

MILK PRODUCTION



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March Milk Production 2.3 Percent Above Last Year

March milk production totaled 10,250 million pounds, up 2.3 percent from a year earlier and 2.6 percent above March, 1974. Production for the first quarter of 1976 was 3.1 percent above the same period last year and 3.4 percent above 1974.

Milk cows during March, at 11,072,000 head, were unchanged from last month but off 1 percent from a year ago. This is the first month since December 1974 that milk cows did not show a decline from the previous month.

March production per cow averaged 926 pounds, 30 pounds more than a year ago, and 37 pounds above March 1974.

Milk-Feed Price Ratio Down From Last Month

The March milk - feed price ratio, at 1.64 was 1 percent below February but 19 percent above March 1975, the result of higher milk prices than a year earlier. The average price of milk sold to plants was below the previous month in all regions except the North Central, while feed costs were up in all regions except the South Atlantic.

Grain and Other Concentrates Fed Up 5 Percent

Grain and other concentrates fed milk cows on April 1 averaged 13.8 pounds per cow -- 0.6 pounds above a year earlier but unchanged from April 1, 1974.

MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION BY MONTHS, UNITED STATES

MONTH	MILK COWS ON FARMS 1/			MILK PER COW 2/			MILK PRODUCTION 2/			CHANGE 1976 FROM 1975
	1974	1975	1976	1974	1975	1976	1974	1975	1976	
	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
MAR	11,243	11,189	11,072	889	896	926	9,993	10,021	10,250	+2.3
JAN - MAR TOTAL							28,081	28,181	29,043	+3.1
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, MARCH 1976, WITH COMPARISONS 1/

REGION	MILK-FEED PRICE RATIO 2/			ALL MILK PRICE PER CWT. :			RATION VALUE 3/		
	MAR : 1975	FEB : 1976	MAR : 1976	MAR : 1975	FEB : 1976	MAR : 1976	MAR : 1975	FEB : 1976	MAR : 1976
	P O U N D S			D O L L A R S					
N ATL	1.38	1.67	1.62	8.30	10.40	10.10	6.01	6.21	6.23
N CENT	1.36	1.70	1.71	7.58	9.27	9.36	5.58	5.44	5.48
S ATL	1.58	1.69	1.71	9.77	11.00	10.90	6.19	6.50	6.38
S CENT	1.43	1.65	1.63	8.68	10.40	10.30	6.08	6.29	6.30
WEST	1.32	1.57	1.49	8.42	9.66	9.28	6.39	6.17	6.24
U S	1.38	1.66	1.64	8.13	9.79	9.71	5.90	5.89	5.91

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.

MARCH 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	645	660	680	65	61	61	100
ARKANSAS	92	91	89	640	650	690	59	59	61	103
CALIFORNIA	802	798	805	1100	1115	1160	882	890	934	105
COLORADO	76	76	74	930	975	1020	71	74	75	101
FLORIDA	201	198	197	850	905	925	171	179	182	102
GEORGIA	130	129	127	830	820	840	108	106	107	101
IDAHO	151	147	143	840	810	895	127	119	128	108
ILLINOIS	263	256	243	850	850	875	224	218	213	98
INDIANA	221	216	212	860	850	885	190	184	188	102
IOWA	409	403	391	830	840	875	339	339	342	101
KANSAS	148	145	141	835	820	865	124	119	122	103
KENTUCKY	299	287	282	650	670	700	194	192	197	103
LOUISIANA	138	135	138	730	740	745	101	100	103	103
MARYLAND	134	139	141	900	940	925	121	131	130	99
MICHIGAN	418	420	418	890	885	945	372	372	395	106
MINNESOTA	894	884	895	1025	1010	1000	916	893	895	100
MISSISSIPPI	131	125	117	600	615	650	79	77	76	99
MISSOURI	315	309	302	740	770	795	233	238	240	101
NEBRASKA	160	155	145	800	780	860	128	121	125	103
NEW YORK	899	920	915	950	950	985	854	874	901	103
N. CAROLINA	153	153	153	840	880	890	129	135	136	101
N. DAKOTA	127	122	119	725	710	670	92	87	80	92
OHIO	408	404	392	855	900	930	349	364	365	100
OKLAHOMA	125	121	117	760	755	790	95	91	92	101
OREGON	91	91	90	900	890	900	82	81	81	100
PENNSYLVANIA	688	700	709	850	875	865	585	613	613	100
S. DAKOTA	165	159	156	840	725	775	139	115	121	105
TENNESSEE	219	215	211	720	725	775	158	156	164	105
TEXAS	350	345	318	845	820	930	296	283	296	105
UTAH	76	78	78	985	975	975	75	76	76	100
VERMONT	193	192	192	855	860	925	165	165	178	108
VIRGINIA	159	159	159	880	910	880	140	145	140	97
WASHINGTON	183	181	179	1060	1050	1100	194	190	197	104
WISCONSIN	1798	1811	1810	920	930	965	1654	1684	1747	104
OTHER 16 3/ STATES	527	533	524	915	919	933	482	490	489	100
UNITED STATES	11243	11189	11072	889	896	926	9993	10021	10250	102

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	MAR MILK COWS 1/			JAN - MAR MILK PRODUCTION 2/			
	1974	1975	1976	1974	1975	1976	1976 AS % OF 1975
	THOUSANDS			MILLION POUNDS			PERCENT
ALA	100	92	90	185	173	173	100
ALAS	1.7	1.6	1.6	4.40	4.10	3.96	97
ARIZ	61	66	69	202	203	215	106
ARK	92	91	89	163	163	166	102
CALIF	802	798	805	2,478	2,518	2,676	106
COLO	76	76	74	205	211	213	101
CONN	54	55	52	150	154	150	97
DEL	12.0	12.5	12.5	30.3	32.5	33.8	104
FLA	201	198	197	482	500	518	104
GA	130	129	127	305	312	317	102
HAW	12.8	13.0	13.4	33.9	35.4	37.8	107
IDAHO	151	147	143	360	342	370	108
ILL	263	256	243	637	616	608	99
IND	221	216	212	552	534	535	100
IOWA	409	403	391	976	956	974	102
KANS	148	145	141	344	335	351	105
KY	299	287	282	534	538	549	102
LA	138	135	138	272	277	279	101
MAINE	60	60	59	139	142	149	105
MD	134	139	141	356	383	378	99
MASS	54	55	55	146	150	150	100
MICH	418	420	418	1,060	1,086	1,132	104
MINN	894	884	895	2,458	2,483	2,470	99
MISS	131	125	117	217	213	209	98
MO	315	309	302	665	674	684	101
MONT	28	27	26	70	67	66	99
NEBR	160	155	145	360	342	349	102
NEV	14.0	14.0	14.0	38.4	40.3	40.9	101
N H	32	33	33	80	83	87	105
N J	51	47	45	139	136	133	98
N MEX	30	31	31	78	82	88	107
N Y	899	920	915	2,397	2,454	2,544	104
N C	153	153	153	371	388	405	104
N DAK	127	122	119	251	231	218	94
OHIO	408	404	392	990	1,038	1,027	99
OKLA	125	121	117	269	262	262	100
OREG	91	91	90	228	221	224	101
PA	688	700	709	1,656	1,720	1,770	103
R I	5.8	6.0	5.7	14.5	15.6	15.1	97
S C	56	58	56	132	132	127	96
S DAK	165	159	156	390	327	344	105
TENN	219	215	211	429	423	442	104
TEX	350	345	318	813	806	824	102
UTAH	76	78	78	211	220	221	100
VT	193	192	192	459	461	507	110
VA	159	159	159	395	417	414	99
WASH	183	181	179	552	539	566	105
W VA	41	42	40	83	88	84	95
WIS	1,798	1,811	1,810	4,601	4,625	4,916	106
WYO	13.4	12.0	11.0	29.7	27.9	26.0	93
U S	11,243	11,189	11,072	28,081	28,181	29,043	103

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2/ EXCLUDES MILK SUCKED BY CALVES.

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

STATE	1974	1975	1976
	POUNDS		
ALA	16.0	14.6	14.5
ARIZ	14.6	14.0	13.6
ARK	14.0	12.3	11.7
CALIF	15.0	13.5	14.5
COLO	17.0	13.8	13.4
CONN	15.0	14.5	16.7
DEL	15.0	15.2	15.0
FLA	16.0	17.0	17.0
GA	16.5	17.5	17.4
IDAHO	10.8	10.8	10.7
ILL	12.7	11.0	14.5
IND	12.7	10.8	13.6
IOWA	14.6	15.0	14.5
KANS	14.8	15.4	14.4
KY	13.0	12.5	12.0
LA	13.9	13.1	14.2
MAINE	13.5	14.5	15.2
MD	14.5	14.3	14.4
MASS	14.5	14.0	14.1
MICH	13.7	14.3	13.7
MINN	14.8	14.3	14.1
MISS	12.9	14.1	13.5
MO	12.3	12.0	12.5
MONT	11.2	10.2	12.2
NEBR	13.5	12.0	13.0
NEV	10.0	10.5	12.6
N H	13.0	12.5	13.2
N J	13.7	13.2	12.3
N MEX	12.0	15.5	16.0
N Y	12.6	12.3	13.0
N C	14.0	15.5	15.5
N DAK	12.7	11.2	10.4
OHIO	14.9	13.8	15.1
OKLA	14.3	12.2	15.6
OREG	12.3	11.5	11.0
PA	14.3	13.7	14.0
R I	12.0	14.0	13.0
S C	15.2	14.7	16.0
S DAK	12.6	12.0	11.9
TENN	12.8	13.6	13.3
TEX	16.0	15.9	17.4
UTAH	11.4	9.8	11.7
VT	11.5	12.5	12.6
VA	12.1	12.5	11.8
WASH	14.0	12.4	13.7
W VA	11.2	11.2	10.0
WIS	13.5	12.4	13.3
WYO	10.0	9.0	9.5
U S	13.8	13.2	13.8

