

MILK PRODUCTION

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MAY MILK PRODUCTION BELOW PREVIOUS YEAR

May milk production totaled 11.2 billion pounds, down 1 percent from May 1977. Average production per cow was 1032 pounds, 3 pounds less than a year earlier but 26 pounds more than May 1976. Milk cows were estimated at 10.9 million head during May, off 1 percent from last year.

Accumulated production for the first 5 months of 1978 was down slightly from last year, but was 2 percent above the same period in 1976.

MILK-FEED PRICE RATIO DOWN

The May milk-feed price ratio was 1.60, down from 1.62 in April. The decline in the ratio from last month was due to lower milk prices.

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>			% CHANGE : 1978 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 <u>3/</u>	11,076	11,025	10,915	839	847	856	9,290	9,337	9,341	100
MAR	11,062	11,012	10,883	929	961	967	10,281	10,586	10,528	99
APR	11,061	11,002	10,883	946	976	982	10,464	10,743	10,686	99
MAY	11,049	10,991	10,866	1,006	1,035	1,032	11,110	11,373	11,219	99
JAN - MAY TOTAL							50,745	51,953	51,762	100
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 FEBRUARY 1976 ADDED 3.6 PERCENT TO MONTHLY OUTPUT.

MILK-FEED PRICE RATIOS, MILK PRICES, AND RATION VALUES, BY REGIONS AND UNITED STATES, MAY 1978, WITH COMPARISONS 1/

REGION	MILK-FEED PRICE RATIO <u>2/</u>			ALL MILK PRICE PER CWT			RATION VALUE <u>3/</u>		
	MAY 1977	APR 1978	MAY 1978	MAY 1977	APR 1978	MAY 1978	MAY 1977	APR 1978	MAY 1978
	POUNDS			DOLLARS					
N ATL	1.29	1.53	1.52	9.49	10.30	10.10	7.35	6.75	6.65
N CENT	1.41	1.67	1.65	9.04	9.84	9.80	6.40	5.90	5.95
S ATL	1.46	1.57	1.57	10.60	11.10	11.10	7.28	7.05	7.05
S CENT	1.41	1.60	1.60	9.69	10.50	10.40	6.89	6.55	6.50
WEST	1.51	1.69	1.65	9.53	10.00	9.82	6.31	5.90	5.95
U S	1.40	1.62	1.60	9.37	10.10	10.00	6.69	6.23	6.24

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 1978 MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION

STATE	MILK COWS 1/			MILK PER COW 2/			MILK PRODUCTION 2/			1978 AS PCT OF 1977
	1976	1977	1978	1976	1977	1978	1976	1977	1978	
	THOUSANDS			POUNDS			MILLION POUNDS		PERCENT	
ALABAMA	89	85	84	660	710	680	59	60	57	95
ARKANSAS	86	89	89	760	775	750	65	69	67	97
CALIFORNIA	812	824	834	1275	1290	1220	1035	1063	1017	96
COLORADO	72	71	70	1030	1070	1055	74	76	74	97
FLORIDA	200	198	196	920	915	930	184	181	182	101
GEORGIA	128	129	129	850	845	830	109	109	107	98
IDAHO	142	141	140	915	950	970	130	134	136	101
ILLINOIS	237	235	224	945	965	940	224	227	211	93
INDIANA	210	208	207	980	1010	965	206	210	200	95
IOWA	391	387	377	940	995	975	368	385	368	96
KANSAS	140	140	138	920	950	900	129	133	124	93
KENTUCKY	282	279	274	820	875	840	231	244	230	94
LOUISIANA	137	133	128	720	760	795	99	101	102	101
MARYLAND	141	139	134	990	1050	1065	140	146	143	98
MICHIGAN	405	402	407	995	1030	1020	403	414	415	100
MINNESOTA	874	872	825	1030	1070	1065	900	933	879	94
MISSISSIPPI	117	111	108	690	720	730	81	80	79	99
MISSOURI	306	301	282	930	960	975	285	289	275	95
NEBRASKA	144	134	126	910	920	920	131	123	116	94
NEW YORK	911	913	911	1065	1040	1055	970	950	961	101
N. CAROLINA	147	149	144	940	940	945	138	140	136	97
N. DAKOTA	112	108	100	855	900	900	96	97	90	93
OHIO	396	401	396	1050	1065	1075	416	427	426	100
OKLAHOMA	117	116	114	860	900	890	101	104	101	97
OREGON	92	93	93	1065	1080	1100	98	100	102	102
PENNSYLVANIA	699	700	696	985	1020	1025	689	714	713	100
TENNESSEE	209	209	211	935	900	955	195	188	202	107
TEXAS	321	315	314	920	965	990	295	304	311	102
UTAH	78	79	76	1025	1060	1090	80	84	83	99
VERMONT	194	192	189	1025	1035	1100	199	199	208	105
VIRGINIA	175	173	173	965	975	970	169	169	168	99
WASHINGTON	181	176	184	1220	1320	1330	221	232	245	106
WISCONSIN	1810	1800	1812	1060	1110	1115	1919	1998	2020	101
OTHER 17 3/ STATES	694	689	681	967	1001	985	671	690	671	97
UNITED STATES	11049	10991	10866	1006	1035	1032	11110	11373	11219	99

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2/ EXCLUDES MILK SUCKED BY CALVES.

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

