

MILK PRODUCTION

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JULY MILK PRODUCTION 4.8 PERCENT ABOVE LAST YEAR

July milk production totaled 10,448 million pounds -- up 4.8 percent from a year earlier and 2.7 percent above July 1974. Average production per cow at 946 pounds was 52 pounds more than a year earlier and 38 pounds above July 1974. Partially offsetting the increase in rate per cow was a 0.9 percent decline from a year earlier in the number of milk cows during July, estimated at 11,050,000 head. Milk cows also declined slightly from June.

Production during the first 7 months of the year totaled 71,990 million pounds -- an increase of 3.5 percent from the same period last year and 3.1 percent above the 1974 period.

MILK-FEED PRICE RATIO DOWN SLIGHTLY FROM LAST MONTH

The July milk-feed price ratio, at 1.40, was 1.4 percent below the June ratio as increased feed costs more than offset increased milk prices. However, the July ratio was still 4.5 percent above that of a year earlier as milk prices have increased at a faster rate than feed prices.

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
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
JUN	11,204	11,153	11,061	947	936	982	10,614	10,435	10,865	+4.1
JUL	11,202	11,148	11,050	908	894	946	10,169	9,967	10,448	+4.8
JAN-JUL TOTAL							69,855	69,522	71,990	+3.5
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, JULY 1976, WITH COMPARISONS 1/

REGION	MILK-FEED PRICE RATIO 2/			ALL MILK PRICE PER CWT.			RATION VALUE 3/		
	JUL 1975	JUN 1976	JUL 1976	JUL 1975	JUN 1976	JUL 1976	JUL 1975	JUN 1976	JUL 1976
	POUNDS			DOLLARS					
N ATL	1.38	1.40	1.42	8.61	9.36	9.72	6.26	6.68	6.85
N CENT	1.28	1.42	1.40	7.72	8.79	8.96	6.02	6.20	6.40
S ATL	1.54	1.50	1.46	9.66	10.30	10.30	6.28	6.88	7.05
S CENT	1.36	1.43	1.38	8.63	9.59	9.55	6.35	6.70	6.92
WEST	1.35	1.42	1.39	8.42	9.04	9.14	6.24	6.35	6.56
U S	1.34	1.42	1.40	8.25	9.11	9.28	6.16	6.43	6.63

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.

JULY 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	94	91	89	610	620	650	57	56	58	104
ARKANSAS	92	90	87	685	715	735	63	64	64	100
CALIFORNIA	790	798	818	1220	1220	1285	964	974	1051	108
COLORADO	78	75	73	1000	1025	1060	78	77	77	100
FLORIDA	200	198	199	785	800	800	157	158	159	101
GEORGIA	130	129	128	730	720	800	95	93	102	110
IDAHO	147	146	141	995	970	995	146	142	140	99
ILLINOIS	261	255	243	885	895	915	231	228	222	97
INDIANA	219	215	210	895	905	950	196	195	200	103
IOWA	407	398	391	910	865	950	370	344	371	108
KANSAS	146	143	140	825	840	925	120	120	130	108
KENTUCKY	296	286	282	755	740	790	223	212	223	105
LOUISIANA	137	136	137	640	640	665	88	87	91	105
MARYLAND	136	141	143	925	900	940	126	127	134	106
MICHIGAN	420	420	417	880	890	975	370	374	407	109
MINNESOTA	888	880	870	885	810	880	786	713	766	107
MISSISSIPPI	130	121	116	615	635	655	80	77	76	99
MISSOURI	314	306	308	905	925	945	284	283	291	103
NEBRASKA	158	152	143	830	860	905	131	131	129	98
NEW YORK	904	914	910	935	900	930	845	823	846	103
N. CAROLINA	152	153	153	850	880	890	129	135	136	101
N. DAKOTA	124	122	117	800	760	760	99	93	89	96
OHIO	406	403	394	905	900	970	367	363	382	105
OKLAHOMA	124	119	117	810	765	830	100	91	97	107
OREGON	91	91	91	1030	1030	1055	94	94	96	102
PENNSYLVANIA	685	697	709	875	855	905	599	596	642	108
S. DAKOTA	163	157	153	850	780	870	139	122	133	109
TENNESSEE	217	216	209	775	775	805	168	167	168	101
TEXAS	350	336	322	845	820	885	296	276	285	103
UTAH	80	80	79	1060	1070	1070	85	86	85	99
VERMONT	194	194	191	900	900	950	175	175	181	103
VIRGINIA	159	158	161	930	940	930	148	149	150	101
WASHINGTON	181	181	181	1160	1150	1180	210	208	214	103
WISCONSIN	1800	1814	1808	925	910	980	1665	1651	1772	107
OTHER 16 3/ STATES	529	533	520	917	906	925	485	483	481	100
UNITED STATES	11202	11148	11050	908	894	946	10169	9967	10448	105

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2/ EXCLUDES MILK SUCKED BY CALVES.

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