

MILK PRODUCTION



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MAY MILK PRODUCTION VIRTUALLY UNCHANGED FROM PREVIOUS YEAR

May milk production totaled 11.2 billion pounds, virtually unchanged from May 1978. Accumulated production for the first 5 months of 1979 was 51.8 billion pounds, 140 million pounds above the same period last year.

Production per cow averaged 1040 pounds, 7 pounds above a year earlier and 6 pounds above May 1977.

Total milk cows averaged 10.7 million head for May, down 1 percent from last year and 2 percent below May 1977.

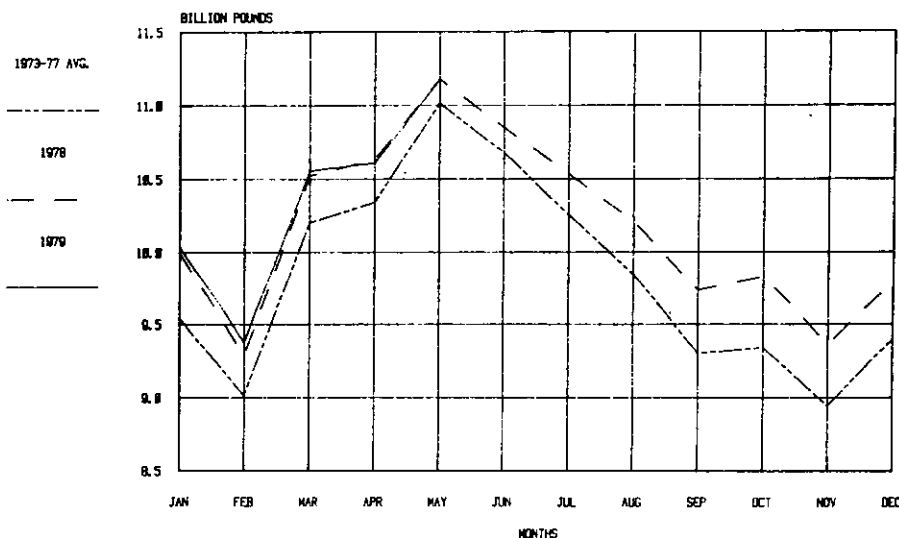
MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION BY MONTHS, UNITED STATES

MONTH	MILK COWS 1/			MILK PER COW 2/			MILK PRODUCTION 2/			
	1977	1978	1979	1977	1978	1979	1977	1978	1979	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
APR	10,992	10,844	10,748	976	980	987	10,725	10,631	10,609	100
MAY	10,978	10,824	10,744	1,034	1,033	1,040	11,354	11,178	11,175	100
JAN-MAY TOTAL							51,839	51,613	51,753	100
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.

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YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
	MILLION POUNDS											
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	10,609	11,175							

MAY 1979 MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION

STATE	MILK COWS 1/			MILK PER COW 2/			MILK PRODUCTION 2/			1979 AS PCT OF 1978
	1977	1978	1979	1977	1978	1979	1977	1978	1979	
	THOUSANDS			POUNDS			MILLION POUNDS			PERCENT
ALABAMA	85	84	83	710	680	625	60	57	52	91
ARKANSAS	88	88	88	765	750	750	67	66	66	100
CALIFORNIA	824	836	865	1290	1230	1230	1063	1028	1064	104
COLORADO	71	73	72	1070	1055	1045	76	77	75	97
FLORIDA	198	194	192	915	925	950	181	179	182	102
GEORGIA	129	129	126	845	850	860	109	110	108	98
IDAHO	141	140	142	950	980	1010	134	137	143	104
ILLINOIS	235	225	233	985	940	930	231	212	217	102
INDIANA	208	203	198	1010	965	1005	210	196	199	102
IOWA	387	377	372	945	975	960	366	368	357	97
KANSAS	140	138	131	950	900	925	133	124	121	98
KENTUCKY	279	270	256	855	835	880	239	225	225	100
LOUISIANA	133	128	123	760	760	765	101	97	94	97
MARYLAND	139	134	129	1035	1065	1055	144	143	136	95
MICHIGAN	402	405	394	1030	1030	1050	414	417	414	99
MINNESOTA	872	825	833	1070	1065	1035	933	879	862	98
MISSISSIPPI	111	108	100	720	730	760	80	79	76	96
MISSOURI	301	275	271	945	975	980	284	268	266	99
NEBRASKA	134	126	119	920	920	950	123	116	113	97
NEW YORK	913	907	899	1040	1060	1090	950	961	980	102
N. CAROLINA	143	144	142	960	945	960	137	136	136	100
N. DAKOTA	108	100	95	915	940	905	99	94	86	91
OHIO	401	384	374	1035	1030	1030	415	396	385	97
OKLAHOMA	116	114	110	900	890	905	104	101	100	99
OREGON	93	93	93	1080	1075	1075	100	100	100	100
PENNSYLVANIA	700	696	685	1020	1025	1050	714	713	719	101
TENNESSEE	209	211	208	985	955	940	206	202	196	97
TEXAS	315	312	313	965	990	980	304	309	307	99
UTAH	79	76	75	1060	1090	1075	84	83	81	98
VERMONT	188	185	188	1035	1090	1100	195	202	207	102
VIRGINIA	173	172	169	970	960	990	168	165	167	101
WASHINGTON	176	185	192	1320	1320	1280	232	244	246	101
WISCONSIN	1800	1812	1813	1115	1115	1120	2007	2020	2031	101
OTHER 17 3/ STATES	687	675	661	1006	999	1005	691	674	664	99
UNITED STATES	10978	10824	10744	1034	1033	1040	11354	11178	11175	100

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