

# milk production



July 1974

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## JULY MILK PRODUCTION ABOVE LAST YEAR

United States milk production during July is estimated at 10,059 million pounds, up slightly from a year ago. This is the first month since September 1972 that production was above the same period a year earlier. Daily average output was down 7 percent from June compared with an 8 percent drop between June and July last year. Production during the first 7 months of 1974 was 1.9 percent less than the same period a year ago. July production provided 1.53 pounds of milk per person daily for all uses, compared with 1.65 last month and 1.54 in July 1973.

## MILK COWS CONTINUE DOWN, PRODUCTION PER COW IMPROVES

There were 11,139,000 milk cows on farms during July, down 2 percent from a year ago and 10,000 head below last month.

Milk production per cow was 903 pounds during July, up 20 pounds from a year earlier.

## MILK-FEED PRICE RATIO DROPS

The July milk-feed price ratio was down 5 percent from a year ago and 7 percent below last month. The ratio was down from July 1973 in all regions except the North and South Atlantic where higher milk prices more than offset increased ration values. The ratio was down from June 1974 in all regions except the North Atlantic, the only area to post a milk price increase.

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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>			
	1972	1973	1974	1972	1973	1974	1972	1973	1974	Change from 1973
	Thousands			Pounds			Million pounds			
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	902	10,566	10,321	10,091	-2.2
May	11,721	11,446	11,161	961	961	967	11,268	10,998	10,791	-1.9
June	11,703	11,412	11,149	935	926	942	10,946	10,570	10,505	- .6
July	11,685	11,375	11,139	894	883	903	10,442	10,042	10,059	+ .2
Jan.-July total							72,785	70,694	69,368	-1.9
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, July 1974, with comparisons 1/

Region	Milk-feed price ratio <u>2/</u>			All milk price per cwt.			Ration value <u>3/</u>		
	July 1973 <u>4/</u>	June 1974	July 1974	July 1973 <u>4/</u>	June 1974	July 1974	July 1973 <u>4/</u>	June 1974	July 1974
	Pounds			Dollars					
N. Atlantic	1.30	1.33	1.34	7.19	7.88	8.13	5.51	5.94	6.08
N. Central	1.35	1.35	1.22	6.18	7.07	6.92	4.57	5.22	5.68
S. Atlantic	1.42	1.55	1.49	7.84	9.48	9.29	5.53	6.12	6.23
S. Central	1.36	1.49	1.33	7.06	8.45	7.99	5.21	5.69	6.02
West	1.40	1.32	1.27	6.18	7.89	7.71	4.42	6.00	6.05
United States	1.35	1.37	1.28	6.57	7.65	7.55	4.88	5.59	5.89

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.

JULY 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	116	110	108	555	600	605	64	66	65	98
ARKANSAS	96	94	92	675	725	700	65	68	64	94
CALIFORNIA	778	782	790	1195	1190	1220	930	931	964	104
COLORADO	75	75	77	1045	1000	1000	78	75	77	103
FLORIDA	198	202	203	745	735	765	148	148	155	105
GEORGIA	145	135	130	670	680	720	97	92	94	102
IDAHO	156	157	146	975	980	1020	152	154	149	97
ILLINOIS	282	274	265	900	910	890	254	249	236	95
INDIANA	234	229	220	895	870	900	209	199	198	99
IOWA	453	414	377	880	885	885	399	366	334	91
KANSAS	167	153	145	860	850	825	144	130	120	92
KENTUCKY	325	309	296	740	730	760	241	226	225	100
LOUISIANA	155	143	134	600	580	650	93	83	87	105
MARYLAND	147	140	133	845	865	905	124	121	120	99
MICHIGAN	426	424	419	995	940	950	424	399	398	100
MINNESOTA	931	910	888	860	870	895	801	792	795	100
MISSISSIPPI	153	141	130	570	590	656	87	83	85	102
MISSOURI	323	317	313	880	915	910	284	290	285	98
NEBRASKA	168	163	158	885	870	830	149	142	131	92
NEW YORK	919	901	898	930	895	930	855	806	835	104
N. CAROLINA	162	157	151	810	830	850	131	130	128	98
N. DAKOTA	130	127	124	770	785	810	100	100	100	100
OHIO	436	419	406	895	865	880	390	362	357	99
OKLAHOMA	136	130	124	795	765	820	108	99	102	103
OREGON	93	93	91	1010	1020	1040	94	95	95	100
PENNSYLVANIA	683	660	664	845	845	875	577	558	581	104
S. DAKOTA	174	168	163	830	850	840	144	143	137	96
TENNESSEE	254	233	217	755	750	810	192	175	176	101
TEXAS	358	355	352	795	770	810	285	273	285	104
UTAH	77	75	78	1030	1060	1060	79	80	83	104
VERMONT	195	191	194	910	890	895	177	170	174	102
VIRGINIA	177	166	159	865	890	920	153	148	146	99
WASHINGTON	183	181	181	1115	1160	1160	204	210	210	100
WISCONSIN	1832	1808	1789	945	890	890	1731	1609	1592	99
OTHER 16 3/ STATES	548	539	524	874	872	908	479	470	476	101
UNITED STATES	11685	11375	11139	894	883	903	10442	10042	10059	100

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.

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