

# milk production



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## MAY MILK PRODUCTION DOWN 2 PERCENT

United States milk production in May is estimated at 10,784 million pounds, 2 percent less than May a year ago. Production during the first 5 months of this year was 2.6 percent less than the corresponding period of 1973. Milk produced during May provided 1.64 pounds of milk per person daily for all uses compared with 1.59 last month and 1.69 a year ago.

## RATE PER COW IMPROVES, MILK COWS DOWN 2 PERCENT

Milk production per cow was 966 pounds during May, up 5 pounds from a year ago. There were 11,161,000 milk cows on farms, down 2 percent from May 1973.

## MILK-FEED PRICE RATIO UP 9 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

The May milk-feed price ratio, at 1.53 was up 9 percent from May a year ago, but 2 percent below April 1974. The ratio was up from last year in all regions except the western.

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Milk cows and milk production by months, United States

Month	Milk cows on farms <u>1/</u>			Milk per cow <u>2/</u>			Milk production <u>2/</u>			Change from 1973
	1972	1973	1974	1972	1973	1974	1972	1973	1974	
	Thousands			Pounds			Million pounds			Percent
January	11,773	11,599	11,259	826	826	824	9,720	9,581	9,278	-3.2
February <u>3/</u>	11,760	11,561	11,227	799	776	776	9,391	8,969	8,711	-2.9
March	11,747	11,525	11,202	890	886	887	10,452	10,213	9,933	-2.7
April	11,739	11,479	11,190	900	899	901	10,566	10,321	10,084	-2.3
May	11,721	11,446	11,161	961	961	966	11,268	10,998	10,784	-1.9
Jan.-May total							51,397	50,082	48,790	-2.6
June	11,703	11,412		935	926		10,946	10,570		
July	11,685	11,375		894	883		10,442	10,042		
August	11,672	11,347		855	834		9,978	9,466		
September	11,659	11,317		809	785		9,431	8,888		
October	11,650	11,301		810	791		9,437	8,939		
November	11,639	11,295		766	762		8,911	8,609		
December	11,624	11,287		805	800		9,362	9,024		
Annual	11,698	11,419		10,250	10,125		119,904	115,620		

1/ Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves. 3/ The extra day in February 1972 added 3.6 percent to monthly output.

Milk-feed ratios, milk prices and ration values, by regions and United States, April 1974, with comparisons 1/

Region	Milk-feed price ratio <u>2/</u>			All milk price per cwt.			Ration value <u>3/</u>		
	May 1973	April 1974	May 1974	May 1973	April 1974	May 1974	May 1973	April 1974	May 1974
	Pounds			Dollars					
N. Atlantic	1.28	1.50	1.47	6.71	9.20	8.84	5.25	6.12	6.03
N. Central	1.43	1.63	1.57	6.05	8.44	8.06	4.23	5.17	5.13
S. Atlantic	1.50	1.63	1.65	7.71	10.19	10.08	5.15	6.25	6.12
S. Central	1.41	1.60	1.63	6.85	9.40	9.31	4.86	5.87	5.72
West	1.43	1.37	1.39	6.12	8.64	8.56	4.28	6.31	6.18
United States	1.40	1.56	1.53	6.40	8.85	8.56	4.57	5.68	5.59

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.

May 1974 MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION

STATE	MILK COWS ON FARMS 1/			MILK PER COW 2/			MILK PRODUCTION 2/			
	1972	1973	1974	1972	1973	1974	1972	1973	1974	1974 AS PCT OF 1973
	THOUSANDS			POUNDS			MILLION POUNDS			PERCENT
ALABAMA	118	112	108	595	630	625	70	71	68	93
ARKANSAS	96	94	92	730	710	760	70	67	70	104
CALIFORNIA	776	786	794	1,200	1,175	1,185	931	924	941	102
COLORADO	75	74	76	1,030	1,000	975	77	74	74	100
FLORIDA	196	200	206	845	840	825	166	168	170	101
GEORGIA	146	137	131	725	760	795	106	104	104	100
IDAHO	154	158	149	970	960	990	149	152	148	95
ILLINOIS	285	275	266	920	930	915	262	256	243	95
INDIANA	235	229	220	970	960	960	228	220	211	96
IOWA	457	423	379	925	940	935	423	398	354	89
KANSAS	169	155	146	885	890	870	150	138	127	92
KENTUCKY	325	313	297	740	765	805	241	239	239	100
LOUISIANA	156	148	135	630	690	710	98	102	96	94
MARYLAND	148	143	133	960	965	1,000	142	138	133	96
MICHIGAN	427	422	418	1,025	1,000	985	438	422	412	98
MINNESOTA	933	915	890	1,030	1,030	1,030	961	942	917	97
MISSISSIPPI	155	142	130	595	630	680	92	89	88	97
MISSOURI	324	318	315	900	955	940	292	304	296	97
NEBRASKA	168	165	160	900	870	870	151	144	139	97
NEW YORK	921	902	896	1,075	1,065	1,055	990	961	945	98
N. CAROLINA	163	159	151	820	830	875	134	132	132	97
N. DAKOTA	130	128	125	785	830	820	102	106	103	97
OHIO	437	424	407	990	985	975	433	418	397	95
OKLAHOMA	138	132	125	840	835	870	116	110	109	99
OREGON	94	94	91	1,085	1,050	1,080	102	99	98	99
PENNSYLVANIA	685	664	665	960	930	950	658	618	632	102
S. DAKOTA	175	169	165	855	890	900	150	150	149	99
TENNESSEE	259	236	218	795	800	820	206	189	179	95
TEXAS	359	356	350	835	840	860	300	299	301	101
UTAH	78	75	76	1,030	1,060	1,050	80	80	80	100
VERMONT	195	191	194	980	1,000	960	191	191	186	97
VIRGINIA	179	168	159	915	960	1,000	164	161	159	99
WASHINGTON	183	182	181	1,140	1,200	1,190	209	218	215	97
WISCONSIN	1,832	1,814	1,791	1,020	995	990	1,869	1,805	1,773	98
OTHER 16 3/ STATES	550	543	522	940	937	950	517	509	496	97
UNITED STATES	11,721	11,446	11,161	961	961	966	11,268	10,998	10,784	98

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

2/ EXCLUDES MILK SUCKED BY CALVES.

3/ INCLUDES STATES FOR WHICH INDIVIDUAL MONTHLY ESTIMATES ARE NOT AVAILABLE.

