

milk production



JULY 1972

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JULY MILK PRODUCTION 2 PERCENT ABOVE LAST YEAR

U. S. milk production in July is estimated at 10,503 million pounds, 2 percent more than a year earlier. Daily average production for July is down 8 percent from June, the same as a year earlier. July output provided 1.62 pounds per person daily for all uses compared with 1.76 pounds last month and 1.61 pounds in July a year ago. Total milk production during the first 7 months of 1972 is 2 percent more than 1971.

RATE PER COW UP 3 PERCENT, MILK COWS DOWN 1 PERCENT

Milk production per cow averaged 861 pounds during July, 3 percent more than last year but nearly 5 percent less than the June 1972 rate. The July rate per cow reached a record high level in 28 of the 33 States with monthly estimates. It is highest in California, at 1,130 pounds, followed by: Washington, 1,090 pounds; Utah, 1,040 pounds; Idaho, 1,000 pounds; and Wisconsin, 940 pounds.

Milk cows on farms totaled 12,202,000, down 1 percent from July 1971.

MILK-FEED PRICE RATIO UP 6 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

The July milk-feed price ratio at 1.71, was 6 percent more than last year. The average milk price is up 14 cents from last year while the ration value is down 12 cents. The ratio increased 2 percent from June compared with about a 3 percent increase between these 2 months in 1971. On a regional basis, the July ratio is highest in the South Atlantic and lowest in the Western.

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Milk-feed price ratios, milk prices, and ration values, by region and United States, July 1972 with comparisons 1/

Region	Milk-feed price ratio 2/			All milk price per cwt.			Ration value 3/		
	July 4/ 1971	June 1972	July 1972	July 4/ 1971	June 1972	July 1972	July 1971	June 1972	July 1972
	P o u n d s			D o l l a r s					
N. Atl.	1.54	1.52	1.62	6.19	5.98	6.37	4.01	3.94	3.93
E. N. Cent.	1.59	1.71	1.71	5.31	5.48	5.51	3.33	3.21	3.23
W. N. Cent.	1.68	1.82	1.81	4.97	5.08	5.08	2.95	2.79	2.80
S. Atl.	1.73	1.92	1.95	6.84	6.91	6.99	3.95	3.59	3.59
S. Cent.	1.63	1.77	1.76	6.01	6.13	6.15	3.69	3.46	3.50
West.	1.59	1.55	1.54	5.49	5.48	5.48	3.45	3.54	3.55
U. S.	1.61	1.68	1.71	5.63	5.66	5.77	3.50	3.37	3.38

1/ Data for current month are preliminary. 2/ Pounds of concentrate ration equal in value to 1 pound milk sold to plants. 3/ Value per 100 pounds of concentrate ration fed to milk cows. 4/ Revised.

Milk cows and milk production by months, United States

Month	Milk cows on farms 1/			Milk per cow 2/			Milk production 2/			
	1970	1971	1972	1970	1971	1972	1970	1971	1972	Change from 1971
	Thousands			Pounds			Million pounds			Percent
January	12,563	12,410	12,276	750	771	785	9,421	9,570	9,635	+0.7
February	12,550	12,399	12,270	707	726	762	8,876	9,006	9,346	3/+3.8
March	12,533	12,389	12,254	807	825	852	10,115	10,223	10,440	+2.1
April	12,517	12,374	12,246	824	844	870	10,314	10,440	10,655	+2.1
May	12,496	12,360	12,236	886	905	924	11,071	11,189	11,307	+1.1
June	12,479	12,350	12,219	859	877	902	10,723	10,836	11,021	+1.7
July	12,470	12,341	12,202	819	836	861	10,210	10,316	10,503	+1.8
Jan.-July total:							70,730	71,580	72,907	+1.9
August	12,458	12,334		783	803		9,758	9,903		
September	12,442	12,320		740	760		9,202	9,365		
October	12,438	12,306		747	765		9,291	9,419		
November	12,432	12,291		711	728		8,840	8,950		
December	12,421	12,282		751	767		9,328	9,423		
Annual	12,483	12,347		9,385	9,609		117,149	118,640		

1/ Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves. 3/ The extra day in February added 3.6 percent to monthly output.

JULY MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION

STATE	MILK COWS ON FARMS 1/			MILK PER COW 2/			MILK PRODUCTION 2/			
	1970	1971	1972	1970	1971	1972	1970	1971	1972	1972 AS PCT OF 1971
	THOUSANDS			POUNDS			MILLION POUNDS		PERCENT	
N. ENG. 3/	443	438	437	837	870	860	371	381	376	99
N Y	1007	986	966	850	875	870	856	863	840	97
PA	711	701	693	840	865	840	597	606	582	96
OHIO	454	446	441	845	865	895	384	386	395	102
IND	236	237	234	875	920	915	207	218	214	98
ILL	294	289	282	860	860	890	253	249	251	101
MICH	465	468	464	845	870	915	393	407	425	104
WISC	1844	1856	1879	890	895	940	1641	1661	1766	106
MINN	987	975	966	810	820	840	799	800	811	101
IOWA	496	472	457	850	870	900	422	411	411	100
MO	353	341	335	840	825	850	297	281	285	101
N DAK	141	135	130	745	755	755	105	102	98	96
S DAK	183	175	172	780	785	835	143	137	144	105
NEBR	189	187	184	780	775	810	147	145	149	103
KANS	200	194	189	760	760	795	152	147	150	102
MD	168	165	164	800	780	770	134	129	126	98
VA	222	218	212	715	740	750	159	161	159	99
N C	187	184	179	670	695	750	125	128	134	105
GA	146	147	145	650	655	660	95	96	96	100
FLA	190	193	198	700	740	770	133	143	152	106
KY	344	337	331	685	695	720	236	234	238	102
TENN	303	292	274	640	660	725	194	193	199	103
ALA	134	134	134	485	485	510	65	65	68	105
MISS	195	189	175	465	470	490	91	89	86	97
ARK	97	97	96	660	655	670	64	64	64	100
LA	171	168	166	495	520	520	85	87	86	99
OKLA	147	145	142	745	750	750	110	109	107	98
TEXAS	355	355	355	720	765	750	256	272	266	98
IDAHO	156	153	149	870	930	1000	136	142	149	105
COLO	101	101	101	790	790	790	80	80	80	100
UTAH	81	83	77	910	930	1040	74	77	80	104
WASH	184	194	189	1000	1035	1090	184	201	206	102
OREG	108	105	100	850	925	930	92	97	93	96
CALIF	796	812	827	1060	1070	1130	844	869	935	108
OTHER 11 4/ STATES	382	369	359	749	775	785	286	286	282	99
U.S.	12470	12341	12202	819	836	861	10210	10316	10503	102

1/ INCLUDES DRY COWS. EXCLUDES HEIFERS NOT YET FRESH.

2/ EXCLUDES MILK SUCKED BY CALVES.

3/ MAINE, NEW HAMPSHIRE, VERMONT, MASSACHUSETTS, RHODE ISLAND AND CONNECTICUT.

4/ STATE ESTIMATES NOT AVAILABLE.