

# milk production



November 1974

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## NOVEMBER MILK PRODUCTION SLIGHTLY ABOVE LAST YEAR

United States milk production during November amounted to 8,644 million pounds, up slightly from a year earlier but 3 percent below November 1972. Daily average output was 2 percent less than last month compared with less than a 1 percent decline between October and November last year. Production for the first 11 months of 1974 was 105,869 million pounds, 0.7 percent below the same 1973 period. November production provided 1.36 pounds of milk per person daily for all uses which is the same as last year.

## RATE PER COW UP 16 POUNDS, COWS DECLINE 2 PERCENT

Milk production per cow was 778 pounds during November, up 16 pounds from last year and 12 pounds above November 1972. This was the smallest monthly rate increase over 1973 since May.

There were 11,107,000 milk cows on farms during November, down 11,000 from last month and 2 percent below last year.

## NOVEMBER MILK-FEED PRICE RATIO

The November milk-feed price ratio was 3 percent above last month at 1.22, however the ratio lagged a year earlier by 25 percent. The average price of all milk sold to plants was above October in all regions, and the estimated value of rations fed milk cows declined in all areas except the west.

Milk cows and milk production by months, United States

Month	Milk cows on farms <sup>1/</sup>			Milk per cow <sup>2/</sup>			Milk production <sup>2/</sup>			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 <sup>3/</sup>	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	11,705	11,412	11,149	935	926	942	10,946	10,570	10,505	- .6
July	11,685	11,375	11,141	894	883	904	10,442	10,042	10,069	+ .3
August	11,672	11,547	11,140	855	834	861	9,978	9,466	9,588	+1.3
September	11,659	11,317	11,132	809	785	820	9,431	8,888	9,126	+2.7
October	11,650	11,301	11,118	810	791	821	9,437	8,939	9,133	+2.2
November	11,639	11,295	11,107	766	762	778	8,911	8,609	8,644	+ .4
Jan.-Nov. total							110,542	106,596	105,869	- .7
December	11,624	11,287		805	800		9,362	9,024		
Annual	11,696	11,419		10,250	10,125		119,904	115,620		

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

Milk-feed ratios, milk prices and ration values, by regions  
United States, November 1974, with comparisons <sup>1/</sup>

Region	Milk-feed price ratio <sup>2/</sup>			All milk price per cwt.			Ration value <sup>3/</sup>		
	Nov 1973 <sup>4/</sup>	Oct 1974	Nov 1974	Nov 1973 <sup>4/</sup>	Oct 1974	Nov 1974	Nov 1973 <sup>4/</sup>	Oct 1974	Nov 1974
	Pounds			Dollars					
N. Atlantic	1.50	1.23	1.25	9.17	8.79	8.87	6.13	7.12	7.07
N. Central	1.73	1.11	1.16	8.32	7.57	7.71	4.82	6.87	6.64
S. Atlantic	1.73	1.37	1.41	9.83	10.02	10.15	5.69	7.30	7.19
S. Central	1.64	1.22	1.28	9.21	8.80	9.10	5.63	7.19	7.13
West	1.42	1.19	1.20	8.07	8.35	8.61	5.68	7.04	7.15
United States	1.62	1.18	1.22	8.66	8.26	8.42	5.35	7.00	6.90

<sup>1/</sup> Data for current month are preliminary.

<sup>2/</sup> Pounds of concentrate ration equal in value to 1 pound milk sold to plants.

<sup>3/</sup> Value per 100 pounds of concentrate ration fed to milk cows.

<sup>4/</sup> Revised.

NOVEMBER 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	115	110	103	595	600	620	68	66	64	97
ARKANSAS	96	94	91	570	585	600	55	55	55	100
CALIFORNIA	788	805	805	1035	1020	1040	816	821	837	102
COLORADO	75	76	75	910	930	930	68	71	70	99
FLORIDA	199	207	200	760	690	745	151	143	149	104
GEORGIA	145	131	130	710	695	715	103	91	93	102
IDAHO	159	151	144	805	790	840	128	119	121	102
ILLINOIS	280	271	263	740	770	750	207	209	197	94
INDIANA	233	225	218	800	765	810	186	172	177	103
IOWA	446	396	374	705	705	695	314	279	260	93
KANSAS	164	151	143	755	770	775	124	116	111	96
KENTUCKY	324	301	292	575	545	580	186	164	169	103
LOUISIANA	154	139	132	585	570	600	90	79	79	100
MARYLAND	146	136	134	800	850	900	117	116	121	104
MICHIGAN	425	423	421	895	870	865	380	368	364	99
MINNESOTA	927	902	878	705	725	750	654	654	659	101
MISSISSIPPI	148	136	125	500	515	550	74	70	69	99
MISSOURI	321	315	311	725	730	740	233	230	230	100
NEBRASKA	168	162	156	700	710	690	118	115	108	94
NEW YORK	915	900	899	815	790	810	746	711	728	102
N. CAROLINA	162	156	152	770	790	850	125	123	129	105
N. DAKOTA	129	127	123	475	505	445	61	64	55	86
OHIO	434	413	405	780	775	790	339	320	320	100
OKLAHOMA	134	127	124	695	680	750	93	86	93	108
OREGON	94	92	91	800	830	840	75	76	76	100
PENNSYLVANIA	679	670	665	800	780	795	543	523	529	101
S. DAKOTA	171	167	161	615	665	660	105	111	106	95
TENNESSEE	246	225	215	675	645	660	166	145	142	98
TEXAS	358	350	352	710	720	730	254	252	257	102
UTAH	75	73	78	890	900	900	67	66	70	106
VERMONT	195	189	193	775	760	760	151	144	147	102
VIRGINIA	174	162	159	795	820	860	138	133	137	103
WASHINGTON	185	183	178	980	980	980	181	179	174	97
WISCONSIN	1829	1799	1787	739	725	725	1352	1304	1296	99
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STATES	546	531	530	811	817	853	443	434	452	104
UNITED STATES	11639	11295	11107	766	762	778	8911	8609	8644	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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