

# MILK PRODUCTION

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## MARCH MILK PRODUCTION SLIGHTLY ABOVE PREVIOUS YEAR

March milk production totaled 10.6 billion pounds, slightly above March 1978. Accumulated production for the first quarter of 1979 was 30.0 billion pounds, 1 percent above the same period last year.

Production per cow averaged 979 pounds, 12 pounds above a year earlier and 18 pounds above March 1977.

Total milk cows averaged 10.8 million head, off 1 percent from last year and 2 percent from March 1977.

## MORE GRAIN AND OTHER CONCENTRATES FED

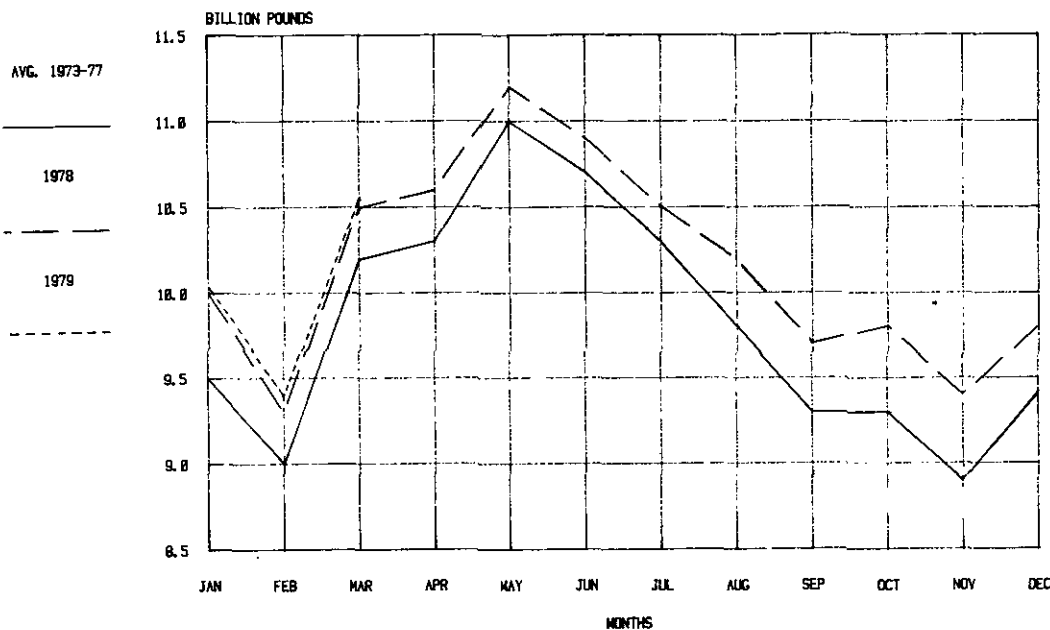
Grain and other concentrates fed to milk cows on April 1, 1979 averaged 15.4 pounds, 0.8 pound above April 1, 1978 and 1.3 pounds above April 1, 1977.

MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION BY MONTHS, UNITED STATES

MONTH	MILK COWS 1/			MILK PER COW 2/			MILK PRODUCTION 2/			
	1977	1978	1979	1977	1978	1979	1977	1978	1979	1979 AS % OF 1978
	THOUSANDS			POUNDS			MILLION POUNDS			PERCENT
JAN	11,026	10,923	10,848	897	915	925	9,887	9,994	10,035	100
FEB	11,018	10,903	10,819	844	852	867	9,301	9,287	9,379	101
MAR	11,004	10,877	10,779	961	967	979	10,572	10,523	10,555	100
JAN-MAR TOTAL							29,760	29,804	29,969	101
APR	10,992	10,844		976	980		10,725	10,631		
MAY	10,978	10,824		1,034	1,033		11,354	11,178		
JUN	10,961	10,808		1,003	1,004		10,989	10,851		
JUL	10,960	10,811		974	974		10,671	10,534		
AUG	10,968	10,821		945	944		10,363	10,213		
SEP	10,963	10,832		896	899		9,820	9,733		
OCT	10,945	10,837		899	907		9,838	9,832		
NOV	10,942	10,837		858	864		9,391	9,364		
DEC	10,933	10,853		895	902		9,787	9,788		
ANNUAL	10,974	10,848		11,181	11,240		122,698	121,928		

1/ INCLUDES DRY COWS. EXCLUDES HEIFERS NOT YET FRESH. 2/ EXCLUDES MILK SUCKED BY CALVES.

MILK PRODUCTION IN THE UNITED STATES  
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YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
AVERAGE 1973-77	9,539	9,013	10,202	10,342	11,014	10,680	10,256	9,847	9,302	9,340	8,944	9,396
1978	9,994	9,287	10,523	10,631	11,178	10,851	10,534	10,213	9,733	9,832	9,364	9,788
1979	10,035	9,379	10,555									

MARCH 1979 MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION

STATE	MILK COWS 1/			MILK PER COW 2/			MILK PRODUCTION 2/			
	1977	1978	1979	1977	1978	1979	1977	1978	1979	1979 AS PCT OF 1978
	THOUSANDS			POUNDS			MILLION POUNDS		PERCENT	
ALABAMA	86	85	83	710	680	670	61	58	56	97
ARKANSAS	91	89	87	670	660	650	61	59	57	97
CALIFORNIA	817	844	862	1210	1175	1150	989	992	991	100
COLORADO	71	71	72	990	1030	990	70	73	71	97
FLORIDA	200	195	189	940	945	945	188	184	179	97
GEORGIA	129	129	128	915	900	900	118	116	115	99
IDAHO	142	139	140	885	935	960	126	130	134	103
ILLINOIS	234	228	237	925	880	875	216	201	207	103
INDIANA	209	204	199	915	905	940	191	185	187	101
IOWA	387	379	370	890	890	895	344	337	331	98
KANSAS	140	139	132	900	855	855	126	119	113	95
KENTUCKY	279	273	259	715	705	735	199	192	190	99
LOUISIANA	134	129	127	775	765	765	104	99	97	98
MARYLAND	139	135	133	940	960	940	131	130	125	96
MICHIGAN	401	400	398	985	1010	1035	395	404	412	102
MINNESOTA	876	839	840	1050	1020	1020	920	856	857	100
MISSISSIPPI	114	110	102	665	690	730	76	76	74	97
MISSOURI	306	279	270	790	780	800	242	218	216	99
NEBRASKA	136	126	118	820	840	880	112	106	104	98
NEW YORK	915	909	903	960	1020	1060	878	927	957	103
N. CAROLINA	146	145	143	940	940	945	137	136	135	99
N. DAKOTA	108	101	96	780	760	790	84	77	76	99
OHIO	401	391	375	950	940	950	381	368	356	97
OKLAHOMA	116	113	111	840	815	830	97	92	92	100
OREGON	93	93	93	900	945	950	84	88	88	100
PENNSYLVANIA	703	699	695	920	955	980	647	668	681	102
TENNESSEE	209	206	207	850	850	820	178	175	170	97
TEXAS	317	313	311	930	940	940	295	294	292	99
UTAH	78	76	77	1020	1040	1020	80	79	79	100
VERMONT	190	191	188	920	960	980	175	183	184	101
VIRGINIA	174	173	169	915	930	940	159	161	159	99
WASHINGTON	178	185	191	1180	1195	1210	210	221	231	105
WISCONSIN	1798	1811	1811	1025	1040	1055	1843	1883	1911	101
OTHER 17 3/ STATES	687	678	663	953	938	947	655	636	628	99
UNITED STATES	11004	10877	10779	961	967	979	10572	10523	10555	100

1/ INCLUDES DRY COWS. EXCLUDES HEIFERS NOT YET FRESH.

2/ EXCLUDES MILK SUCKED BY CALVES.

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

MARCH MILK COWS AND JANUARY - MARCH MILK PRODUCTION

STATE	MAR MILK COWS 1/			JAN - MAR MILK PRODUCTION 2/			1979 AS % OF 1978
	1977	1978	1979	1977	1978	1979	
	THOUSANDS			MILLION POUNDS			PERCENT
ALA	86	85	83	175	167	166	99
ALAS	1.5	1.4	1.3	3.99	3.58	3.10	87
ARIZ	68	68	73	225	227	234	103
ARK	91	89	87	168	167	165	99
CALIF	817	844	862	2,774	2,837	2,797	99
COLO	71	71	72	200	205	204	100
CONN	52	50	48	157	156	153	98
DEL	12.2	11.8	11.3	34.7	33.8	32.0	95
FLA	200	195	189	527	526	518	98
GA	129	129	128	338	333	338	102
HAW	13.0	13.0	12.8	37.2	37.5	37.2	99
IDAHO	142	139	140	367	379	386	102
ILL	234	228	237	613	579	595	103
IND	209	204	199	544	529	535	101
IOWA	387	379	370	993	973	965	99
KANS	140	139	132	355	336	328	98
KY	279	273	259	541	529	523	99
LA	134	129	127	278	272	266	98
MAINE	58	58	56	146	146	152	104
MD	139	135	133	384	378	368	97
MASS	51	49	46	148	146	142	97
MICH	401	400	398	1,143	1,160	1,176	101
MINN	876	839	840	2,550	2,394	2,396	100
MISS	114	110	102	209	207	203	98
MO	306	279	270	677	632	630	100
MONT	27	27	28	69	70	67	96
NEBR	136	126	118	321	297	297	100
NEV	14.3	14.3	15.0	47.5	45.3	45.0	99
N H	31	29	29	83	81	85	105
N J	47	45	41	136	136	125	92
N MEX	31	32	33	101	108	112	104
N Y	915	909	903	2,450	2,600	2,672	103
N C	146	145	143	399	396	398	101
N DAK	108	101	96	231	215	216	100
OHIO	401	391	375	1,076	1,052	1,021	97
OKLA	116	113	111	274	262	262	100
OREG	93	93	93	236	246	244	99
PA	703	699	695	1,845	1,888	1,927	102
R I	5.1	4.8	4.6	13.7	13.9	12.7	91
S C	54	55	49	135	133	124	93
S DAK	171	170	168	410	394	389	99
TENN	209	206	207	491	485	480	99
TEX	317	313	311	823	837	830	99
UTAH	78	76	77	229	224	224	100
VT	190	191	188	490	522	525	101
VA	174	173	169	457	463	464	100
WASH	178	185	191	596	637	664	104
W VA	39	38	36	84	85	84	99
WIS	1,798	1,811	1,811	5,145	5,232	5,361	102
WYO	11.7	11.5	11.0	29.9	28.5	27.9	98
U S	11,004	10,877	10,779	29,760	29,804	29,969	101

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GRAIN AND OTHER CONCENTRATES FED DAILY PER MILK COW.  
IN HERDS KEPT BY REPORTERS APRIL 1, BY STATES

STATE	1977	1978	1979
POUNDS			
ALA	14.4	14.5	15.0
ARIZ	17.0	18.0	18.6
ARK	11.8	13.5	16.2
CALIF	15.9	16.2	20.7
COLO	13.4	15.2	14.5
CONN	15.3	16.2	16.0
DEL	12.2	14.8	14.6
FLA	17.0	17.0	17.5
GA	17.2	18.0	18.0
IDAHO	11.1	11.9	12.5
ILL	14.0	14.2	14.8
IND	13.7	15.0	15.3
IOWA	15.0	14.8	15.6
KANS	15.8	16.3	17.2
KY	13.0	14.1	14.4
LA	14.0	13.7	15.0
MAINE	15.7	15.4	15.6
MD	13.6	14.8	14.6
MASS	13.8	14.3	15.0
MICH	13.7	14.1	15.1
MINN	13.9	13.9	13.7
MISS	14.2	14.3	15.4
MO	15.0	14.0	16.0
MONT	13.0	13.0	12.5
NEBR	13.0	12.5	13.0
NEV	11.0	14.0	13.5
N H	14.0	13.7	13.5
N J	13.2	13.0	14.1
N MEX	15.0	15.0	17.0
N Y	12.6	13.6	14.4
N C	15.5	16.5	15.6
N DAK	11.0	11.4	13.6
OHIO	14.5	15.7	15.0
OKLA	15.8	16.5	16.0
OREG	12.0	13.0	14.0
PA	14.3	15.0	15.4
R I	13.7	15.5	15.0
S C	15.0	14.8	16.2
S DAK	13.0	12.5	13.2
TENN	13.7	14.8	13.6
TEX	17.5	18.8	19.0
UTAH	12.5	14.5	13.6
VT	12.9	13.2	13.3
VA	13.0	13.8	13.0
WASH	14.1	14.5	15.5
W VA	11.0	11.5	12.0
WIS	13.6	14.5	15.4
WYO	11.0	11.2	11.8
U S	14.1	14.6	15.4

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