

MILK PRODUCTION

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FEBRUARY MILK PRODUCTION TOTALED 10.1 BILLION POUNDS

Milk production during February totaled 10.1 billion pounds (4.58 million metric tons), 1 percent more than in February 1980 and up 9 percent from February 1979. The extra day last year increased production by 3.6 percent during February 1980.

Accumulated milk production during the first two months of 1981 totaled 20.8 billion pounds (9.45 million metric tons), compared with 20.3 billion pounds (9.20 million metric tons) a year ago.

Production per cow averaged 928 pounds during February, 2 pounds above last year and 66 pounds more than February 1979.

Total milk cows averaged 10.9 million head for February, up 1 percent from February in each of the two preceding years.

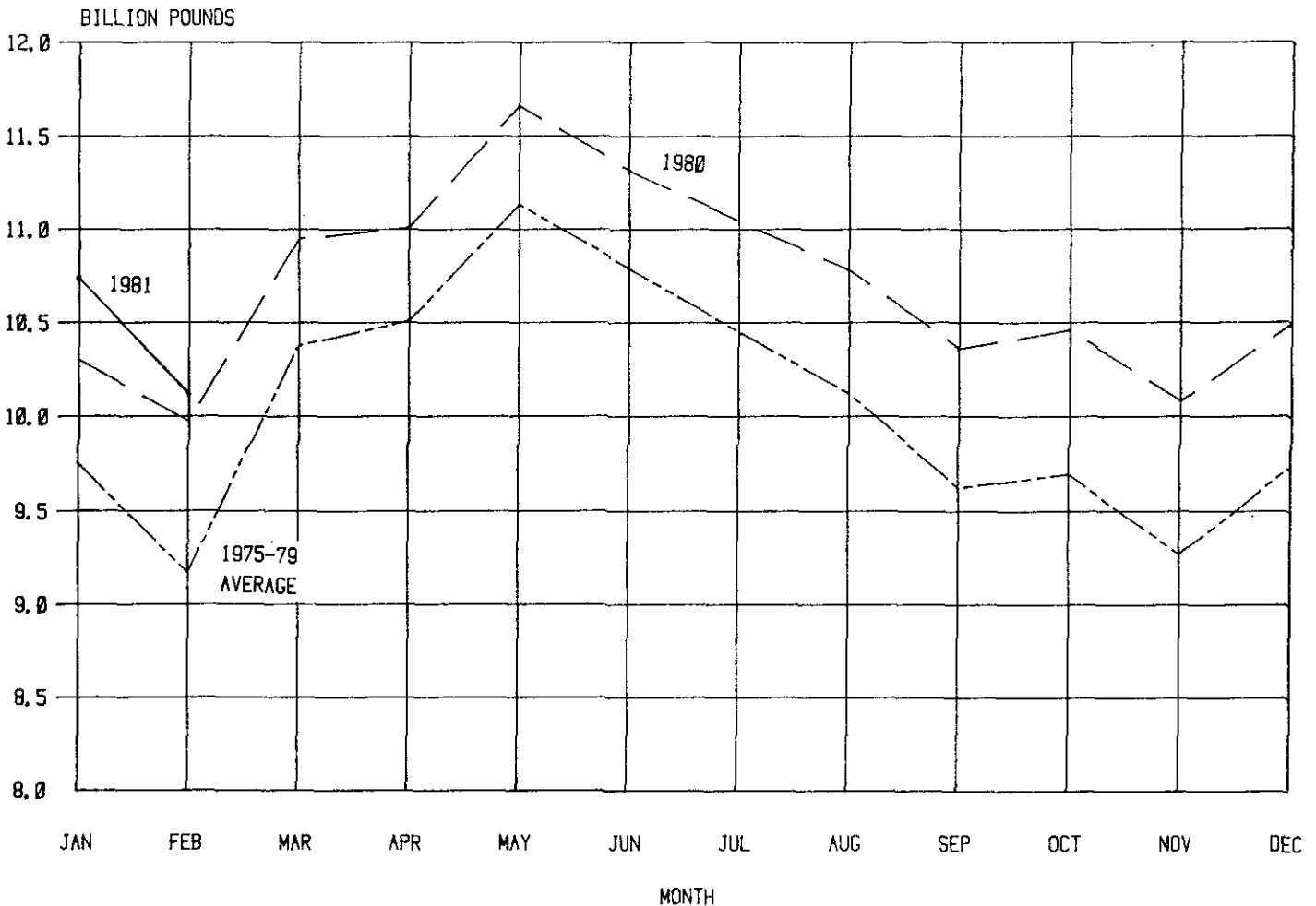
MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION BY MONTHS, UNITED STATES

MONTH	MILK COWS ^{1/}			MILK PER COW ^{2/}			MILK PRODUCTION ^{2/}			
	1979	1980	1981	1979	1980	1981	1979	1980	1981	1981 AS % OF 1980
	THOUSANDS			POUNDS			MILLION POUNDS		PERCENT	
JAN	10,792	10,768	10,874	923	957	988	9,960	10,307	10,739	104
FEB ^{3/}	10,763	10,771	10,874	862	926	928	9,281	9,970	10,093	101
JAN-FEB TOTAL							19,241	20,277	20,832	103
MAR	10,742	10,772		981	1,016		10,534	10,946		
APR	10,721	10,772		989	1,022		10,603	11,013		
MAY	10,717	10,792		1,049	1,081		11,243	11,664		
JUN	10,706	10,800		1,023	1,048		10,948	11,321		
JUL	10,710	10,815		997	1,020		10,683	11,036		
AUG	10,722	10,838		971	995		10,409	10,782		
SEP	10,751	10,849		929	955		9,987	10,364		
OCT	10,754	10,861		936	963		10,063	10,455		
NOV	10,755	10,868		895	927		9,623	10,076		
DEC	10,772	10,872		935	965		10,077	10,491		
ANNUAL	10,743	10,815		11,488	11,875		123,411	128,425		

^{1/} INCLUDES DRY COWS. EXCLUDES HEIFERS NOT YET FRESH. ^{2/} EXCLUDES MILK SUCKED BY CALVES. ^{3/} THE EXTRA DAY IN 1980 ADDED 3.6 PERCENT TO MONTHLY OUTPUT.

MILK PRODUCTION IN THE UNITED STATES

AVERAGE 1975-79, 1980 AND 1981



FEBRUARY 1981 MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION BY MONTHS, UNITED STATES 1/

STATE	MILK COWS 2/			MILK PER COW 3/			MILK PRODUCTION 3/			
	1979	1980	1981	1979	1980	1981	1979	1980	1981	1981 AS % OF 1980
	THOUSANDS	THOUSANDS	THOUSANDS	POUNDS	POUNDS	POUNDS	MILLION POUNDS	MILLION POUNDS	MILLION POUNDS	PERCENT
ALA	74	71	65	675	715	730	50	51	47	92
ARK	83	81	80	630	700	740	52	57	59	104
CALIF	864	884	910	1,015	1,130	1,130	877	999	1,028	103
COLO	71	71	71	880	900	940	62	64	67	105
FLA	189	185	187	885	960	935	167	178	175	98
GA	130	130	130	840	875	860	109	114	112	98
IDAHO	142	148	160	850	955	945	121	141	151	107
ILL	230	233	230	810	875	895	186	204	206	101
IND	198	197	208	830	860	830	164	169	173	102
IOWA	370	372	378	830	860	875	307	320	331	103
KANS	124	122	123	775	810	850	96	99	105	106
KY	262	240	243	585	670	685	153	161	166	103
LA	125	116	112	625	750	775	78	87	87	100
MD	127	124	123	930	960	980	118	119	121	102
MICH	400	397	390	910	980	965	364	389	376	97
MINN	845	850	875	900	900	930	761	765	814	106
MISS	103	99	97	610	655	670	63	65	65	100
MO	267	261	259	740	810	820	198	212	212	100
NEBR	119	120	120	780	810	825	93	97	99	102
N Y	903	910	917	890	945	940	804	860	862	100
N C	131	133	135	930	990	1,000	122	132	135	102
N DAK	96	93	93	690	740	720	66	69	67	97
OHIO	375	375	377	850	890	870	319	334	328	98
OKLA	111	109	111	740	780	820	82	85	91	107
OREG	93	94	96	825	900	885	77	85	85	100
PA	702	713	714	860	960	970	604	684	693	101
TENN	208	214	215	720	800	800	150	171	172	101
TEX	310	315	320	830	900	910	257	284	291	102
UTAH	77	75	78	895	1,020	985	69	77	77	100
VT	186	187	190	870	935	900	162	175	171	98
VA	171	171	172	850	895	890	145	153	153	100
WASH	195	203	201	1,050	1,110	1,100	205	225	221	98
WIS	1,811	1,813	1,822	900	955	950	1,630	1,731	1,731	100
OTH 17 STS 4/	671	665	672	849	923	926	570	614	622	101
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AVERAGE 1975-79, 1980 AND 1981

YEAR	JAN	FEB 1/	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
MILLION POUNDS												
AVERAGE												
1975-79	9,752	9,174	10,378	10,507	11,129	10,793	10,453	10,123	9,624	9,686	9,273	9,728
1980	10,307	9,970	10,946	11,013	11,664	11,321	11,036	10,782	10,364	10,455	10,076	10,491
1981	10,739	10,093										

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