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## NOVEMBER MILK PRODUCTION DOWN 4 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

U. S. milk production during November totaled 8,662 million pounds, 4 percent less than a year earlier. Daily average output was 1 percent less than last month compared with a 2 percent decline between October and November last year. Production during the past 11 months of 1973 is 2.9 percent less than the same period in 1972. November production provided 1.37 pounds of milk per person daily for all uses, compared with 1.38 in October and 1.43 pounds in November last year.

## RATE PER COW DOWN 6 POUNDS, MILK COWS DOWN 3 PERCENT

Milk production per cow was 765 pounds, compared with 771 pounds in November 1972.

During November there were 11.3 million milk cows on farms, down 3 percent from November a year ago.

## MILK-FEED PRICE RATIO DOWN 9 PERCENT

The milk-feed price ratio for November, at 1.60, was down 9 percent from a year ago and the lowest November ratio since 1965 when it was 1.55. The record high ratio for November was set in 1971 at 1.88. The average milk price is up \$2.03 from last year while the ration value is up \$1.63.

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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 3/	:11,889	11,762	11,585	756	803	782	8,994	9,448	9,055	-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
June	:11,841	11,715	11,454	913	938	935	10,815	10,983	10,706	-2.5
July	:11,832	11,700	11,413	869	893	885	10,285	10,450	10,105	-3.3
August	:11,822	11,689	11,374	834	854	844	9,860	9,982	9,598	-3.8
September	:11,811	11,681	11,334	790	808	798	9,328	9,443	9,044	-4.2
October	:11,799	11,673	11,318	800	810	797	9,444	9,460	9,015	-4.7
November	:11,794	11,662	11,323	763	771	765	9,004	8,987	8,662	-3.6
Jan.-Nov. total	:	:	:	:	:	:	109,105	110,377	107,702	-2.9
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 price ratios, milk prices, and ration values, by region and United States, November 1973 with comparisons 1/

Region	Milk-feed price ratio 2/			All milk price per cwt.:				Ration value 3/		
	Nov. 1972	Oct. 1973	Nov. 1973	Nov. 1972	Oct. 1973	Nov. 1973	Nov. 1972	Oct. 1973	Nov. 1973	
	P o u n d s			D o l l a r s						
N. Atl.	: 1.65	1.52	1.54	7.28	8.95	9.11	4.40	5.87	5.93	
E. N. Cent.	: 1.77	1.60	1.67	6.26	8.17	8.43	3.53	5.12	5.06	
W. N. Cent.	: 1.82	1.66	1.72	5.76	7.71	7.88	3.17	4.65	4.58	
S. Atl.	: 1.81	1.62	1.66	7.53	9.38	9.52	4.17	4.78	5.75	
S. Cent.	: 1.83	1.53	1.58	7.09	8.71	8.99	3.88	5.70	5.68	
West.	: 1.67	1.32	1.38	6.10	7.50	7.99	3.66	5.63	5.30	
U. S.	: 1.75	1.54	1.60	6.52	8.29	8.55	3.73	4/5.37	5.36	

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.

## NOVEMBER 1973 MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION

STATE	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/	413	411	395	823	800	780	340	329	308	94
N Y	928	915	892	845	805	790	784	737	705	96
PA	689	679	665	820	800	780	565	543	519	96
OHIO	439	434	413	815	775	760	358	336	314	93
IND	237	233	230	835	820	785	198	191	181	95
ILL	286	280	272	720	750	770	206	210	209	100
MICH	430	425	428	910	905	865	391	385	370	96
WISC	1830	1832	1798	735	760	735	1345	1392	1322	95
MINN	938	927	908	715	710	720	671	658	654	99
IOWA	467	453	436	700	720	715	327	326	312	96
MO	327	321	316	715	725	730	234	233	231	99
N DAK	132	129	126	470	465	500	62	60	63	105
S DAK	178	174	166	600	625	665	107	109	110	101
NEBR	170	168	163	695	700	705	118	118	115	97
KANS	173	164	152	765	755	770	132	124	117	94
MD	149	146	142	845	815	830	126	119	118	99
VA	184	174	166	720	795	800	132	138	133	96
N C	165	162	156	750	770	790	124	125	123	98
GA	146	145	137	680	710	665	99	103	91	88
FLA	194	199	198	755	760	735	146	151	146	97
KY	328	324	301	560	575	575	184	180	173	93
TENN	267	246	230	620	680	660	166	167	152	91
ALA	120	120	111	560	610	630	67	73	70	96
MISS	163	148	136	460	485	500	75	72	68	94
ARK	97	96	94	535	550	575	52	53	54	102
LA	158	154	138	575	585	590	91	90	81	90
OKLA	139	134	127	705	695	710	98	93	90	97
TEXAS	355	358	357	740	730	740	263	261	264	101
IDAHO	149	159	151	805	805	790	120	128	119	93
COLO	79	79	75	885	925	905	70	73	68	93
UTAH	80	75	73	800	890	890	64	67	65	97
WASH	182	185	183	950	980	990	173	181	181	100
OREG	95	94	92	811	800	830	77	75	76	101
CALIF	765	787	776	1010	1040	1040	773	818	807	99
OTHER 11 4/ STATES	342	332	320	778	792	790	266	263	253	96
U.S.	11794	11662	11323	763	771	765	9004	8987	8662	96

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.