

MILK PRODUCTION

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FEBRUARY MILK PRODUCTION SLIGHTLY ABOVE LAST YEAR

Milk production totaled 9,341 million pounds in February, slightly above February 1977 but 6 percent below the previous month. Average production per cow was 856 pounds, 9 pounds more than a year earlier but 58 pounds below January 1978.

Milk cows were estimated at 10,915,000 head during February, 1 percent below a year earlier and 16,000 head below January.

MILK-FEED PRICE RATIO

The February milk-feed price ratio was 1.70, up from 1.69 in January. The ratio increased in the North Atlantic, North Central and South Atlantic Regions, but dropped in the South Central and Western.

MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION BY MONTHS, UNITED STATES

MONTH	MILK COWS ^{1/}			MILK PER COW ^{2/}			MILK PRODUCTION ^{2/}			1978 % CHANGE FROM 1977
	1976	1977	1978	1976	1977	1978	1976	1977	1978	
	THOUSANDS			POUNDS			MILLION POUNDS			PERCENT
JAN	11,087	11,036	10,931	866	898	914	9,600	9,914	9,988	101
FEB ^{3/}	11,076	11,025	10,915	839	847	856	9,290	9,337	9,341	100
JAN-FEB TOTAL							18,890	19,251	19,329	100
MAR	11,062	11,012		929	961		10,281	10,586		
APR	11,061	11,002		946	976		10,464	10,743		
MAY	11,049	10,991		1,006	1,035		11,110	11,373		
JUN	11,049	10,975		978	1,004		10,806	11,021		
JUL	11,052	10,970		945	975		10,444	10,693		
AUG	11,049	10,976		917	947		10,129	10,397		
SEP	11,039	10,972		870	898		9,607	9,850		
OCT	11,045	10,955		872	899		9,626	9,844		
NOV	11,044	10,952		836	861		9,231	9,429		
DEC	11,035	10,939		877	893		9,681	9,770		
ANNUAL	11,055	10,984		10,879	11,194		120,269	122,957		

^{1/} INCLUDES DRY COWS. EXCLUDES HEIFERS NOT YET FRESH.

^{2/} EXCLUDES MILK SUCKED BY CALVES.

^{3/} THE EXTRA DAY IN FEB 1976 ADDED 3.6 PERCENT TO MONTHLY OUTPUT.

MILK-FEED PRICE RATIOS, MILK PRICES, AND RATION VALUES, BY REGIONS AND UNITED STATES, FEBRUARY 1978, WITH COMPARISONS ^{1/}

REGION	MILK-FEED PRICE RATIO ^{2/}			ALL MILK PRICE PER CWT.			RATION VALUE ^{3/}		
	FEB 1977	JAN 1978	FEB 1978	FEB 1977	JAN 1978	FEB 1978	FEB 1977	JAN 1978	FEB 1978
	POUNDS			DOLLARS					
N ATL	1.42	1.56	1.58	10.00	10.60	10.50	7.02	6.80	6.65
N CENT	1.51	1.72	1.74	9.03	9.73	9.76	6.00	5.65	5.60
S ATL	1.56	1.68	1.69	10.90	11.40	11.40	7.00	6.80	6.75
S CENT	1.48	1.73	1.70	10.10	10.90	10.80	6.82	6.30	6.35
WEST	1.48	1.82	1.78	9.54	10.40	10.30	6.45	5.70	5.80
U S	1.48	1.69	1.70	9.54	10.20	10.20	6.44	6.05	6.01

^{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 1978 MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION

STATE	MILK COWS 1/			MILK PER COW 2/			MILK PRODUCTION 2/			
	1976	1977	1978	1976	1977	1978	1976	1977	1978	1978 AS PCT OF 1977
	THOUSANDS			POUNDS			MILLION POUNDS		PERCENT	
ALABAMA	90	87	85	620	635	625	56	55	53	96
ARKANSAS	88	90	89	570	590	580	50	53	52	98
CALIFORNIA	810	814	846	1070	1060	1060	867	863	897	104
COLORADO	73	71	70	890	875	895	65	62	63	102
FLORIDA	199	201	197	825	790	850	164	159	167	105
GEORGIA	128	129	129	805	815	800	103	105	103	98
IDAHO	143	142	138	820	815	855	117	116	118	102
ILLINOIS	238	234	228	815	830	810	194	194	185	95
INDIANA	210	208	206	795	820	825	167	171	170	99
IOWA	394	390	378	765	860	840	301	335	318	95
KANSAS	141	140	140	790	795	760	111	111	106	95
KENTUCKY	282	279	275	605	615	605	171	172	166	97
LOUISIANA	137	134	129	650	635	650	89	85	84	99
MARYLAND	142	140	136	835	880	870	119	123	118	96
MICHIGAN	406	401	402	875	890	900	355	357	362	101
MINNESOTA	886	878	845	885	925	895	784	812	756	93
MISSISSIPPI	116	116	109	570	570	590	66	66	64	97
MISSOURI	301	307	282	675	700	730	203	215	206	96
NEBRASKA	146	136	126	725	750	730	106	102	92	90
NEW YORK	915	915	914	895	835	875	819	764	800	105
N. CAROLINA	147	152	145	860	895	918	126	136	132	97
N. DAKOTA	113	108	102	630	670	660	71	72	67	93
OHIO	394	399	400	870	855	845	343	341	338	99
OKLAHOMA	117	116	114	730	760	735	85	88	84	95
OREGON	92	93	93	780	800	820	72	74	76	103
PENNSYLVANIA	709	705	703	815	820	840	578	578	591	102
TENNESSEE	211	210	205	725	670	700	153	141	144	102
TEXAS	320	317	314	825	800	830	264	254	261	103
UTAH	78	78	76	900	920	930	70	72	71	99
VERMONT	194	193	193	825	780	830	160	151	160	106
VIRGINIA	172	174	174	810	815	835	139	142	145	102
WASHINGTON	178	179	178	1020	1040	1085	182	186	193	104
WISCONSIN	1811	1799	1810	860	885	890	1557	1592	1611	101
OTHER 17 3/ STATES	695	690	684	839	855	860	583	590	588	100
UNITED STATES	11076	11025	10915	839	847	856	9290	9337	9341	100

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2/ EXCLUDES MILK SUCKED BY CALVES.

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

