

MILK PRODUCTION

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FEBRUARY MILK PRODUCTION SLIGHTLY ABOVE LAST YEAR

Milk production in February 1977 of 9,351 million pounds was one-half percent above a year earlier and nearly 7 percent more than the February 1975 output. Production during February 1977 on a daily basis showed about a 4 percent increase over a year earlier as February 1976 had 29 days.

Milk cows, estimated at 11,013,000 head during February, were down one-half percent from a year ago and 10,000 head below the preceding month.

MILK-FEED PRICE RATIO DOWN

The February milk-feed price ratio, at 1.49, was 2.0 percent below a month earlier and 10.2 percent below a year ago. The decline in the ratio from both the preceding month and the preceding year was due to lower milk prices and higher feed costs.

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>			
	1975	1976	1977	1975	1976	1977	1975	1976	1977	1977 % CHANGE FROM 1976
	THOUSANDS			POUNDS			MILLION POUNDS			PERCENT
JAN	11,202	11,083	11,023	834	867	899	9,338	9,607	9,910	+3.2
FEB <u>3/</u>	11,193	11,071	11,013	782	841	849	8,756	9,308	9,351	+0.5
JAN-FEB TOTAL							18,094	18,915	19,261	+1.8
MAR	11,181	11,060		892	931		9,978	10,302		
APR	11,172	11,058		903	948		10,088	10,480		
MAY	11,156	11,047		966	1,006		10,773	11,108		
JUN	11,141	11,044		937	979		10,444	10,816		
JUL	11,131	11,041		896	947		9,969	10,453		
AUG	11,120	11,041		858	916		9,546	10,112		
SEP	11,109	11,030		817	872		9,072	9,616		
OCT	11,102	11,039		827	874		9,186	9,643		
NOV	11,088	11,039		797	836		8,833	9,233		
DEC	11,087	11,032		843	877		9,343	9,678		
ANNUAL	11,140	11,049		10,352	10,893		115,326	120,356		

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 1977, WITH COMPARISONS 1/

REGION	MILK-FEED PRICE RATIO <u>2/</u>			ALL MILK PRICE PER CWT.			RATION VALUE <u>3/</u>		
	FEB 1976	JAN 1977	FEB 1977	FEB 1976	JAN 1977	FEB 1977	FEB 1976	JAN 1977	FEB 1977
	POUNDS			DOLLARS					
N ATL	1.67	1.47	1.42	10.40	10.10	10.00	6.21	6.85	7.02
N CENT	1.70	1.53	1.52	9.27	9.15	9.11	5.44	5.98	6.00
S ATL	1.69	1.58	1.54	11.00	10.90	10.80	6.50	6.90	7.00
S CENT	1.65	1.53	1.51	10.40	10.30	10.30	6.29	6.74	6.82
WEST	1.57	1.57	1.47	9.66	9.64	9.51	6.17	6.15	6.45
U S	1.66	1.52	1.49	9.79	9.65	9.58	5.89	6.34	6.44

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 1977 MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION

STATE	MILK COWS 1/			MILK PER COW 2/			MILK PRODUCTION 2/			
	1975	1976	1977	1975	1976	1977	1975	1976	1977	1977 AS PCT OF 1976
	THOUSANDS			POUNDS			MILLION POUNDS		PERCENT	
ALABAMA	92	90	87	585	620	635	54	56	55	98
ARKANSAS	91	89	90	560	575	565	51	51	51	100
CALIFORNIA	800	810	807	975	1070	1065	780	867	859	99
COLORADO	75	73	70	865	890	870	65	65	61	94
FLORIDA	199	199	202	780	865	840	155	172	170	99
GEORGIA	129	128	129	765	805	815	99	103	105	102
IDAHO	147	143	142	710	820	810	104	117	115	98
ILLINOIS	257	243	234	755	810	830	194	197	194	98
INDIANA	216	212	209	790	800	820	171	170	171	101
IOWA	405	394	390	745	815	850	302	321	332	103
KANSAS	145	141	140	715	790	800	104	111	112	101
KENTUCKY	291	282	279	580	610	630	169	172	176	102
LOUISIANA	195	137	135	645	650	645	87	89	87	98
MARYLAND	138	138	140	860	850	880	119	117	123	105
MICHIGAN	415	406	401	815	875	890	338	355	357	101
MINNESOTA	885	886	884	875	885	920	774	784	813	104
MISSISSIPPI	126	116	116	530	570	560	67	66	66	98
MISSOURI	308	302	308	650	690	720	200	208	222	107
NEBRASKA	155	146	137	685	725	770	106	106	105	99
NEW YORK	920	915	915	815	895	840	750	819	769	94
N. CAROLINA	153	153	152	790	880	895	121	135	136	101
N. DAKOTA	122	119	113	565	590	630	69	70	71	101
OHIO	404	394	399	805	870	850	325	343	339	99
OKLAHOMA	121	117	116	680	730	770	82	85	89	105
OREGON	91	91	91	750	790	780	68	72	71	99
PENNSYLVANIA	695	709	705	775	815	820	539	578	578	100
S. DAKOTA	164	164	161	660	690	725	108	113	117	104
TENNESSEE	216	211	206	605	665	670	131	140	138	99
TEXAS	344	320	317	730	825	800	251	264	254	96
UTAH	79	78	79	875	900	900	69	70	71	101
VERMONT	192	194	195	735	840	770	141	163	150	92
VIRGINIA	159	160	165	820	850	910	130	136	150	110
WASHINGTON	181	178	180	930	1020	1050	168	182	189	104
WISCONSIN	1810	1811	1798	790	860	890	1430	1557	1600	103
OTHER 16 3/ STATES	533	522	521	816	870	875	435	454	456	100
UNITED STATES	11193	11071	11013	782	841	849	8756	9308	9351	100

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2/ EXCLUDES MILK SUCKED BY CALVES.

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

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