

# milk production



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## FEBRUARY MILK PRODUCTION UP 5.3 PERCENT

Milk production in February 1976 of 9,248 million pounds was 5.3 percent above a year earlier and 5.6 percent more than the February 1974 output. This gain in production is due to increased output per cow which more than offset the decline in milk cow numbers.

Milk cows during February totaled 11,072,000 head, off 1.1 percent from a year earlier and 1.6 percent below February 1974. The number of milk cows declined by 7,000 head from January.

February production per cow averaged 835 pounds, 51 pounds more than a year ago, and 57 pounds above February 1974. Generally mild weather plus the extra day in February this year were contributing factors to the increased production per cow.

## MILK-FEED PRICE RATIO DOWN FROM LAST MONTH

The February milk-feed price ratio, at 1.70 was 3 percent below the January ratio, but well above the February 1975 ratio of 1.33. The average price of milk sold to plants was 20 cents per cwt. below the previous month while the average value of grain and other concentrates fed milk cows registered a 5-cent per cwt. increase.

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MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION BY MONTHS, UNITED STATES

MONTH	MILK COWS 1/			MILK PER COW 2/			MILK PRODUCTION 2/			
	1974	1975	1976	1974	1975	1976	1974	1975	1976	:1976 % :CHANGE :FROM 1975
	THOUSANDS			POUNDS			MILLION POUNDS			PERCENT
JAN	11,266	11,199	11,079	828	837	862	9,333	9,379	9,545	+1.8
FEB 3/	11,249	11,195	11,072	778	784	835	8,755	8,781	9,248	+5.3
JAN - FEB TOTAL							18,088	18,160	18,793	+3.5
MAR	11,243	11,189		889	896		9,993	10,021		
APR	11,229	11,186		902	905		10,126	10,121		
MAY	11,216	11,172		969	968		10,865	10,818		
JUN	11,204	11,153		947	936		10,614	10,435		
JUL	11,202	11,148		908	894		10,169	9,967		
AUG	11,206	11,139		867	861		9,710	9,588		
SEP	11,209	11,128		815	815		9,136	9,068		
OCT	11,200	11,116		812	825		9,091	9,173		
NOV	11,197	11,100		773	795		8,658	8,823		
DEC	11,203	11,091		813	837		9,103	9,284		
ANNUAL	11,219	11,151		10,300	10,354		115,553	115,458		

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

3/ THE EXTRA DAY IN FEBRUARY 1976 ADDED 3.6 PERCENT TO MONTHLY OUTPUT.

MILK-FEED PRICE RATIOS, MILK PRICES, AND RATION VALUES, BY REGIONS AND UNITED STATES, FEBRUARY 1976, WITH COMPARISONS 1/

REGION	MILK-FEED PRICE RATIO 2/			ALL MILK PRICE PER CWT.			RATION VALUE 3/		
	FEB : 1975	JAN : 1976	FEB : 1976	FEB : 1975	JAN : 1976	FEB : 1976	FEB : 1975	JAN : 1976	FEB : 1976
	P O U N D S			D O L L A R S					
N ATL	1.34	1.73	1.71	8.57	10.70	10.60	6.38	6.17	6.21
N CEN	1.30	1.80	1.73	7.62	9.72	9.39	5.86	5.40	5.44
S ATL	1.51	1.74	1.72	10.10	11.20	11.20	6.68	6.43	6.50
S CENT	1.39	1.70	1.70	8.89	10.70	10.70	6.39	6.30	6.29
WEST	1.29	1.64	1.62	8.63	10.00	10.00	6.67	6.10	6.17
U S	1.33	1.75	1.70	8.28	10.20	10.00	6.21	5.84	5.89

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 1976 MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION

STATE	MILK COWS 1/			MILK PER COW 2/			MILK PRODUCTION 2/			
	1974	1975	1976	1974	1975	1976	1974	1975	1976	1976 AS PCT OF 1975
	THOUSANDS			POUNDS			MILLION POUNDS		PERCENT	
ALABAMA	100	92	90	580	585	615	58	54	55	102
ARKANSAS	92	91	89	550	560	575	51	51	51	100
CALIFORNIA	804	800	810	960	975	1050	772	780	851	109
COLORADO	76	75	74	865	875	910	66	66	67	102
FLORIDA	203	199	197	750	780	825	152	155	163	105
GEORGIA	130	129	128	730	765	800	95	99	102	103
IDAHO	150	147	143	750	720	820	113	106	117	110
ILLINOIS	264	257	243	760	755	810	201	194	197	102
INDIANA	221	216	212	790	790	800	175	171	170	99
IOWA	409	404	392	765	750	800	313	303	314	104
KANSAS	148	145	141	725	715	800	107	104	113	109
KENTUCKY	300	291	282	555	585	630	167	170	178	105
LOUISIANA	138	135	138	615	645	630	85	87	87	100
MARYLAND	134	134	141	840	870	860	113	121	121	100
MICHIGAN	419	420	418	785	815	860	329	342	359	105
MINNESOTA	896	885	890	890	880	890	797	779	792	102
MISSISSIPPI	132	126	116	505	530	570	67	67	66	99
MISSOURI	315	309	302	660	670	710	208	207	214	103
NEBRASKA	160	155	146	700	685	755	112	106	110	104
NEW YORK	899	920	914	825	825	885	742	759	809	107
N. CAROLINA	153	153	153	760	790	870	116	121	133	110
N. DAKOTA	127	122	119	625	585	580	79	71	69	97
OHIO	410	404	392	750	800	830	308	323	325	101
OKLAHOMA	125	121	117	680	680	730	85	82	85	104
OREGON	91	91	90	775	750	780	71	68	70	103
PENNSYLVANIA	683	695	711	750	775	805	512	539	572	106
S. DAKOTA	166	159	156	740	635	690	123	101	108	107
TENNESSEE	220	216	211	600	605	665	132	131	140	107
TEXAS	350	345	318	710	730	830	249	252	264	105
UTAH	75	79	78	880	875	925	66	69	72	104
VERMONT	191	192	193	735	735	810	140	141	156	111
VIRGINIA	159	159	159	765	810	830	122	129	132	102
WASHINGTON	184	181	177	940	930	1025	173	168	181	108
WISCONSIN	1797	1810	1811	795	790	860	1429	1430	1557	109
OTHER 16 3/ STATES	528	533	521	809	816	860	427	435	448	103
UNITED STATES	11249	11195	11072	778	784	835	8755	8781	9248	105

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2/ EXCLUDES MILK SUCKED BY CALVES.

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

