

# milk production



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## FEBRUARY MILK PRODUCTION VIRTUALLY SAME AS LAST YEAR

Milk production during February is estimated at 8,768 million pounds, practically unchanged from a year earlier but nearly 2 percent below February 1973. February production provided 1.47 pounds of milk per person daily for all uses compared with 1.48 a year ago and 1.52 for February 1973.

## PRODUCTION PER COW UP 4 POUNDS, MILK COWS DOWN FRACTIONALLY

February milk production per cow was 783 pounds, up 4 pounds from a year earlier and 10 pounds above February 1973.

Milk cows on farms during February totaled 11,192,000 head, down 0.5 percent from February 1974.

## FEBRUARY MILK-FEED PRICE RATIO

The February milk-feed price ratio was up 6 percent from January, but 9 percent below February 1974. The relatively sharp decline in the value of rations from a month ago compared with a rather small reduction in the price of milk sold to plants resulted in the 6 percent increase in the milk-feed price ratio over January.

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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/			CHANGE FROM 1974 PERCENT
	1973	1974	1975	1973	1974	1975	1973	1974	1975	
	THOUSANDS			POUNDS			MILLION POUNDS			
JAN	11,597	11,267	11,204	821	824	830	9,525	9,287	9,301	+ .2
FEB	11,556	11,249	11,192	773	779	783	8,932	8,765	8,768	0
JAN-FEB TOTAL							18,457	18,052	18,069	+ .1
MAR	11,518	11,241		883	889		10,176	9,988		
APR	11,471	11,229		898	901		10,298	10,122		
MAY	11,439	11,216		957	967		10,952	10,841		
JUN	11,404	11,206		924	943		10,532	10,563		
JUL	11,369	11,205		881	905		10,014	10,139		
AUG	11,343	11,207		837	865		9,489	9,690		
SEP	11,316	11,208		784	815		8,877	9,140		
OCT	11,306	11,199		791	815		8,948	9,125		
NOV	11,298	11,207		760	774		8,590	8,669		
DEC	11,293	11,212		802	810		9,052	9,087		
ANNUAL	11,409	11,221		10,114	10,286		115,385	115,416		

1/ INCLUDES DRY COWS. EXCLUDES HEIFERS NOT YET FRESH. 2/ EXCLUDES MILK SUCKED BY CALVES.

MILK-FEED PRICE RATIOS, MILK PRICES, AND RATION VALUES, BY REGION  
AND UNITED STATES, FEBRUARY 1975 WITH COMPARISONS 1/

REGION	MILK-FEED PRICE RATIO 2/			ALL MILK PRICE PER CWT.			RATION VALUE 3/		
	FEB 1974	JAN 1975	FEB 1975	FEB 1974	JAN 1975	FEB 1975	FEB 1974	JAN 1975	FEB 1975
	P O U N D S			D O L L A R S					
N. ATL	1.44	1.24	1.34	9.25	8.56	8.56	6.43	6.93	6.38
N. CENT	1.49	1.23	1.30	8.66	7.67	7.62	5.82	6.23	5.86
S. ATL	1.55	1.44	1.52	10.20	10.17	10.15	6.58	7.07	6.68
S CENT	1.53	1.30	1.39	9.59	8.95	8.90	6.27	6.86	6.39
WEST	1.29	1.22	1.30	8.21	8.71	8.64	6.34	7.16	6.67
U S	1.46	1.25	1.33	8.92	8.33	8.28	6.12	6.64	6.21

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.

FEBRUARY 1975 MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION

STATE	MILK COWS ON FARMS 1/			MILK PER COW 2/			MILK PRODUCTION 2/			1975 AS PCT OF 1974
	1973	1974	1975	1973	1974	1975	1973	1974	1975	
	THOUSANDS			POUNDS			MILLION POUNDS			PERCENT
ALABAMA	113	100	92	610	580	600	69	58	55	95
ARKANSAS	95	92	91	515	550	570	49	51	52	102
CALIFORNIA	788	804	803	965	960	975	760	772	783	101
COLORADO	74	76	75	870	865	875	64	66	66	100
FLORIDA	201	203	199	750	760	785	151	154	156	101
GEORGIA	141	130	129	675	730	745	95	95	96	101
IDAHO	160	150	149	750	750	745	120	113	111	98
ILLINOIS	278	264	257	775	760	755	215	201	194	97
INDIANA	231	221	216	815	790	790	188	175	171	98
IOWA	438	409	404	765	755	735	335	309	297	96
KANSAS	158	148	145	740	725	715	117	107	104	97
KENTUCKY	320	300	291	525	555	585	168	167	170	102
LOUISIANA	152	138	134	585	615	625	89	85	84	99
MARYLAND	145	134	138	815	840	870	118	113	120	106
MICHIGAN	422	419	418	860	810	845	363	339	353	104
MINNESOTA	922	896	883	860	910	880	793	815	777	95
MISSISSIPPI	145	132	126	485	505	520	70	67	66	99
MISSOURI	319	315	309	650	660	670	207	208	207	100
NEBRASKA	168	160	155	685	700	685	115	112	106	95
NEW YORK	910	899	920	845	830	835	769	746	768	103
N. CAROLINA	159	153	153	730	760	790	116	116	121	104
N. DAKOTA	128	127	122	615	660	610	79	84	74	88
OHIO	430	410	404	770	755	815	331	310	329	106
OKLAHOMA	133	125	122	665	680	685	88	85	84	99
OREGON	94	91	91	750	775	750	71	71	68	96
PENNSYLVANIA	674	683	689	760	750	770	512	512	531	104
S. DAKOTA	170	166	159	690	710	635	117	118	101	86
TENNESSEE	242	220	216	570	600	630	138	132	136	103
TEXAS	359	350	350	710	715	715	255	250	250	100
UTAH	74	75	77	860	870	870	64	65	67	103
VERMONT	193	191	192	745	735	740	144	140	142	101
VIRGINIA	171	159	159	735	765	790	126	122	126	103
WASHINGTON	184	184	181	940	940	940	173	173	170	98
WISCONSIN	1823	1797	1808	785	785	780	1431	1411	1410	100
OTHER 16 3/ STATES	542	528	535	797	801	790	432	423	423	100
UNITED STATES	11556	11249	11192	773	779	783	8932	8765	8768	100

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2/ EXCLUDES MILK SUCKED BY CALVES.

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

