

MILK PRODUCTION



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NOVEMBER MILK PRODUCTION 4.6 PERCENT ABOVE LAST YEAR

November 1976 milk production of 9,232 million pounds was 4.6 percent above a year earlier and 6.6 percent above November 1974. Average production per cow at 836 pounds was 41 pounds more than a year earlier and 63 pounds above November 1974. Milk cows, estimated at 11,037,000 head during November, were down 0.6 percent from a year ago and 16,000 head below the preceding month.

Production during the first 11 months of the year totaled 110,691 million pounds -- an increase of 4.3 percent from the same period last year and 4.0 percent above the 1974 period.

MILK - FEED PRICE RATIO BELOW LAST YEAR

The November milk-feed price ratio, at 1.64 was 1.8 percent below a year earlier due to slightly increased feed cost and lower milk prices. The November ratio was 2.5 percent above last month as a lower ration value more than offset the drop in milk prices.

MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION BY MONTHS, UNITED STATES

MONTH	MILK COWS 1/			MILK PER COW 2/			MILK PRODUCTION 2/			1976 % CHANGE 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
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
AUG	11,206	11,139	11,047	867	861	917	9,710	9,588	10,132	+5.7
SEP	11,209	11,128	11,041	815	815	874	9,136	9,068	9,652	+6.4
OCT	11,200	11,116	11,053	812	825	876	9,091	9,173	9,685	+5.6
NOV	11,197	11,100	11,037	773	795	836	8,658	8,823	9,232	+4.6
JAN-NOV TOTAL							106,450	106,174	110,691	+4.3
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, NOVEMBER 1976, WITH COMPARISONS 1/

REGION	MILK-FEED PRICE RATIO 2/			ALL MILK PRICE PER CWT			RATION VALUE 3/		
	NOV 1975	OCT 1976	NOV 1976	NOV 1975	OCT 1976	NOV 1976	NOV 1975	OCT 1976	NOV 1976
	POUNDS			DOLLARS					
N ATL	1.72	1.61	1.63	10.50	10.90	10.70	6.12	6.75	6.55
N CENT	1.69	1.62	1.67	9.65	9.44	9.28	5.72	5.82	5.57
S ATL	1.74	1.64	1.64	10.90	11.10	10.90	6.25	6.76	6.64
S CENT	1.65	1.61	1.68	10.40	10.70	10.80	6.31	6.66	6.44
WEST	1.55	1.53	1.59	9.75	9.58	9.76	6.29	6.25	6.12
U S	1.67	1.60	1.64	10.00	10.00	9.91	6.00	6.24	6.03

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.

NOVEMBER 1976 MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION

STATE	MILK COWS 1/			MILK PER COW 2/			MILK PRODUCTION 2/			1976 AS PCT OF 1975
	1974	1975	1976	1974	1975	1976	1974	1975	1976	
	THOUSANDS			POUNDS			MILLION POUNDS			PERCENT
ALABAMA	92	90	89	605	600	630	56	54	56	104
ARKANSAS	91	89	89	580	600	640	53	53	57	108
CALIFORNIA	798	806	806	1040	1075	1120	830	866	903	104
COLORADO	75	75	72	930	930	930	70	70	67	96
FLORIDA	260	197	200	735	790	800	147	156	160	103
GEORGIA	130	129	129	730	765	815	95	99	105	106
IDAHO	149	146	144	770	855	900	115	125	130	104
ILLINOIS	259	251	242	745	775	800	193	195	194	99
INDIANA	218	214	209	805	785	855	175	168	179	107
IOWA	406	392	392	720	735	800	292	288	314	109
KANSAS	147	143	140	775	780	820	114	112	115	103
KENTUCKY	295	285	281	585	610	635	173	174	178	102
LOUISIANA	134	138	136	580	580	630	78	80	86	108
MARYLAND	138	141	144	920	880	925	127	124	133	107
MICHIGAN	420	420	414	810	840	910	340	353	377	107
MINNESOTA	886	888	870	725	700	750	642	622	653	105
MISSISSIPPI	125	118	116	535	550	565	67	65	66	102
MISSOURI	312	302	308	730	770	760	228	233	234	100
NEBRASKA	156	150	141	690	715	775	108	107	109	102
NEW YORK	915	915	913	800	825	835	732	755	762	101
N. CAROLINA	152	153	153	850	890	920	129	136	141	104
N. DAKOTA	123	120	114	455	460	500	56	55	57	104
OHIO	405	392	396	825	840	920	334	329	364	111
OKLAHOMA	122	117	116	730	685	725	89	80	84	105
OREGON	91	90	91	825	840	890	75	76	81	107
PENNSYLVANIA	687	698	708	785	795	830	539	555	588	106
S. DAKOTA	161	156	152	670	600	705	108	94	107	114
TENNESSEE	217	213	211	660	675	710	143	144	150	104
TEXAS	345	322	318	760	770	825	262	248	262	106
UTAH	80	79	79	910	875	925	73	69	73	106
VERMONT	192	194	193	740	820	820	142	159	158	99
VIRGINIA	159	159	165	865	890	910	138	142	150	106
WASHINGTON	179	180	184	970	1030	1060	174	185	195	105
WISCONSIN	1807	1812	1801	730	775	825	1319	1404	1486	106
OTHER 16 3/ STATES	531	526	521	832	852	879	442	448	458	102
UNITED STATES	11197	11100	11037	773	795	836	8658	8823	9232	105

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- 2/ EXCLUDES MILK SUCKED BY CALVES.
- 3/ INCLUDES STATES FOR WHICH INDIVIDUAL MONTHLY ESTIMATES ARE NOT AVAILABLE.

