

MILK PRODUCTION

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NOVEMBER MILK PRODUCTION 2.9 PERCENT ABOVE YEAR EARLIER

Milk production of 9,497 million pounds during November was 2.9 percent above a year earlier and 7.5 percent more than November 1975. The production level for January through November is 113,393 million pounds, 2.5 percent ahead of those months in 1976 and 7.0 percent above the corresponding period in 1975.

Production per cow averaged 866 pounds, 30 pounds more than a year earlier and 69 pounds above 1975. Milk cow numbers for November were 10,966,000 head, down 73,000 from a year earlier.

MILK-FEED PRICE RATIO DECLINE IN NOVEMBER

The November milk-feed price ratio decreased from 1.84 in October to 1.76 in November. A rise in ration values across all regions accounts for the decrease. Milk prices either remained unchanged or rose slightly during the month.

MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION BY MONTHS, UNITED STATES

MONTH	MILK COWS 1/			MILK PER COW 2/			MILK PRODUCTION 2/			1977 % CHANGE FROM 1976
	1975	1976	1977	1975	1976	1977	1975	1976	1977	
	THOUSANDS			POUNDS			MILLION POUNDS			
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	11,295	+1.7
JUN	11,141	11,044	10,963	937	979	1,013	10,444	10,816	11,103	+2.7
JUL	11,131	11,041	10,965	896	947	977	9,969	10,453	10,715	+2.5
AUG	11,120	11,041	10,973	858	916	949	9,546	10,112	10,410	+2.9
SEP	11,109	11,030	10,975	817	872	903	9,072	9,616	9,907	+3.0
OCT	11,102	11,039	10,964	827	874	903	9,186	9,643	9,902	+2.7
NOV	11,088	11,039	10,966	797	836	866	8,833	9,233	9,497	+2.9
JAN-NOV TOTAL							105,983	110,678	113,393	+2.5
DEC	11,087	11,302		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, NOVEMBER 1977, WITH COMPARISONS 1/

REGION	MILK-FEED PRICE RATIO 2/			ALL MILK PRICE PER CWT			RATION VALUE 3/		
	NOV	OCT	NOV	NOV	OCT	NOV	NOV	OCT	NOV
	1976	1977	1977	1976	1977	1977	1976	1977	1977
	POUNDS			DOLLARS					
N ATL	1.57	1.76	1.72	10.60	10.90	10.90	6.74	6.20	6.35
N CENT	1.62	1.89	1.77	9.38	9.65	9.75	5.80	5.10	5.50
S ATL	1.62	1.78	1.71	11.00	11.20	11.20	6.79	6.30	6.55
S CENT	1.61	1.81	1.75	10.60	10.60	10.70	6.57	5.85	6.10
WEST	1.55	1.87	1.84	9.56	10.10	10.30	6.15	5.40	5.60
U S	1.60	1.84	1.76	9.89	10.20	10.30	6.20	5.54	5.83

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 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	90	87	85	625	620	655	56	54	56	104
ARKANSAS	89	89	88	600	640	625	53	57	55	96
CALIFORNIA	806	806	814	1075	1130	1175	866	911	956	105
COLORADO	74	71	72	905	920	930	67	65	67	103
FLORIDA	196	202	200	785	815	800	154	165	160	97
GEORGIA	129	130	129	765	830	829	99	108	106	98
IDAHO	146	143	140	875	870	875	128	124	123	99
ILLINOIS	251	238	234	775	800	810	195	190	190	100
INDIANA	214	209	208	785	855	850	168	179	177	99
IOWA	396	392	383	720	805	840	285	316	322	102
KANSAS	143	140	140	700	845	835	112	118	117	99
KENTUCKY	285	281	277	610	605	625	174	170	173	102
LOUISIANA	188	136	132	580	605	635	80	82	84	102
MARYLAND	139	140	140	860	900	910	120	126	127	101
MICHIGAN	408	404	404	865	920	960	383	372	388	104
MINNESOTA	888	878	868	705	760	760	626	667	660	99
MISSISSIPPI	118	115	111	550	560	580	65	64	64	100
MISSOURI	298	309	302	750	745	808	224	230	242	105
NEBRASKA	150	139	137	715	765	800	107	106	110	104
NEW YORK	915	913	914	840	835	870	769	762	795	104
N. CAROLINA	153	153	150	890	910	920	126	139	138	99
N. DAKOTA	120	114	110	475	525	540	57	60	59	98
OHIO	392	399	398	840	885	935	329	353	372	105
OKLAHOMA	117	116	115	685	740	760	80	86	87	101
OREGON	90	91	93	840	890	890	76	81	83	102
PENNSYLVANIA	698	711	703	795	840	880	555	597	619	104
TENNESSEE	213	211	205	675	710	755	144	150	155	102
TEXAS	321	318	314	765	815	850	246	259	267	103
UTAH	79	79	76	875	925	1008	69	73	76	104
VERMONT	194	195	198	820	805	850	139	157	168	107
VIRGINIA	159	165	166	900	910	970	143	150	161	107
WASHINGTON	180	182	177	1030	1060	1200	185	193	212	110
WISCONSIN	1812	1801	1803	775	830	860	1404	1495	1533	103
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STATES	687	682	680	799	842	875	549	574	595	104
UNITED STATES	11088	11039	10966	797	836	866	8833	9233	9497	103

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2/ EXCLUDES MILK SUCKED BY CALVES.

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

