June -- up 2 percent from a year earlier. Daily output per cow averaged 28.3 pounds -- 1 percent more than in May. Production per cow was record high for June in 41 States.

Milk-feed price ratio 3 percent above a year earlier

The June milk-feed price ratio of 1.62 was 3 percent above a year earlier and a record high for the month. Higher milk prices more than offset a small increase in ration values to cause the increase in the ratio from a year earlier. The June ratio was down 1 percent from May, the same decrease as a year earlier.

Pastures better than usual on July 1

Pastures continued in good to excellent condition over most of the Nation on July 1. However, dry areas continued to spread during June and more rains are needed to maintain growth. June temperatures averaged below normal in most areas but, toward the end of the month, rose several degrees above normal south of a line from southwestern New Mexico to the Great Lakes and New England area. Pasture condition on July 1 was 86 percent of normal, above the 1958-67 average for the date, but below last month and last year.

In the North Atlantic States, condition ranged from 81 percent in New Jersey to 93 percent in New York. Each State was below the 1968 reported figure but above average for July 1.

The East North Central Region reported the best pasture condition on July 1 -- each State at 93 or 94 percent of normal. Condition in the West North Central Region varied widely. North Dakota, at 71 percent, was second lowest of the 48 States -- Iowa, at 96 percent, was highest. South Dakota condition ranged from very poor in a strip west of the Missouri River, to excellent in eastern counties. Kansas, at 94 percent, equalled its best July 1 condition since 1951.

In the South Atlantic Region, Maryland reported a State average of 75 percent, ranging from very poor to excellent. North Carolina, with 92 percent, equalled the highest July 1 condition reported since 1924. Florida, at 81 percent, was better than either 1 or 2 years earlier.

The South Central States showed widest variation in pasture condition. In Louisiana, condition (63 percent) was lowest of any of the 48 States; Kentucky (94 percent) was among the highest. Oklahoma (93 percent) had its best condition for the date in two decades.

Among Western States, Montana (74 percent) was third lowest in the Nation, but Oregon (95 percent) was the second highest. Colorado (92 percent) had its best July 1 pasture condition in 20 years and California (92 percent) equalled its highest condition since 1935. Some areas will need more rain to sustain growth.

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

Month	Milk per cow			Milk production			Change from 1968
	1967	1968	1969	1967	1968	1969	
	- - 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	-4.5
March	762	773	784	10,407	10,169	9,983	-1.8
April	784	797	807	10,675	10,457	10,261	-1.9
May	837	858	869	11,360	11,227	11,046	-1.6
June	817	832	850	11,038	10,840	10,780	-0.6
Jan.-June total	-	-	-	62,432	61,446	60,272	-1.9
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		

Table 2.--June milk per cow and milk production, by States

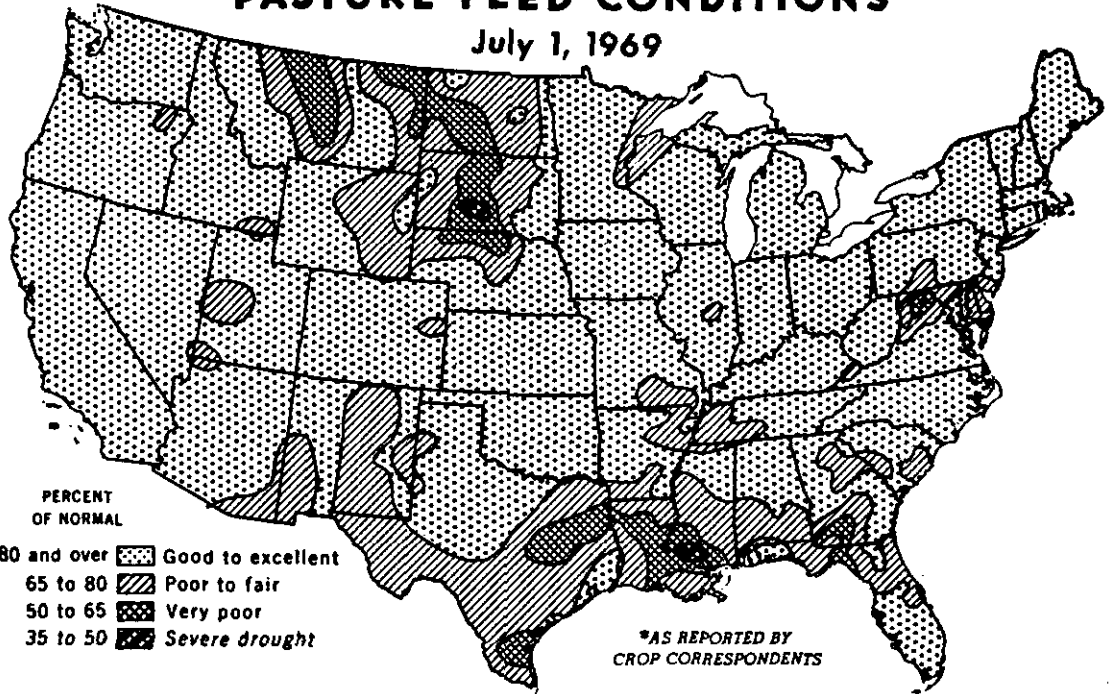
State	Milk per cow ^{1/}			Milk production			
	1967	1968	1969	1967	1968	1969	Change from 1968
	Pounds			Million pounds			Percent
Maine.....	800	820	835	57	57	57	0
New Hampshire.....	805	815	825	33	32	31	- 3
Vermont.....	845	850	860	179	178	178	0
Massachusetts.....	890	890	905	66	61	60	- 2
Rhode Island.....	890	870	880	7.8	7.1	6.9	- 3
Connecticut.....	855	855	880	59	57	57	0
New York.....	930	915	935	995	952	954	0
New Jersey.....	890	895	900	77	70	67	- 4
Pennsylvania.....	865	840	850	644	612	617	+ 1
Ohio.....	865	850	870	427	404	403	0
Indiana.....	840	875	900	228	220	217	- 1
Illinois.....	840	875	890	298	289	280	- 3
Michigan.....	840	855	880	422	404	414	+ 2
Wisconsin.....	925	955	985	1,786	1,804	1,819	+ 1
Minnesota.....	905	920	935	991	975	956	- 2
Iowa.....	850	870	890	518	496	474	- 4
Missouri.....	810	825	820	322	314	302	- 4
North Dakota.....	765	815	800	132	127	116	- 9
South Dakota.....	755	805	800	159	163	156	- 4
Nebraska.....	725	750	755	163	158	153	- 3
Kansas.....	695	715	725	154	152	149	- 2
Delaware.....	735	740	770	11.8	11.1	10.8	- 3
Maryland.....	735	730	750	129	124	127	+ 2
Virginia.....	665	700	730	160	162	164	+ 1
West Virginia.....	550	565	570	40	38	36	- 5
North Carolina.....	625	645	660	125	124	126	+ 2
South Carolina.....	570	575	595	43	41	42	+ 2
Georgia.....	575	605	620	83	84	86	+ 2
Florida.....	720	700	705	131	127	128	+ 1
Kentucky.....	650	670	685	247	246	242	- 2
Tennessee.....	590	615	630	206	203	197	- 3
Alabama.....	435	460	485	65	66	67	+ 2
Mississippi.....	445	460	485	99	97	97	0
Arkansas.....	610	630	665	66	64	66	+ 3
Louisiana.....	430	450	495	81	81	86	+ 6
Oklahoma.....	725	725	750	115	112	115	+ 3
Texas.....	660	685	730	253	252	244	- 3
Montana.....	740	780	780	37	36	34	- 6
Idaho.....	885	895	885	139	140	139	- 1
Wyoming.....	725	755	760	14.9	14.7	14.4	- 2
Colorado.....	745	750	785	73	74	78	+ 5
New Mexico.....	660	685	705	25	26	26	0
Arizona.....	865	870	885	44	44	46	+ 5
Utah.....	860	890	920	66	67	72	+ 7
Nevada.....	880	870	885	11.8	11.8	12.2	+ 3
Washington.....	935	980	1,015	181	180	183	+ 2
Oregon.....	835	855	870	96	97	95	- 2
California.....	980	990	985	764	773	767	- 1
Alaska.....	840	865	935	1.60	1.56	1.59	+ 2
Hawaii.....	845	830	865	12.1	11.2	10.9	- 3
United States.....	817	832	850	11,038	10,840	10,780	- 0.6

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

^{2/} Five-year averages not available for States where not shown.

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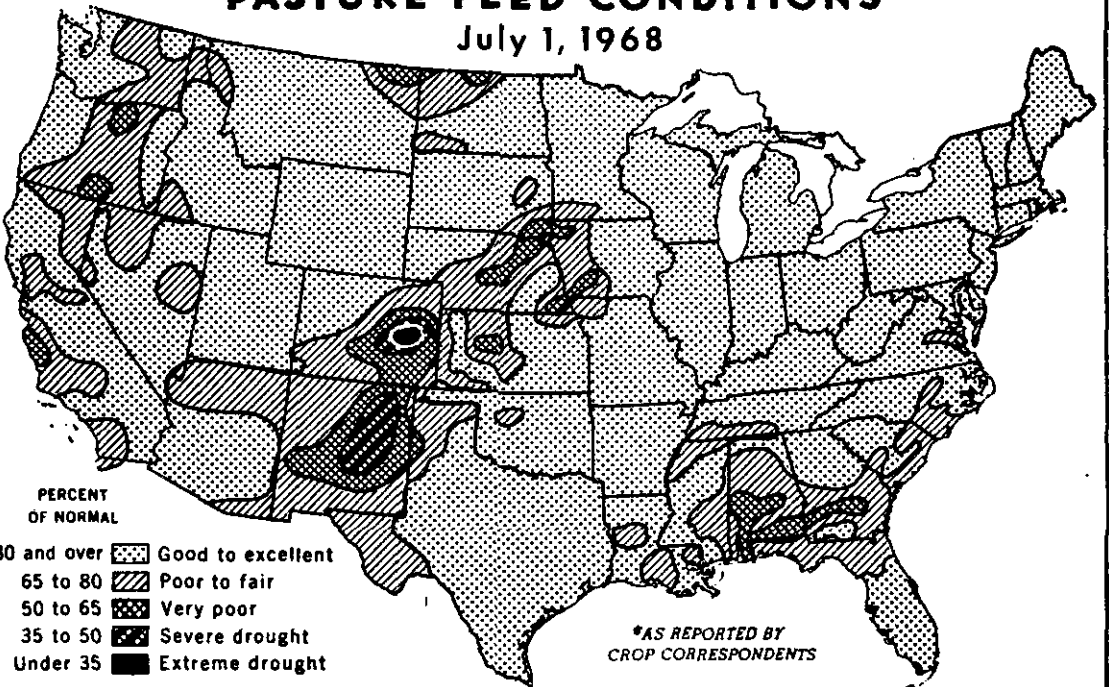
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Table 3.--July 1 pasture feed condition, as percentage of normal, by States

State and division	Average 1958-67	1968	1969	State and division	Average 1958-67	1968	1969
	--- Percent ---				--- Percent ---		
Me.	86	93	90	N. C.	83	89	92
N. H.	84	93	86	S. C.	79	85	87
Vt.	86	93	91	Ga.	81	80	78
Mass.	83	92	86	Fla.	82	75	81
R. I.	85	90	87	S. Atl. ...	81	85	84
Conn.	83	92	90	Ky.	87	94	94
N. Y.	83	94	93	Tenn.	83	87	84
N. J.	68	87	81	Ala.	79	71	80
Pa.	78	93	88	Miss.	76	80	75
N. Atl.	82	93	91	Ark.	78	89	86
Ohio	83	95	94	La.	73	84	63
Ind.	87	94	94	Okla.	84	91	93
Ill.	86	92	93	Tex.	76	89	77
Mich.	86	92	94	S. Cent.	79	87	81
Wis.	85	93	93	Mont.	83	86	74
E. N. Cent. ..	85	93	94	Idaho	90	92	92
Minn.	87	91	91	Wyo.	84	89	80
Iowa	90	86	96	Colo.	80	69	92
Mo.	85	87	91	N. Mex.	72	62	78
N. Dak.	80	86	71	Ariz.	82	82	78
S. Dak.	82	82	81	Utah	82	90	89
Nebr.	88	72	85	Nev.	85	79	94
Kans.	85	83	94	Wash.	89	88	91
W. N. Cent. ..	86	85	90	Oreg.	90	88	95
Del.	75	89	79	Calif.	81	77	92
Md.	76	90	75	West.	83	82	87
Va.	80	95	88	U. S.	83	87	86
W. Va.	79	94	83				

Table 4.--Milk-feed price ratios, milk prices, and ration value, by regions 1/

Region	Milk-feed price ratio 2/			All milk price per cwt.			Ration value 3/		
	June 1968	May 1969	June 1969	June 1968	May 1969	June 1969	June 1968	May 1969	June 1969
	--- Pounds ---			--- Dollars ---					
N. Atl.	1.45	1.51	1.50	5.23	5.50	5.44	3.61	3.64	3.63
E. N. Cent. ..	1.62	1.65	1.63	4.70	4.94	4.89	2.90	3.00	3.00
W. N. Cent. ..	1.62	1.69	1.69	4.31	4.50	4.47	2.66	2.67	2.65
S. Atl.	1.76	1.82	1.80	6.04	6.35	6.30	3.44	3.49	3.50
S. Cent.	1.66	1.70	1.70	5.43	5.66	5.59	3.28	3.32	3.28
West.	1.54	1.60	1.59	4.93	5.10	5.04	3.20	3.18	3.16
U. S.	1.58	1.63	1.62	4.91	5.15	5.09	3.11	3.16	3.15

1/ Data for current month are preliminary.

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

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



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