
Milk Production



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MARCH MILK PRODUCTION

Milk production in the 21 selected States totaled 10.6 billion pounds (4.83 million metric tons) 3 percent more than production in these same States in March 1987.

Production per cow in the 21 selected States averaged 1,234 pounds for March, 44 pounds more than March 1987.

The number of cows on farms in the 21 selected States was 8.63 million head, 19 thousand less than February 1988, and 97 thousand (1 percent) below March 1987.

During the January-March period the 21 selected States produced 30.6 billion pounds of milk, 84.7 percent of the U.S. production. If the producers in the remaining States not surveyed monthly followed the same pattern as the 21 States, the U.S. production would have been 12.0 billion pounds for January, 11.5 billion pounds for February, and 12.6 billion pounds for March.

JANUARY-MARCH MILK PRODUCTION

The quarterly production of milk for the U.S. was 36.1 billion pounds (16.4 million metric tons), 4 percent above January-March 1987.

The average number of cows in the U.S. during the January-March quarter was 10.3 million head, 1 percent below January-March 1987, and was about the same as October-December 1987.

GRAIN AND OTHER CONCENTRATES FED

Grain and other concentrates fed to milk cows on April 1, 1988, averaged 17.3 pounds, 0.2 pounds more than on April 1, 1987.

VALUE OF GRAIN AND OTHER CONCENTRATES

The value of grain and other concentrates fed to cows on April 1, 1988, averaged \$7.09 per hundredweight, 38 cents per hundredweight more than the April 1, 1987 value.

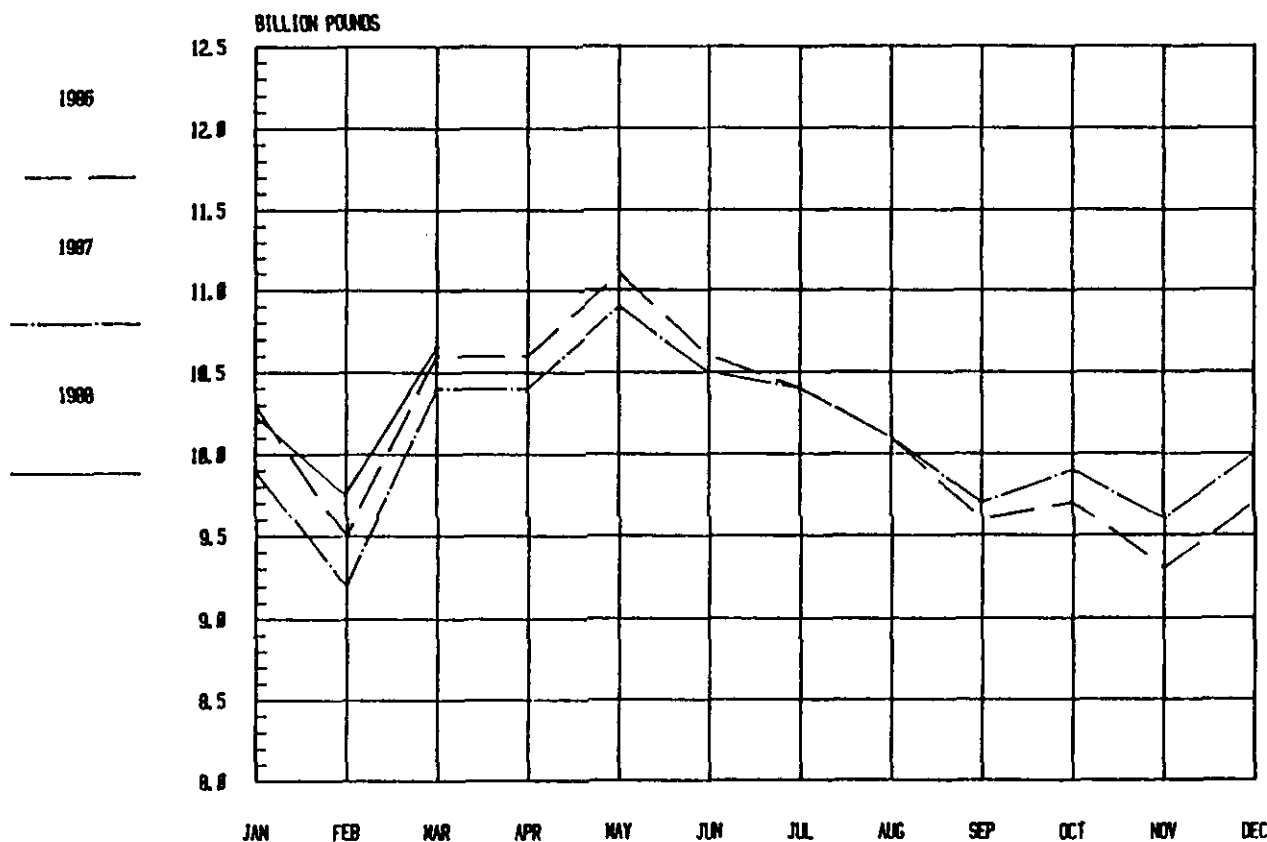
MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION BY QUARTERS, UNITED STATES

MONTH	MILK COWS 1/		MILK PER COW 2/		MILK PRODUCTION 2/		:1988 AS : % OF : 1987
	1987	1988	1987	1988	1987	1988	
	THOUSANDS		POUNDS		MILLION POUNDS		PERCENT
JAN-MAR	10,424	10,286	3,340	3,509	34,814	36,098	104
APR-JUN	10,339		3,617		37,399		
JUL-SEP	10,283		3,453		35,512		
OCT-DEC	10,291		3,375		34,737		
ANNUAL	10,334		13,786		142,462		

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

MILK PRODUCTION 21 STATES

1986, 1987, 1988



MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION BY MONTHS, 21 SELECTED STATES

MONTH	MILK COWS 1/		MILK PER COW 2/		MILK PRODUCTION 2/		
	1987	1988	1987	1988	1987	1988	:1988 AS % OF 1987
	THOUSANDS		POUNDS		MILLION POUNDS		PERCENT
JAN	8,805	8,667	1,123	1,177	9,889	10,205	103
FEB	8,766	8,649	1,052	1,126	9,226	9,740	106
MAR	8,727	8,630	1,190	1,234	10,384	10,647	103
APR	8,713		1,191		10,381		
MAY	8,697		1,259		10,949		
JUN	8,673		1,208		10,475		
JUL	8,663		1,200		10,393		
AUG	8,645		1,173		10,138		
SEP	8,645		1,124		9,718		
OCT	8,653		1,148		9,931		
NOV	8,647		1,107		9,572		
DEC	8,667		1,158		10,038		
ANNUAL	8,692		13,932		121,094		

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

MARCH 1988 MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION, BY STATES

STATE	MILK COWS 1/		MILK PER COW 2/		MILK PRODUCTION 2/		
	1987	1988	1987	1988	1987	1988	:1988 AS % OF 1987
	THOUSANDS		POUNDS		MILLION POUNDS		PERCENT
CALIF	991	1,012	1,495	1,525	1,482	1,543	104
FLA	177	185	1,210	1,225	214	227	106
IDAHO	156	161	1,180	1,270	184	204	111
ILL	213	208	1,125	1,165	240	242	101
IND	198	189	1,045	1,075	207	203	98
IOWA	304	302	985	1,020	299	308	103
KY	219	217	925	995	203	216	106
MD	116	109	1,180	1,180	137	129	94
MICH	363	354	1,230	1,265	446	448	100
MINN	835	805	1,110	1,160	927	934	101
MO	217	223	1,140	1,170	247	261	106
N Y	873	833	1,145	1,205	1,000	1,004	100
N C	112	103	1,270	1,350	142	139	98
OHIO	370	369	1,110	1,115	411	411	100
PA	719	715	1,205	1,210	866	865	100
TENN	203	200	920	950	187	190	102
TEX	325	340	1,200	1,270	390	432	111
VT	174	168	1,200	1,245	209	209	100
VA	148	144	1,175	1,180	174	170	98
WASH	207	216	1,515	1,510	314	326	104
WIS	1,807	1,777	1,165	1,230	2,105	2,186	104
21 STATE TOTAL	8,727	8,630	1,190	1,234	10,384	10,647	103

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

MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION JANUARY-MARCH

STATE	JAN-MAR MILK COWS 1/		JAN THROUGH MAR MILK PRODUCTION 2/		
	1987	1988	1987	1988	1988 AS % OF 1987
	THOUSANDS		MILLION POUNDS		PERCENT
ALA	41	40	138	139	101
ALAS	2.4	2.3	8.91	8.59	96
ARIZ	89	90	366	406	111
ARK	62	72	182	218	120
CALIF	990	1,010	4,188	4,371	104
COLO	77	73	287	296	103
CONN	40	37	145	142	98
DEL	9.7	9.2	36.0	35.0	97
FLA	177	184	610	659	108
GA	99	102	305	320	105
HAW	11.9	12.0	40.4	39.8	99
IDAHO	158	160	535	579	108
ILL	214	209	683	696	102
IND	199	188	589	585	99
IOWA	306	300	901	900	100
KANS	107	104	310	303	98
KY	221	218	566	593	105
LA	88	87	238	253	106
MAINE	49	48	165	167	101
MD	116	111	392	373	95
MASS	37	33	132	124	94
MICH	365	355	1,276	1,308	103
MINN	840	808	2,633	2,704	103
MISS	75	68	212	212	100
MO	217	223	691	726	105
MONT	24	25	76	84	111
NEBR	102	102	321	326	102
NEV	19.0	19.0	66.5	68.4	103
N H	26	22	87	78	90
N J	34	31	111	104	94
N MEX	59	60	237	247	104
N Y	885	839	2,817	2,869	102
N C	112	103	408	398	98
N DAK	92	95	262	285	109
OHIO	370	368	1,174	1,187	101
OKLA	109	108	290	292	101
OREG	92	94	347	361	104
PA	724	720	2,527	2,551	101
R I	3.0	2.8	10.3	10.2	99
S C	45	41	144	137	95
S DAK	149	147	411	454	110
TENN	203	202	524	553	106
TEX	325	340	1,076	1,214	113
UTAH	74	73	269	273	101
VT	176	168	601	606	101
VA	149	144	508	504	99
WASH	206	215	897	950	106
W VA	32	31	89	93	104
WIS	1,814	1,783	5,903	6,266	106
WYO	9.8	10.0	28.6	29.8	104
U S	10,424	10,286	34,814	36,098	104

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

2/ EXCLUDES MILK SUCKED BY CALVES.

3/ MILK COWS WILL NOT ADD DUE TO ROUNDING

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

STATE	1987	1988
	POUNDS	
ALA	17.9	16.9
ALAS	20.0	20.0
ARIZ	20.8	21.5
ARK	17.5	17.4
CALIF	19.5	20.0
COLO	20.0	20.0
CONN	15.5	15.8
DEL	16.0	16.8
FLA	28.0	26.0
GA	19.1	18.6
IDAHO	15.5	16.5
ILL	17.0	16.0
IND	16.9	16.8
IOWA	16.0	16.0
KANS	17.9	17.3
KY	15.8	16.0
LA	17.0	17.0
MAINE	14.8	15.9
MD	16.3	16.4
MASS	17.2	17.7
MICH	17.0	18.0
MINN	16.8	16.5
MISS	17.0	17.0
MO	18.0	19.0
MONT	15.0	15.5
NEBR	15.6	15.0
NEV	16.0	16.0
N H	16.3	15.8
N J	13.8	14.8
N MEX	22.0	23.0
N Y	14.6	14.6
N C	17.7	17.7
N DAK	14.0	15.0
OHIO	16.5	17.5
OKLA	15.6	16.4
OREG	16.0	16.5
PA	16.0	16.5
R I	15.5	16.0
S C	17.9	17.5
S DAK	15.2	14.9
TENN	16.0	16.0
TEX	19.9	19.6
UTAH	14.5	14.7
VT	14.0	14.4
VA	15.6	16.6
WASH	16.9	17.3
W VA	14.3	14.0
WIS	15.7	15.9
WYO	10.8	10.9
U S	17.1	17.3

VALUE PER 100 POUNDS OF CONCENTRATE RATION FED TO MILK COWS,
IN HERDS KEPT BY REPORTERS, APRIL 1, BY STATES

STATE	1987	1988
	DOLLARS	
ALA	6.75	7.70
ALAS	13.00	12.50
ARIZ	6.20	6.30
ARK	6.45	7.40
CALIF	6.45	6.50
COLO	6.10	6.00
CONN	7.50	8.20
DEL	7.40	7.70
FLA	6.80	6.10
GA	6.95	7.65
IDAHO	5.30	5.60
ILL	6.80	8.30
IND	6.90	7.20
IOWA	6.40	6.40
KANS	5.50	6.30
KY	6.80	7.50
LA	7.05	7.70
MAINE	8.00	8.70
MD	7.60	8.10
MASS	7.30	8.50
MICH	5.70	6.00
MINN	6.50	6.20
MISS	7.10	7.50
MO	6.25	6.75
MONT	6.00	6.40
NEBR	6.10	6.20
NEV	7.00	7.00
N H	7.20	8.50
N J	8.70	8.70
N MEX	5.80	6.00
N Y	7.50	8.30
N C	7.90	8.60
N DAK	4.60	4.60
OHIO	6.80	7.20
OKLA	6.20	6.30
OREG	7.50	7.50
PA	7.60	8.15
R I	7.50	8.40
S C	7.40	7.90
S DAK	5.80	6.30
TENN	7.90	8.40
TEX	6.20	6.70
UTAH	5.70	6.40
VT	7.50	8.70
VA	8.00	8.70
WASH	6.50	6.90
W VA	7.80	8.30
WIS	6.70	7.30
WYO	5.70	5.40
U S	6.71	7.09

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