

milk production



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DECEMBER MILK PRODUCTION BELOW LAST YEAR

United States milk production during December 1974 totaled 8,998 million pounds, down slightly from a year ago but 4 percent below December 1972. Daily average output was 1 percent above the previous month, about the same increase as between November and December last year. December production provided 1.37 pounds of milk per person daily for all uses compared with 1.38 a year ago and 1.45 for December 1972.

The preliminary estimate for 1974 milk production is 114,857 million pounds, 0.7 percent less than the 1973 total of 115,620 million pounds, and 4.2 percent less than the 1972 production.

RATE PER COW UP 10 POUNDS, MILK COWS DOWN 2 PERCENT

Milk production per cow was 810 pounds during December compared with 800 a year earlier. Annual production per cow averaged 10,291 pounds in 1974 compared with 10,125 in 1973 and 10,250 in 1972.

During December there were 11,105,000 milk cows on farms, 2 percent below a year earlier and practically the same as last month.

MILK-FEED PRICE RATIO

The United States milk-feed price ratio for December was 1.22, down 22 percent from a year ago and unchanged from last month. Nationally, the value of dairy rations was down from November, however this was offset by a decline in the price of milk.

GRAIN AND CONCENTRATES FED PER COW

Grain and concentrates fed milk cows on January 1 averaged 12.8 pounds per cow compared with 13.1 a year ago and 13.5 on January 1, 1973.

MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION BY MONTHS, UNITED STATES

MONTH	MILK COWS ON FARMS 1/			MILK PER COW 2/			MILK PRODUCTION 2/			CHANGE FROM 1973
	1972	1973	1974	1972	1973	1974	1972	1973	1974	
	THOUSANDS			POUNDS			MILLION POUNDS			
JANUARY	11,773	11,599	11,259	826	826	824	9,720	9,581	9,278	-3.2
FEBRUARY 3/	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	11,141	894	883	904	10,442	10,042	10,069	+ .3
AUGUST	11,672	11,347	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 4/	11,650	11,301	11,118	810	791	821	9,437	8,939	9,127	+2.1
NOVEMBER 4/	11,639	11,295	11,107	766	762	778	8,911	8,609	8,640	+ .4
DECEMBER	11,624	11,287	11,105	805	800	810	9,362	9,024	8,998	-.3
ANNUAL	11,698	11,419	11,161	10,250	10,125	10,291	119,904	115,620	114,857	-.7

1/ INCLUDES DRY COWS. EXCLUDES HELPERS NOT YET FRESH. 2/ EXCLUDES MILK SUCKED BY CALVES. 3/ THE EXTRA DAY IN FEBRUARY 1972 ADDED 3.6 PERCENT TO MONTHLY OUTPUT. 4/ 1974 ESTIMATES REVISED SLIGHTLY TO REFLECT FINDINGS FROM QUARTERLY SURVEYS IN 16 LIMITED ESTIMATE STATES.

MILK FEED PRICE RATIOS, MILK PRICES AND RATION VALUES, BY REGIONS AND UNITED STATES, DECEMBER 1974, WITH COMPARISONS 1/

REGION	MILK FEED PRICE RATIO 2/			ALL MILK PRICE PER CWT.			RATION VALUE 3/		
	DEC. 1973 4/	NOV. 1974	DEC. 1974	DEC. 1973 4/	NOV. 1974	DEC. 1974	DEC. 1973 4/	NOV. 1974	DEC. 1974
	POUNDS			DOLLARS					
N. ATLANTIC	1.45	1.27	1.23	9.11	8.95	8.64	6.29	7.07	7.05
N. CENTRAL	1.68	1.16	1.16	8.55	7.71	7.60	5.10	6.64	6.54
S. ATLANTIC	1.68	1.41	1.42	9.96	10.13	10.14	5.94	7.19	7.15
S. CENTRAL	1.56	1.27	1.32	9.48	9.04	9.23	6.06	7.13	6.97
WEST	1.42	1.21	1.21	8.16	8.62	8.74	5.76	7.15	7.23
UNITED STATES	1.57	1.22	1.22	8.80	8.44	8.35	5.60	6.90	6.83

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.

DECEMBER 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	600	610	625	69	67	64	96
ARKANSAS	96	94	91	570	565	570	55	53	52	98
CALIFORNIA	788	810	808	1038	1025	1035	818	830	836	101
COLORADO	75	76	75	910	925	930	68	70	70	100
FLORIDA	200	210	200	800	725	790	160	152	158	104
GEORGIA	145	130	130	740	715	740	107	93	96	103
IDAHO	159	151	143	855	820	860	136	124	123	99
ILLINOIS	280	270	262	775	775	760	217	209	199	95
INDIANA	232	224	218	845	805	830	196	180	181	101
IOWA	444	392	374	750	730	735	333	286	275	96
KANSAS	163	151	143	790	785	785	129	119	112	94
KENTUCKY	324	302	291	565	550	550	183	166	160	96
LOUISIANA	154	138	132	630	645	650	97	89	86	97
MARYLAND	146	135	134	850	900	960	124	122	129	106
MICHIGAN	422	421	421	955	900	865	403	379	364	96
MINNESOTA	926	900	876	810	825	850	750	743	745	100
MISSISSIPPI	147	135	125	525	540	570	77	73	71	97
MISSOURI	320	316	311	720	725	740	230	229	230	100
NEBRASKA	168	161	156	720	720	695	121	116	108	93
NEW YORK	914	900	900	875	850	860	800	765	774	101
N. CAROLINA	162	155	152	785	800	860	127	124	131	106
N. DAKOTA	129	127	123	550	580	530	71	74	65	88
OHIO	434	412	405	820	805	850	356	332	344	104
OKLAHOMA	134	126	124	710	700	710	95	88	88	100
OREGON	94	92	91	785	820	810	74	75	74	99
PENNSYLVANIA	678	673	664	830	820	830	563	552	551	100
S. DAKOTA	170	167	161	670	670	670	114	112	108	96
TENNESSEE	245	223	215	670	635	645	164	142	139	98
TEXAS	359	350	350	745	750	740	267	263	259	98
UTAH	75	75	77	920	920	936	69	69	72	104
VERMONT	195	189	193	815	790	800	159	149	154	103
VIRGINIA	173	161	159	805	820	870	139	132	138	105
WASHINGTON	185	184	180	1040	1020	1020	192	188	184	98
WISCONSIN	1827	1797	1786	790	785	785	1443	1411	1402	99
OTHER 16 3/ STATES	546	530	532	835	845	857	456	448	456	102
UNITED STATES	11624	11287	11105	805	800	810	9362	9024	8998	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.

DECEMBER MILK COWS AND OCTOBER-DECEMBER MILK PRODUCTION

STATE	DEC MILK COWS ON FARM			OCT-DEC MILK PRODUCTION 1/			1974 AS % OF 1973
	1972	1973	1974	1972	1973	1974	
	THOUSANDS			MILLION POUNDS			PERCENT
ALA	115	110	103	206	203	195	96
ALAS	1.7	1.7	1.7	4.14	4.55	4.14	91
ARIZ	50	60	61	158	192	202	105
ARK	96	94	91	168	169	167	99
CALIF	788	810	808	2,508	2,511	2,564	102
COLO	75	76	75	208	211	211	100
CONN	57	52	55	157	144	151	105
DEL	12.0	11.9	11.6	32.9	30.8	31.6	103
FLA	200	210	200	463	438	455	104
GA	145	130	130	314	277	289	104
HAW	12.9	13.0	13.0	33.6	34.5	33.9	98
IDAHIO	159	151	143	399	369	372	101
ILL	280	270	262	649	641	611	95
IND	232	224	218	577	535	549	103
IOWA	444	392	374	972	853	807	95
KANS	163	151	143	383	357	331	93
KY	324	302	291	576	512	510	100
LA	154	138	132	276	245	244	100
MAINE	61	59	61	150	142	150	106
MD	146	135	134	369	360	374	104
MASS	57	54	56	147	140	146	104
MICH	422	421	421	1,203	1,137	1,124	99
MINN	926	900	876	2,049	2,012	2,029	101
MISS	147	135	125	229	217	214	99
MO	320	316	311	705	685	694	101
MONT	32	29	28	79	72	70	97
NEBR	168	161	156	366	356	328	92
NEV	13.8	13.8	13.9	33.1	36.2	42.0	116
N H	33	32	32	82	76	78	103
N J	59	55	48	150	137	126	92
N MEX	30	30	31	81	77	81	105
N Y	914	900	900	2,343	2,223	2,288	103
N C	162	155	152	380	374	392	105
N DAK	129	127	123	196	204	180	88
OHIO	434	412	405	1,064	996	1,016	102
OKLA	134	126	124	287	262	276	105
ORIG	94	92	91	228	231	231	100
PA	678	673	664	1,667	1,615	1,632	101
R I	6.2	5.6	6.1	16.3	14.6	15.3	105
S C	63	57	59	129	124	127	102
S DAK	170	167	161	330	343	330	96
TENN	245	223	215	513	437	437	100
TEX	359	350	350	791	769	785	102
UTAH	75	75	77	207	204	218	107
VT	195	189	193	473	446	462	104
VA	174	161	159	424	405	421	104
WASH	185	184	180	562	556	543	98
W VA	43	42	41	81	79	87	110
WIS	1,827	1,797	1,786	4,259	4,084	4,110	101
WYO	14.4	13.6	13.8	31.8	31.3	30.9	99
U S	11,624	11,287	11,105	27,710	26,572	26,765	101

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

2/ EXCLUDES MILK SUCKED BY CALVES.

GRAIN AND OTHER CONCENTRATES FED DAILY PER MILK COW
IN HERDS KEPT BY REPORTERS, JANUARY 1, BY STATES

STATE	1973	1974	1975
	POUNDS		
ALA	16.0	^{1/} 15.5	15.4
ARIZ	15.4	14.4	14.0
ARK	10.4	14.5	11.1
CALIF	15.0	14.5	13.0
COLO	16.4	15.6	13.8
CONN	15.0	13.5	13.5
DEL	14.5	14.0	14.0
FLA	14.0	15.0	16.0
GA	16.0	16.0	17.5
IDAHO	9.5	10.1	10.3
ILL	13.0	13.0	14.6
IND	11.2	12.0	11.0
IOWA	13.5	13.5	14.5
KANS	15.4	14.3	13.3
KY	11.6	12.3	10.0
LA	14.1	13.7	13.6
MAINE	12.5	13.5	13.5
MD	14.2	13.1	13.1
MASS	15.0	13.0	13.5
MICH	13.5	13.9	13.2
MINN	14.2	12.6	15.6
MISS	13.0	13.2	14.2
MO	13.0	12.5	12.0
MONT	10.1	10.5	9.3
NEBR	13.0	12.2	11.0
NEV	10.0	12.0	10.0
N H	12.5	11.5	11.5
N J	13.4	13.6	12.0
N MEX	13.5	12.8	13.0
N Y	12.6	11.6	11.1
N C	15.5	17.0	16.0
N DAK	11.1	12.3	10.0
OHIO	14.8	14.8	14.6
OKLA	15.0	15.3	11.4
OREG	11.5	11.7	11.0
PA	13.9	13.8	13.6
R I	14.0	12.0	11.0
S C	15.2	16.1	15.2
S DAK	11.2	11.7	11.0
TENN	11.4	12.8	14.2
TEX	16.0	15.0	15.2
UTAH	12.7	11.0	10.1
VT	12.5	11.5	11.0
VA	11.0	11.6	12.1
WASH	12.6	12.7	12.2
W VA	10.6	11.2	11.0
WIS	13.1	12.4	11.1
WYO	10.0	11.5	9.0
U S	13.5	13.1	12.8

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