

milk production



May 1973

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MAY MILK PRODUCTION DOWN 2 PERCENT

U. S. milk production in May is estimated at 11,078 million pounds, 2 percent less than May a year ago. Daily average output increased 2 percent from April compared with a 3 percent increase during the same period a year earlier. Production during the first 5 months of this year is 1.9 percent less than last year. May production provided 1.70 pounds of milk per person daily for all uses compared with 1.66 pounds last month and 1.75 pounds in May a year ago.

PRODUCTION PER COW UNCHANGED, MILK COWS DOWN 2 PERCENT

Milk production per cow during May was 964 pounds, the same as last year. The May rate was at a record high in 18 of the 33 States with monthly estimates.

During May there were 11,495,000 milk cows on farms, down 2 percent from May of last year.

MILK-FEED PRICE RATIO DOWN 19 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

The May milk-feed price ratio, at 1.37, is down 19 percent from May a year ago. Milk prices received were 55 cents more than last year while the ration value increased \$1.21. The ratio declined 9 percent from April compared with a 1 percent decline between these same 2 months a year earlier. On a regional basis, the ratio was highest in the South Atlantic and lowest in the North Atlantic.

Milk cows and milk production by months, United States

Month	Milk cows on farms 1/			Milk per cow 2/			Milk production 2/				
	1971	1972	1973	1971	1972	1973	1971	1972	1973	Change from 1972	
	Thousands			Pounds			Million pounds				Percent
January	11,908	11,773	11,606	804	824	830	9,573	9,701	9,630	- .7	
February	11,889	11,762	11,585	756	803	782	8,994	9,448	9,055	3/-4.2	
March	11,881	11,749	11,549	860	893	894	10,220	10,487	10,321	-1.6	
April	11,867	11,739	11,524	878	906	910	10,423	10,633	10,488	-1.4	
May	11,852	11,728	11,495	942	964	964	11,159	11,303	11,078	-2.0	
Jan.-May total							50,369	51,572	50,572	-1.9	
June	11,841	11,715		913	938		10,815	10,983			
July	11,832	11,700		869	893		10,285	10,450			
August	11,822	11,689		834	854		9,860	9,982			
September	11,811	11,681		790	808		9,328	9,442			
October	11,799	11,673		800	810		9,444	9,460			
November	11,794	11,662		763	771		9,004	8,987			
December	11,785	11,652		800	807		9,427	9,401			
Annual	11,842	11,710		10,009	10,271		118,532	120,278			

1/ Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

3/ On a daily average basis, change from 1972 was less than 1 percent for February and the January-February total.

Milk-feed ratios, milk prices, and ration values, by regions and United States, May 1973 with comparisons 1/

Region	Milk-feed price ratio 2/			All milk price per cwt.			Ration value 3/		
	May 1972 4/	April 1973	May 1973	May 1972 4/	April 1973	May 1973	May 1972 4/	April 1973	May 1973
	Pounds			Dollars					
North Atlantic	1.53	1.41	1.28	6.09	6.75	6.65	3.97	4.80	5.18
East North Central	1.73	1.47	1.29	5.58	6.22	6.19	3.23	4.23	4.80
West North Central	1.76	1.71	1.52	5.16	5.82	5.80	2.93	3.40	3.82
South Atlantic	1.85	1.65	1.54	7.02	7.59	7.49	3.80	4.60	4.85
South Central	1.73	1.52	1.40	6.18	6.83	6.74	3.57	4.50	4.82
Western	1.63	1.44	1.38	5.61	6.18	6.08	3.44	4.30	4.42
United States	1.69	1.51	1.37	5.79	6.40	6.34	3.42	4.24	4.63

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

MAY 1973 MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION

	MILK COWS ON FARMS 1/			MILK PER COW 2/			MILK PRODUCTION 2/			
	1971	1972	1973	1971	1972	1973	1971	1972	1973	1973 AS PCT OF 1972
	THOUSANDS			POUNDS			MILLION POUNDS			PERCENT
N. ENG 3/	414	411	408	971	968	970	402	398	396	99
N Y	937	921	903	1050	1065	1035	984	981	935	95
PA	695	685	670	940	960	930	653	658	623	95
OHIO	442	437	426	935	990	990	413	433	422	97
IND	236	235	229	935	950	980	221	223	224	100
ILL	290	283	275	895	900	910	260	255	250	98
MICH	430	427	423	975	1025	1005	419	438	425	97
WISC	1819	1832	1817	1025	1035	1015	1864	1896	1844	97
MINN	944	933	914	1030	1035	1050	972	966	960	99
IOWA	476	459	444	935	940	965	445	431	428	99
MO	330	324	317	900	900	900	297	292	285	98
N DAK	133	130	127	790	780	800	105	101	102	101
S DAK	180	176	170	850	865	890	153	152	151	99
NEBR	171	168	165	855	900	870	146	151	144	95
KANS	178	169	154	875	885	890	156	150	137	91
MD	147	148	144	950	960	960	140	142	138	97
VA	189	179	168	875	915	960	165	164	161	98
N C	167	163	159	790	820	830	132	134	132	99
GA	146	146	138	705	725	770	103	106	106	100
FLA	193	196	200	815	845	855	157	166	171	103
KY	331	325	314	740	755	790	245	245	248	101
TENN	273	259	237	750	825	855	205	214	203	95
ALA	120	120	118	600	615	625	72	74	74	100
MISS	169	155	142	555	595	630	94	92	89	97
ARK	97	96	94	710	705	710	69	68	67	99
LA	160	156	147	600	630	665	96	98	98	100
OKLA	141	138	132	830	840	830	117	116	110	95
TEXAS	355	359	359	825	850	850	293	305	305	100
IDAHO	146	154	158	960	970	960	140	149	152	102
COLO	79	79	76	990	1025	1040	78	81	79	98
UTAH	80	78	75	950	1030	1050	76	80	79	99
WASH	179	183	182	1190	1140	1190	213	209	217	104
OREG	96	94	94	1040	1085	1050	100	102	99	97
CALIF	762	776	790	1142	1200	1180	870	931	932	100
OTHER 11 4/ STATES	347	334	326	876	904	895	304	302	292	97
U.S.	11852	11728	11495	942	964	964	11159	11303	11078	98

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.
