

MILK PRODUCTION



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MAY MILK PRODUCTION 1.7 PERCENT ABOVE LAST YEAR

May 1977 milk production totaled 11,295 million pounds, up 1.7 percent from a year earlier and 4.8 percent above May 1975. Average production per cow at a record high of 1,029 pounds was 23 pounds more than a year earlier and 63 pounds above May 1975. Milk cows, estimated at 10,978,000 head during May, were down 0.6 percent from a year ago and 11,000 head below the preceding month.

Production for the first 5 months of 1977 was 2.1 percent above the same period last year and 6.0 percent above the corresponding period in 1975.

MILK-FEED PRICE RATIO DOWN

The May milk-feed price ratio at 1.44 was 1.4 percent below the preceding month and 3.4 percent below a year ago. The decline in the ratio from the preceding month was due to lower milk prices and higher feed costs. The decline in the ratio from a year ago was due to higher feed costs.

MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION BY MONTHS, UNITED STATES

MONTH	MILK COWS ^{1/}			MILK PER COW ^{2/}			MILK PRODUCTION ^{2/}			% CHANGE 1977 FROM 1976
	1975	1976	1977	1975	1976	1977	1975	1976	1977	
	THOUSANDS			POUNDS			MILLION POUNDS			PERCENT
JAN	11,202	11,083	11,023	834	867	899	9,338	9,607	9,910	+3.2
FEB ^{3/}	11,193	11,071	11,013	782	841	849	8,756	9,308	9,351	+0.5
MAR	11,181	11,060	11,003	892	931	960	9,978	10,302	10,562	+2.5
APR	11,172	11,058	10,989	903	948	977	10,088	10,480	10,741	+2.5
MAY	11,156	11,047	10,978	966	1,006	1,029	10,773	11,108	11,296	+1.7
JAN-MAY TOTAL							48,933	50,805	51,859	+2.1
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, MAY 1977, WITH COMPARISONS ^{1/}

REGION	MILK-FEED PRICE RATIO ^{2/}			ALL MILK PRICE PER CWT			RATION VALUE ^{3/}		
	MAY 1976	APR 1977	MAY 1977	MAY 1976	APR 1977	MAY 1977	MAY 1976	APR 1977	MAY 1977
	POUNDS			DOLLARS					
N ATL	1.47	1.40	1.37	9.47	9.61	9.61	6.45	6.84	7.00
N CENT	1.49	1.48	1.47	8.89	9.12	9.11	5.97	6.17	6.18
S ATL	1.60	1.48	1.46	10.40	10.60	10.60	6.52	7.14	7.25
S CENT	1.50	1.42	1.38	9.75	9.73	9.71	6.51	6.85	7.02
WEST	1.46	1.51	1.49	9.16	9.42	9.36	6.28	6.25	6.30
U S	1.49	1.46	1.44	9.25	9.43	9.40	6.22	6.47	6.54

^{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.

MAY 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	91	88	86	660	660	720	60	58	62	107
ARKANSAS	90	87	89	745	780	790	67	68	70	103
CALIFORNIA	798	812	807	1210	1275	1285	966	1035	1037	100
COLORADO	73	72	69	1010	1030	1055	74	74	73	99
FLORIDA	197	201	200	910	925	935	179	186	187	101
GEORGIA	130	128	129	785	850	850	102	109	110	101
IDAHO	147	142	141	920	915	900	135	130	127	98
ILLINOIS	256	243	235	915	940	965	234	228	227	100
INDIANA	216	212	208	960	985	1010	207	209	210	100
IOWA	403	391	387	920	975	990	371	381	383	101
KANSAS	144	140	140	900	920	960	130	129	134	104
KENTUCKY	287	282	279	810	820	875	232	231	244	106
LOUISIANA	135	137	135	705	720	760	95	99	103	104
MARYLAND	138	138	140	1020	1020	1055	141	141	148	105
MICHIGAN	411	405	402	940	995	1030	386	403	414	103
MINNESOTA	879	874	874	1015	1030	1050	892	900	918	102
MISSISSIPPI	122	117	111	675	690	710	82	81	79	98
MISSOURI	302	307	306	915	950	985	276	292	301	103
NEBRASKA	152	144	139	870	910	930	132	131	129	98
NEW YORK	917	911	913	1015	1065	1050	931	970	959	99
N. CAROLINA	153	154	149	900	920	940	138	142	140	99
N. DAKOTA	122	119	113	765	785	860	93	93	97	104
OHIO	404	396	401	1005	1050	1065	406	416	427	103
OKLAHOMA	121	117	116	840	860	900	102	101	104	103
OREGON	91	91	93	1070	1080	1120	97	98	104	106
PENNSYLVANIA	703	699	700	955	985	1020	671	689	714	104
TENNESSEE	214	209	207	820	875	900	175	183	186	102
TEXAS	338	321	315	875	920	965	296	295	304	103
UTAH	79	78	79	1040	1025	1025	82	80	81	101
VERMONT	193	194	196	980	1040	1050	189	202	206	102
VIRGINIA	159	163	165	1010	1010	1020	160	165	168	102
WASHINGTON	182	181	176	1180	1220	1310	215	221	231	105
WISCONSIN	1813	1810	1799	995	1055	1080	1804	1910	1943	102
OTHER 17 3/ STATES	697	685	679	937	961	994	653	658	675	103
UNITED STATES	11136	11147	10978	966	1006	1029	10773	11108	11295	102

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2/ EXCLUDES MILK SUCKED BY CALVES.

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

