

# MILK PRODUCTION

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## MAY MILK PRODUCTION 3.4 PERCENT ABOVE LAST YEAR:

May milk production totaled 11,184 million pounds, up 3.4 percent from a year earlier and 2.9 percent above May 1974. This increase resulted from production per cow during May averaging 1,011 pounds, a record high, up 43 pounds from a year ago and 42 pounds above May 1974. Partially offsetting the increase in rate per cow was a 1.0 percent decline from a year earlier in the number of milk cows during May, estimated at 11,061,000 head. Milk cows also declined slightly from April.

Production for the first five months of 1976 was 3.2 percent above the same period last year and 3.3 percent above 1974.

## MILK-FEED PRICE RATIO DOWN FROM LAST MONTH:

~~The May milk-feed price ratio, at 1.53, was 4.4 percent below the April ratio due to a decline in milk prices and increased feed cost. However, the May ratio was still 17.7 percent above that of a year earlier resulting from higher milk prices and lower feed cost than a year ago.~~

MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION BY MONTHS, UNITED STATES

MONTH	MILK COWS <u>1/</u>			MILK PER COW <u>2/</u>			MILK PRODUCTION <u>2/</u>			
	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 <u>3/</u>	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
APR	11,229	11,186	11,072	902	905	944	10,126	10,121	10,450	+3.3
MAY	11,216	11,172	11,061	969	968	1,011	10,865	10,818	11,184	+3.4
JAN - MAY TOTAL							49,072	49,120	50,677	+3.2
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, MAY 1976, WITH COMPARISONS 1/

REGION	MILK-FEED PRICE RATIO <u>2/</u>			ALL MILK PRICE PER CWT.:			RATION VALUE <u>3/</u>		
	MAY <u>4/</u> 1975	APR 1976	MAY 1976	MAY <u>4/</u> 1975	APR 1976	MAY 1976	MAY <u>4/</u> 1975	APR 1976	MAY 1976
	P O U N D S			D O L L A R S					
N ATL	1.23	1.57	1.51	8.04	9.67	9.64	6.30	6.18	6.40
N CENT	1.25	1.67	1.55	7.53	9.03	8.96	6.03	5.40	5.78
S ATL	1.50	1.62	1.60	9.61	10.50	10.50	6.39	6.48	6.58
S CENT	1.35	1.57	1.54	8.53	9.87	9.88	6.28	6.27	6.43
WEST	1.33	1.47	1.48	8.49	9.14	9.15	6.39	6.22	6.20
U S	1.30	1.60	1.53	8.03	9.37	9.33	6.20	5.87	6.11

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 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	97	91	89	640	660	660	62	60	59	98
ARKANSAS	92	90	87	730	745	745	67	67	65	97
CALIFORNIA	794	798	812	1190	1210	1280	945	966	1039	108
COLORADO	78	75	74	1010	1010	1070	79	76	79	104
FLORIDA	201	198	198	845	905	925	170	179	183	102
GEORGIA	131	130	128	795	785	835	104	102	107	105
IDAHO	149	147	142	960	925	980	143	136	139	102
ILLINOIS	262	256	243	915	915	940	240	234	228	97
INDIANA	220	216	212	960	960	985	211	207	209	101
IOWA	408	402	390	950	935	975	388	376	380	101
KANSAS	146	144	140	870	900	900	127	130	126	97
KENTUCKY	297	287	281	780	800	830	232	230	233	101
LOUISIANA	137	135	137	715	705	730	98	95	100	105
MARYLAND	135	140	142	1015	1020	1030	137	143	146	102
MICHIGAN	419	419	417	920	930	1025	385	390	427	109
MINNESOTA	890	880	886	1040	1025	1040	926	902	921	102
MISSISSIPPI	130	122	117	655	675	690	85	82	81	99
MISSOURI	314	308	307	945	975	975	297	300	299	100
NEBRASKA	159	152	144	870	870	950	138	132	137	104
NEW YORK	896	917	909	1035	1025	1060	927	940	964	103
N. CAROLINA	152	153	154	875	900	920	133	138	142	103
N. DAKOTA	126	122	119	820	765	775	103	93	92	99
OHIO	407	404	392	970	1005	1065	395	406	417	103
OKLAHOMA	124	121	117	860	840	860	107	102	101	99
OREGON	91	91	90	1065	1070	1080	97	97	97	100
PENNSYLVANIA	687	703	707	950	955	985	653	671	696	104
S. DAKOTA	165	159	156	920	810	850	152	129	133	103
TENNESSEE	218	214	209	820	820	875	179	175	183	105
TEXAS	350	340	318	885	870	940	310	296	299	101
UTAH	78	79	78	1075	1040	1140	84	82	89	109
VERMONT	193	193	191	940	980	1025	181	189	196	104
VIRGINIA	159	158	159	980	1010	1000	156	160	159	99
WASHINGTON	182	182	181	1180	1180	1210	215	215	219	102
WISCONSIN	1800	1813	1810	1015	995	1060	1827	1804	1919	106
OTHER 16 3/ STATES	529	533	525	968	964	990	512	514	520	101
UNITED STATES	11216	11172	11061	969	968	1011	10865	10818	11184	103

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2/ EXCLUDES MILK SUCKED BY CALVES.

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

