

MILK PRODUCTION

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MAY MILK PRODUCTION TOTALED 12.1 BILLION POUNDS

Milk production during May totaled 12.1 billion pounds (5.47 million metric tons), 3 percent more than May 1980 and up 7 percent from May 1979.

Accumulated milk production during the first five months of 1981 totaled 55.9 billion pounds (25.3 million metric tons), compared with 53.9 billion pounds (24.4 million metric tons) during the comparable period a year ago.

Production per cow averaged 1111 pounds during May, 30 pounds above last year and 62 pounds more than May 1979.

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

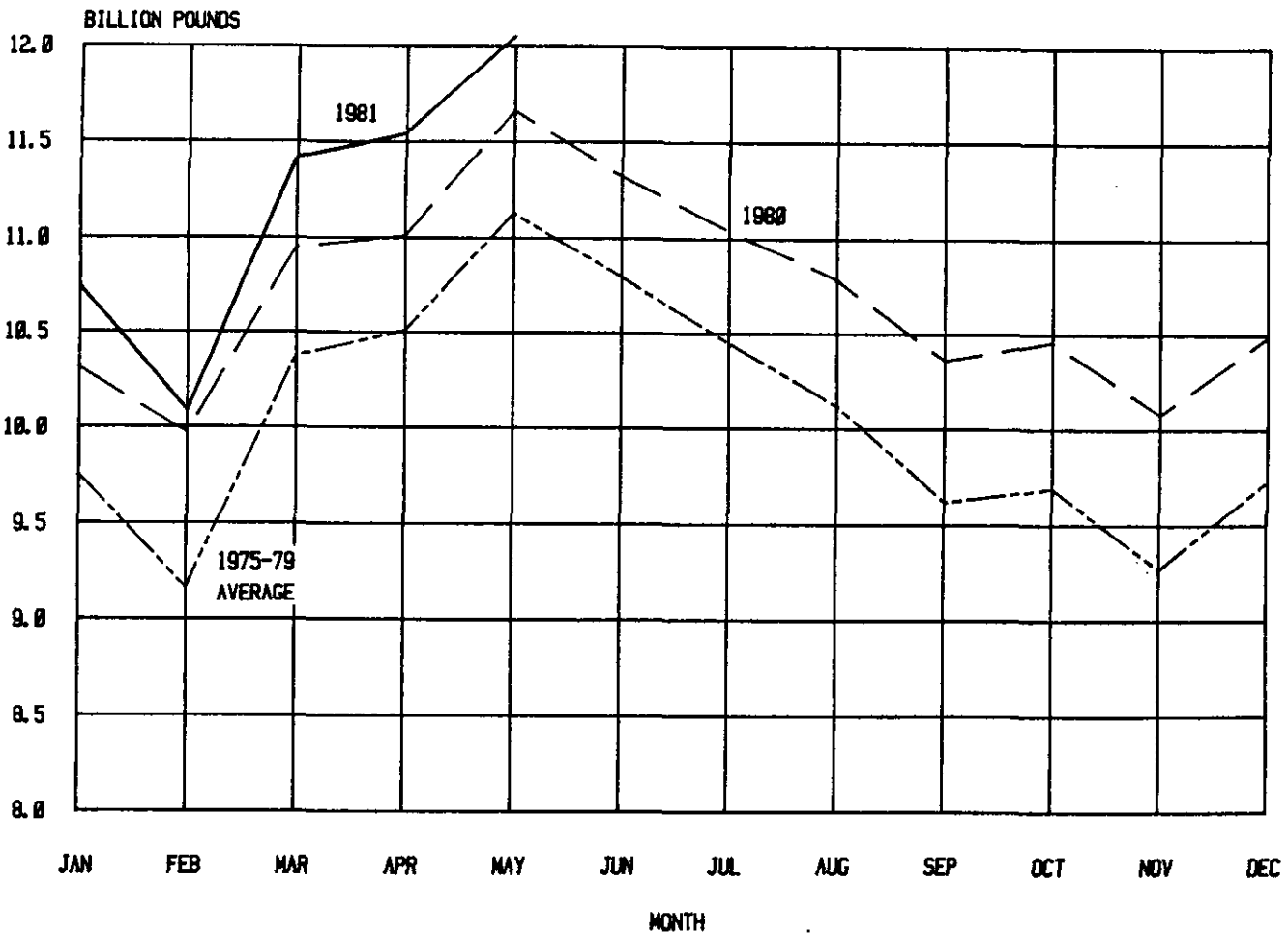
MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION BY MONTHS, UNITED STATES

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
MAR	10,742	10,772	10,862	981	1,016	1,052	10,534	10,946	11,426	104
APR	10,721	10,772	10,865	989	1,022	1,063	10,603	11,013	11,544	105
MAY	10,717	10,792	10,862	1,049	1,081	1,111	11,243	11,664	12,064	103
JAN-MAY TOTAL							51,621	53,900	55,866	104
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



MAY 1981 MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION

STATE	MILK COWS 1/			MILK PER COW 2/			MILK PRODUCTION 2/			1981 AS % OF 1980
	1979	1980	1981	1979	1980	1981	1979	1980	1981	
	THOUSANDS			POUNDS			MILLION POUNDS			PERCENT
ALA	73	68	64	710	760	770	52	52	49	94
ARK	82	81	81	810	850	925	66	69	75	109
CALIF	870	894	908	1,260	1,335	1,380	1,096	1,193	1,253	105
COLO	72	69	71	1,055	1,025	1,080	76	71	77	108
FLA	191	187	187	950	965	1,000	181	180	187	104
GA	130	130	130	875	905	940	114	118	122	103
IDAHO	142	152	165	1,030	1,120	1,150	146	170	190	112
ILL	229	235	233	930	980	1,020	213	230	238	103
IND	196	201	205	1,000	990	1,005	196	199	206	104
IOWA	372	375	379	955	980	995	355	368	377	102
KANS	124	122	122	965	980	1,000	120	120	122	102
KY	256	241	241	830	875	920	212	211	222	105
LA	122	115	112	770	800	845	94	92	95	103
MD	126	123	123	1,075	1,115	1,150	135	137	141	103
MICH	394	396	390	1,060	1,095	1,140	418	434	445	103
MINN	833	855	875	1,050	1,060	1,100	875	906	963	106
MISS	100	98	98	760	770	810	76	75	79	105
MO	266	261	258	980	1,040	1,080	261	271	279	103
NEBR	120	120	121	930	960	1,000	112	115	121	105
N Y	899	908	905	1,105	1,115	1,145	993	1,012	1,036	102
N C	131	131	134	1,040	1,110	1,080	136	145	145	100
N DAK	95	93	93	900	980	1,020	86	91	95	104
OHIO	374	376	381	1,060	1,070	1,080	396	402	411	102
OKLA	110	110	110	890	915	920	98	101	101	100
OREG	93	95	97	1,105	1,145	1,155	103	109	112	103
PA	697	705	706	1,040	1,065	1,130	725	751	798	106
TENN	209	213	213	930	1,000	1,020	194	213	217	102
TEX	311	315	322	965	1,020	1,030	300	321	332	103
UTAH	76	77	81	1,120	1,210	1,190	85	93	96	103
VT	180	186	186	1,100	1,110	1,120	198	206	208	101
VA	169	171	172	1,000	1,030	1,025	169	176	176	100
WASH	198	204	205	1,290	1,310	1,310	255	267	269	101
WIS	1,813	1,814	1,824	1,120	1,135	1,150	2,031	2,059	2,098	102
OTH 17 STS 3/	664	672	670	1,018	1,052	1,088	676	707	729	103
U S	10,717	10,792	10,862	1,049	1,081	1,111	11,243	11,664	12,064	103

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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	11,426	11,544	12,064							

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