

MILK PRODUCTION

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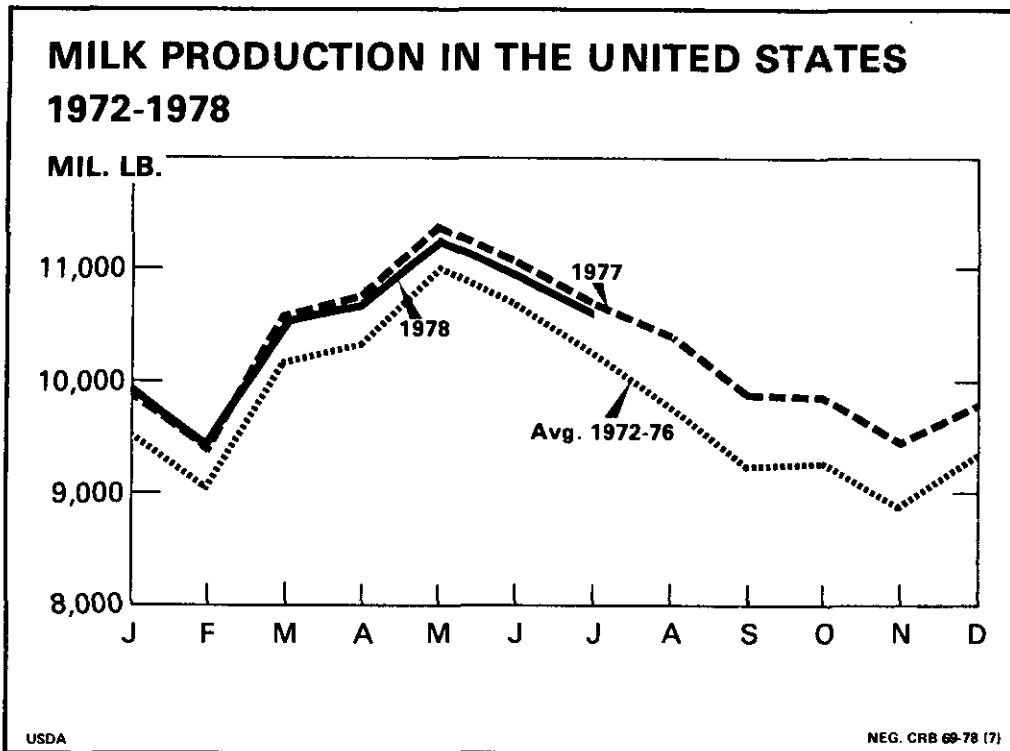
JULY MILK PRODUCTION BELOW PREVIOUS YEAR

July milk production totaled 10.6 billion pounds, down 1 percent from July 1977. Accumulated production for the first seven months of 1978 is down 1 percent from last year, but is 2 percent above the same period in 1976.

Production per cow averaged 977 pounds, 2 pounds more than a year earlier and 32 pounds more than July 1976. Total milk cows averaged 10.9 million head for July, off 1 percent from last year.

MILK-FEED PRICE RATIO

The July milk-feed price ratio is 1.64, up from 1.59 in June and 1.52 for July 1977. The increase in the ratio is due to higher milk prices and lower feed costs.



MILK PRODUCTION IN THE UNITED STATES
1972-78

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
MILLION POUNDS												
AVERAGE												
1972-76	9,507	9,033	10,179	10,311	10,999	10,674	10,213	9,773	9,227	9,260	8,850	9,315
1977	9,914	9,337	10,586	10,743	11,373	11,021	10,693	10,397	9,850	9,844	9,429	9,770
1978	9,988	9,341	10,528	10,686	11,219	10,928	10,598					

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
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	10,886	1,006	1,035	1,032	11,110	11,373	11,219	99
JUN	11,049	10,975	10,854	978	1,004	1,007	10,806	11,021	10,928	99
JUL	11,052	10,970	10,851	945	975	977	10,444	10,693	10,598	99
JAN-JUL TOTAL							71,995	73,667	73,288	99
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, JULY 1978, WITH COMPARISONS ^{1/}

REGION	MILK-FEED PRICE RATIO ^{2/}			ALL MILK PRICE PER CWT			RATION VALUE ^{3/}		
	JUL 1977	JUN 1978	JUL 1978	JUL 1977	JUN 1978	JUL 1978	JUL 1977	JUN 1978	JUL 1978
	P O U N D S			D O L L A R S					
N ATL	1.42	1.51	1.58	9.97	10.20	10.60	7.04	6.75	6.70
N CENT	1.54	1.64	1.69	9.04	9.74	9.74	5.87	5.95	5.75
S ATL	1.57	1.60	1.64	10.80	11.30	11.30	6.90	7.05	6.90
S CENT	1.54	1.59	1.63	9.87	10.50	10.60	6.42	6.60	6.50
WEST	1.60	1.62	1.64	9.57	9.81	9.86	5.99	6.05	6.00
U S	1.52	1.59	1.64	9.49	10.00	10.10	6.26	6.29	6.15

^{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.

JULY 1978 MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION

STATE	MILK COWS 1/			MILK PER COW 2/			MILK PRODUCTION 3/			
	1976	1977	1978	1976	1977	1978	1976	1977	1978	1978 AS PCT OF 1977
	THOUSANDS			POUNDS			MILLION POUNDS			PERCENT
ALABAMA	87	85	84	645	655	635	56	56	53	95
ARKANSAS	87	89	89	740	750	740	64	67	66	99
CALIFORNIA	818	828	842	1275	1300	1260	1043	1076	1061	99
COLORADO	71	71	71	1040	1070	1065	74	76	76	100
FLORIDA	201	198	196	805	790	800	162	154	157	101
GEORGIA	128	129	129	765	755	750	98	97	97	100
IDAHO	142	141	141	985	1035	1060	140	146	149	102
ILLINOIS	240	235	230	920	920	905	221	216	208	96
INDIANA	208	207	207	945	960	940	197	199	195	98
IOWA	391	385	374	910	975	955	356	372	357	95
KANSAS	140	139	138	920	910	880	129	126	121	96
KENTUCKY	281	278	271	775	840	815	218	234	221	94
LOUISIANA	137	132	127	655	675	695	90	89	88	99
MARYLAND	141	138	134	915	965	960	129	132	129	97
MICHIGAN	404	403	406	970	1010	1000	392	407	406	100
MINNESOTA	870	865	825	900	940	940	783	813	776	95
MISSISSIPPI	116	112	106	655	680	685	76	76	73	96
MISSOURI	310	297	280	880	915	950	273	272	266	98
NEBRASKA	143	133	125	890	910	920	127	121	115	95
NEW YORK	910	913	911	920	945	955	837	863	870	101
N. CAROLINA	147	149	142	870	900	925	128	134	131	98
N. DAKOTA	111	107	100	845	890	885	94	95	89	94
OHIO	399	397	392	985	995	1025	393	395	402	102
OKLAHOMA	117	116	113	840	820	825	98	95	93	98
OREGON	92	93	93	1045	1045	1055	96	97	98	101
PENNSYLVANIA	703	699	696	905	955	975	636	668	679	102
TENNESSEE	209	208	212	865	850	870	181	177	184	104
TEXAS	322	314	310	875	905	925	282	284	287	101
UTAH	79	79	77	1060	1060	1075	84	84	83	99
VERMONT	192	191	187	945	955	1010	181	182	189	104
VIRGINIA	175	172	172	925	940	950	162	162	163	101
WASHINGTON	181	176	186	1200	1300	1265	217	229	235	103
WISCONSIN	1808	1802	1811	985	1025	1020	1781	1847	1847	100
OTHER 17 3/ STATES	692	689	674	934	938	940	546	646	634	98
UNITED STATES	11052	10970	10851	945	975	977	10444	10693	10598	99

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2/ EXCLUDES MILK SUCKED BY CALVES.

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