

# milk production



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## MAY MILK PRODUCTION BELOW LAST YEAR

May milk production is estimated at 10.8 billion pounds, down 0.5 percent from a year earlier according to the Crop Reporting Board. Production for the first 5 months of 1975 was 49.0 billion pounds, virtually unchanged from the same period last year but 2 percent below 1973.

## PRODUCTION PER COW UP SLIGHTLY, MILK COWS DOWN

Milk production per cow during May averaged 968 pounds, up 1 pound from a year ago and 11 pounds above May 1973.

Milk cows on farms during May were estimated at 11,150,000 head, down 1 percent from a year ago. Milk cows declined 26,000 from April, the largest month-to-month drop since January 1974.

## MILK-FEED PRICE RATIO UNCHANGED FROM APRIL, DOWN FROM LAST YEAR

The May milk-feed price ratio was unchanged from last month at 1.36, but remained 6 percent below a year ago. The average value of rations fed milk cows declined from April in every region; however, these declines were offset by reduced milk prices.

MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION BY MONTHS, UNITED STATES

MONTH	MILK COWS ON FARMS 1/			MILK PER COW 2/			MILK PRODUCTION 2/			
	1973	1974	1975	1973	1974	1975	1973	1974	1975	CHANGE FROM 1974
	THOUSANDS			POUNDS			MILLION POUNDS			PERCENT
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	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
APR	11,471	11,229	11,176	898	901	906	10,298	10,122	10,121	0
MAY	11,439	11,216	11,150	957	967	968	10,952	10,841	10,789	- .5
JAN-MAY TOTAL							49,883	49,003	49,009	0
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 REGIONS AND UNITED STATES, MAY 1975 WITH COMPARISONS 1/

REGION	MILK-FEED PRICE RATIO 2/			ALL MILK PRICE PER CWT :			RATION VALUE 3/		
	MAY 1974 4/	APR 1975	MAY 1975	MAY 1974 4/	APR 1975	MAY 1975	MAY 1974 4/	APR 1975	MAY 1975
	POUNDS			DOLLARS					
N ATL	1.41	1.31	1.31	8.61	8.21	8.09	6.11	5.26	6.17
N CENT	1.43	1.36	1.36	7.70	7.58	7.53	5.37	5.57	5.54
S ATL	1.69	1.52	1.54	9.90	9.71	9.60	5.85	6.39	6.23
S CENT	1.54	1.40	1.40	9.05	8.55	8.47	5.86	6.12	6.05
WEST	1.38	1.33	1.32	8.30	8.34	8.20	6.03	6.29	6.19
U S	1.45	1.36	1.36	8.27	8.09	7.99	5.70	5.94	5.88

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

MAY 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	106	97	91	645	630	650	68	61	59	97
ARKANSAS	94	92	90	690	730	755	65	67	68	101
CALIFORNIA	785	794	793	1175	1190	1185	922	945	940	90
COLORADO	74	78	74	1000	1010	1010	74	79	75	95
FLORIDA	201	201	196	835	855	905	168	172	177	103
GEORGIA	137	131	130	760	795	800	104	104	104	100
IDAHO	158	149	147	980	960	940	155	143	138	97
ILLINOIS	274	262	256	920	915	915	252	240	234	97
INDIANA	229	220	216	960	960	960	220	211	207	98
IOWA	428	408	402	950	940	930	407	384	374	97
KANSAS	155	146	144	890	870	900	138	127	130	102
KENTUCKY	313	297	287	750	790	800	234	235	230	98
LOUISIANA	148	137	136	690	715	715	102	98	97	99
MARYLAND	143	135	138	950	1010	1020	135	136	141	104
MICHIGAN	422	419	417	995	980	985	420	411	411	100
MINNESOTA	913	890	878	1010	1030	1010	922	917	887	97
MISSISSIPPI	142	130	124	630	655	675	89	85	84	99
MISSOURI	318	314	308	925	950	975	294	298	300	101
NEBRASKA	165	159	152	870	870	870	144	138	132	96
NEW YORK	902	896	917	1055	1035	1035	952	927	949	102
N. CAROLINA	159	152	153	830	875	900	132	133	138	104
N. DAKOTA	128	126	122	845	855	785	108	108	96	89
OHIO	424	407	404	965	975	1010	409	397	408	103
OKLAHOMA	132	124	121	835	860	840	110	107	102	95
OREGON	94	91	91	1050	1065	1070	99	97	97	100
PENNSYLVANIA	664	687	687	930	950	955	618	653	656	100
S. DAKOTA	169	165	159	890	900	810	150	149	129	87
TENNESSEE	236	218	214	800	820	860	189	179	184	103
TEXAS	357	350	348	850	885	885	303	310	308	99
UTAH	75	78	78	1060	1075	1040	80	84	81	96
VERMONT	192	193	192	1000	945	965	192	182	185	102
VIRGINIA	168	159	158	925	990	990	155	157	156	99
WASHINGTON	182	182	182	1200	1180	1170	218	215	213	99
WISCONSIN	1814	1800	1805	1000	990	985	1814	1782	1778	100
OTHER 16 3/ STATES	538	529	540	946	963	965	509	510	521	102
UNITED STATES	11439	11216	11150	957	967	968	10952	10841	10789	100

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2/ EXCLUDES MILK SUCKED BY CALVES.

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

