

milk production



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MARCH MILK PRODUCTION HOLDS ABOVE YEAR EARLIER

Milk production during March is estimated at 10,023 million pounds, up 0.4 percent from a year earlier, according to the Crop Reporting Board. Production for the first quarter of 1975 was 0.2 percent above the same period last year but nearly 2 percent below 1973.

PRODUCTION PER COW UP 8 POUNDS, MILK COWS DECLINE

March milk production per cow averaged 897 pounds, up 8 pounds from a year ago and 14 pounds above March 1973.

Milk cows on farms totaled 11,176,000 during March, down less than 1 percent from a year ago. This marked the third consecutive month of declining cow numbers after increasing slightly over the latter half of 1974.

MARCH MILK-FEED PRICE RATIO UP FROM LAST MONTH, BELOW LAST YEAR

The March milk-feed price ratio at 1.38 was 4 percent above February but 7 percent below March 1974. The average price of milk sold to plants was below the previous month in all regions, but more than offsetting was a decline in the value of dairy rations. The average value of grain and other concentrates fed milk cows, at 5.90 per cwt., was 5 percent below the previous month, the fifth consecutive month decline.

GRAIN AND OTHER CONCENTRATES FED DOWN 4 PERCENT

Grain and other concentrates fed milk cows on April 1 averaged 13.2 pounds per cow compared with 13.8 on the same date the past two years.

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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 3/	11,556	11,249	11,192	773	779	784	8,932	8,765	8,775	+1
MAR	11,518	11,241	11,176	883	889	897	10,176	9,988	10,023	+4
JAN - MAR TOTAL							28,633	28,040	28,099	+2
APR	11,471	11,229		898	901		10,298	10,122		
MAY	11,439	11,216		957	967		10,592	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. 3/ REVISED SLIGHTLY TO REFLECT FINDINGS FROM QUARTERLY SURVEYS IN 16 LIMITED ESTIMATE STATES.

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

REGION	MILK-FEED PRICE RATIO 2/			ALL MILK PRICE PER CWT.			RATION VALUE 3/		
	MAR 1974	FEB 1975	MAR 1975	MAR 1974	FEB 1975	MAR 1975	MAR 1974	FEB 1975	MAR 1975
	P O U N D S			D O L L A R S					
N. ATL	1.45	1.34	1.39	9.24	8.57	8.36	6.37	6.38	6.01
N. CENT	1.55	1.30	1.36	8.72	7.62	7.60	5.64	5.86	5.58
S. ATL	1.60	1.51	1.59	10.23	10.10	9.87	6.41	6.68	6.19
S. CENT	1.54	1.39	1.44	9.55	8.89	8.73	6.20	6.39	6.08
WEST	1.26	1.29	1.32	8.18	8.63	8.44	6.43	6.67	6.39
U S	1.49	1.33	1.38	8.94	8.28	8.17	6.02	6.21	5.90

1/ DATA FOR CURRENT MONTH ARE PRELIMINARY. 2/ POUNDS OF CONCENTRATE RATION EQUAL IN VALUE TO 1 POUND OF MILK SOLD TO PLANTS. 3/ VALUE PER 100 POUNDS OF CONCENTRATE RATION FED TO MILK COWS.

MARCH 1975 MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION

STATE	MILK COWS ON FARMS 1/			MILK PER COW 2/			MILK PRODUCTION 2/			
	1973	1974	1975	1973	1974	1975	1973	1974	1975	1975 AS PCT OF 1974
	THOUSANDS			POUNDS			MILLION POUNDS		PERCENT	
ALABAMA	111	100	92	655	645	650	73	65	60	92
ARKANSAS	94	92	91	610	650	715	57	60	65	108
CALIFORNIA	788	800	800	1090	1105	1115	859	884	892	101
COLORADO	74	76	76	975	930	975	72	71	74	104
FLORIDA	201	202	195	865	850	910	174	172	177	103
GEORGIA	139	130	129	790	830	835	110	108	108	100
IDAHO	160	151	149	870	840	820	139	127	122	96
ILLINOIS	277	263	256	860	850	850	238	224	218	97
INDIANA	230	221	216	890	860	850	205	190	184	97
IOWA	435	408	403	845	815	830	368	333	334	100
KANSAS	156	148	145	825	835	820	129	124	119	96
KENTUCKY	317	299	287	625	655	690	198	196	198	101
LOUISIANA	151	138	134	700	730	730	106	101	98	97
MARYLAND	144	134	138	875	895	940	126	120	130	108
MICHIGAN	423	418	418	945	948	960	400	395	401	102
MINNESOTA	919	894	881	975	1030	1010	896	921	890	97
MISSISSIPPI	144	131	126	580	600	620	84	79	78	99
MISSOURI	319	315	309	740	740	770	236	233	238	102
NEBRASKA	166	160	155	800	800	780	133	128	121	95
NEW YORK	907	899	920	970	950	960	880	854	883	103
N. CAROLINA	159	153	153	830	840	880	132	129	135	105
N. DAKOTA	128	127	122	725	770	750	93	98	92	94
OHIO	428	408	403	890	860	900	377	351	363	103
OKLAHOMA	133	125	121	760	760	755	101	95	91	96
OREGON	94	91	91	875	900	890	82	82	81	99
PENNSYLVANIA	671	688	688	875	850	870	587	585	599	102
S. DAKOTA	170	165	159	825	840	725	140	139	115	83
TENNESSEE	240	219	215	680	720	750	163	158	161	102
TEXAS	358	350	350	830	845	830	297	296	291	98
UTAH	74	76	78	990	985	975	73	75	76	101
VERMONT	193	193	192	870	850	860	168	164	165	101
VIRGINIA	170	159	159	840	880	910	143	140	145	104
WASHINGTON	184	183	180	1060	1060	1040	195	194	187	96
WISCONSIN	1820	1798	1807	910	900	910	1656	1618	1644	102
OTHER 16 3/ STATES	541	527	538	899	909	907	486	479	488	102
UNITED STATES	11518	11241	11176	883	889	897	10176	9988	10023	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.

MARCH MILK COWS AND JANUARY - MARCH MILK PRODUCTION

STATE	MARCH MILK COWS ON FARMS 1/			JANUARY-MARCH MILK PRODUCTION 2/			
	1973	1974	1975	1973	1974	1975	1975 AS % OF 1974
	THOUSANDS			MILLION POUNDS			PERCENT
ALA	111	100	92	214	185	175	95
ALAS	1.7	1.7	1.6	4.28	4.40	4.14	94
ARIZ	53	61	70	172	202	198	98
ARK	94	92	91	158	166	172	104
CALIF	788	800	800	2,447	2,480	2,518	102
COLO	74	76	76	206	205	211	103
CONN	56	54	55	162	150	153	102
DEL	12.0	12.0	12.4	33.3	32.1	34.1	106
FLA	201	202	195	490	491	499	102
GA	139	130	129	313	305	306	100
HAW	12.6	12.8	13.0	33.5	33.9	35.3	104
IDAHO	160	151	149	386	360	351	98
ILL	277	263	256	676	637	616	97
IND	230	221	216	591	552	534	97
IOWA	435	408	403	1,047	960	939	98
KANS	156	148	145	373	344	335	97
KY	317	299	287	544	532	540	102
LA	151	138	134	290	272	270	99
MAINE	61	60	60	146	141	143	101
MD	144	134	138	371	355	381	107
MASS	56	54	55	152	145	149	103
MICH	423	418	418	1,219	1,092	1,113	102
MINN	919	894	881	2,503	2,549	2,469	97
MISS	144	131	126	230	217	213	98
MO	319	315	309	666	665	674	101
MONT	31	28	28	72	70	68	97
NEBR	166	160	155	372	360	342	95
NEV	13.8	14.0	14	33.4	38.4	39.8	104
N H	34	32	33	87	80	83	104
N J	57	51	47	152	139	134	96
N MEX	30	30	31	78	78	81	104
N Y	907	899	920	2,479	2,401	2,472	103
N C	159	153	153	375	371	388	105
N DAK	128	127	122	252	268	242	90
OHIO	428	408	403	1,069	994	1,039	105
OKLA	133	125	121	283	269	262	97
OREG	94	91	91	226	228	221	97
PA	671	688	688	1,658	1,656	1,698	103
R I	6.1	5.8	6.0	16.3	14.5	15.3	106
S C	60	56	58	132	123	127	103
S DAK	170	165	159	383	379	327	86
TENN	240	219	215	452	429	440	103
TEX	358	350	350	826	814	811	100
UTAH	74	76	78	206	210	217	103
VT	193	193	192	472	458	464	101
VA	170	159	159	406	395	409	104
WASH	184	183	180	553	552	526	95
W VA	42	41	42	80	79	86	109
WIS	1,820	1,798	1,807	4,602	4,529	4,547	100
WYO	14.3	13.4	12.2	31.2	29.7	27.5	93
U S	11,518	11,241	11,176	28,633	28,040	28,099	100

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2/ EXCLUDES MILK SUCKED BY CALVES.

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

STATE	1973	1974	1975
	POUNDS		
ALA	14.5	16.0	14.6
ARIZ	15.0	14.6	14.0
ARK	12.3	14.0	12.3
CALIF	15.5	15.0	13.5
COLO	14.5	17.0	13.8
CONN	15.0	15.0	14.5
DEL	15.5	15.0	15.2
FLA	15.0	16.0	17.0
GA	16.0	16.5	17.5
IDAHO	11.6	10.8	10.8
ILL	12.7	12.7	11.0
IND	12.1	12.7	10.8
IOWA	14.5	14.6	15.0
KANS	16.3	14.8	15.4
KY	12.7	13.0	12.5
LA	13.4	13.9	13.1
MAINE	13.5	13.5	14.5
MD	14.7	14.5	14.3
MASS	15.0	14.5	14.0
MICH	14.6	13.7	14.3
MINN	14.3	14.8	14.3
MISS	12.3	12.9	14.1
MO	13.0	12.3	12.0
MONT	9.9	11.2	10.2
NEBR	13.8	13.5	12.0
NEV	8.5	10.0	10.5
N H	13.0	13.0	12.5
N J	12.3	13.7	13.2
N MEX	13.0	12.0	15.5
N Y	13.6	12.6	12.3
N C	16.0	14.0	15.5
N DAK	13.0	12.7	11.2
OHIO	14.8	14.9	13.8
OKLA	15.5	14.3	12.2
OREG	10.5	12.3	11.5
PA	14.3	14.3	13.7
R I	13.0	12.0	14.0
S C	15.5	15.2	14.7
S DAK	13.4	12.6	12.0
TENN	12.1	12.8	13.6
TEX	16.7	16.0	15.9
UTAH	11.3	11.4	9.8
VT	12.0	11.5	12.5
VA	11.5	12.1	12.5
WASH	11.5	14.0	12.4
W VA	11.6	11.2	11.2
WIS	13.6	13.5	12.4
WYO	9.0	10.0	9.0
U S	13.8	13.8	13.2

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