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# Milk Production



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## MARCH MILK PRODUCTION

Milk production in the 21 selected States during March totaled 10.9 billion pounds, 2 percent more than production in these same States in March 1988, according to the Agricultural Statistics Board.

Production per cow in the 21 selected States averaged 1,272 pounds for March, 35 pounds more than March 1988.

The number of cows on farms in the 21 selected States was 8.54 million head, 18 thousand less than February 1989 and 97 thousand (1 percent) below March 1988.

During the January-March 1989 period the 21 selected States produced 31.2 billion pounds of milk, 85.1 percent of the U.S. production. If producers in the remaining 29 States not surveyed monthly followed the same pattern as the 21 States, the U.S. production would be 12.3 billion pounds for January, 11.5 billion pounds for February, and 12.8 billion pounds for March.

## JANUARY-MARCH MILK PRODUCTION

The quarterly production of milk for the U.S. was 36.6 billion pounds, 1 percent above January-March 1988.

The average number of cows in the U.S. during the January-March quarter was 10.2 million head, 1 percent below January-March 1988, and was down slightly from October-December 1, 1988.

## GRAIN AND OTHER CONCENTRATES FED

Grain and other concentrates fed to milk cows on April 1, 1989, averaged 17.7 pounds, 0.2 pounds more than April 1, 1988.

## VALUE OF GRAIN AND OTHER CONCENTRATES

The value of grain and other concentrates fed to cows on April 1, 1989, averaged \$8.36 per hundredweight, \$1.24 per hundredweight more than April 1, 1988 value.

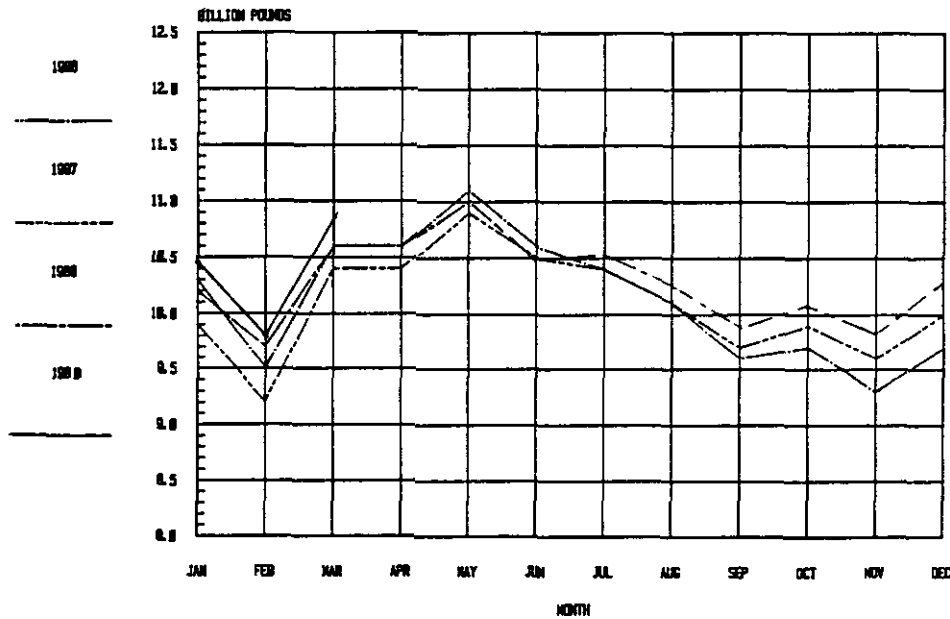
MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION BY QUARTERS, UNITED STATES

MONTH	MILK COWS 1/		MILK PER COW 2/		MILK PRODUCTION 2/		: 1989 AS : % OF : 1988
	1988	1989	1988	1989	1988	1989	
	THOUSANDS		POUNDS		MILLION POUNDS		PERCENT
JAN-MAR	10,286	10,169	3,519	3,600	36,197	36,610	101
APR-JUN	10,252		3,694		37,871		
JUL-SEP	10,218		3,526		36,025		
OCT-DEC	10,208		3,471		35,434		
ANNUAL	10,239		14,213		145,527		

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

MILK PRODUCTION 21 STATES

1986, 1987, 1988, 1989



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MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION BY MONTHS, 21 SELECTED STATES

MONTH	MILK COWS 1/		MILK PER COW 2/		MILK PRODUCTION 2/		
	1988	1989	1988	1989	1988	1989	:1989 AS % OF 1988
	THOUSANDS		POUNDS		MILLION POUNDS		PERCENT
JAN	8,673	8,577	1,178	1,220	10,221	10,465	102
FEB	8,657	8,562	1,135	1,148	9,822	9,830	100
MAR	8,641	8,544	1,237	1,272	10,693	10,864	102
APR	8,624		1,230		10,605		
MAY	8,631		1,282		11,064		
JUN	8,608		1,227		10,562		
JUL	8,601		1,222		10,514		
AUG	8,596		1,196		10,282		
SEP	8,604		1,158		9,967		
OCT	8,591		1,179		10,125		
NOV	8,585		1,140		9,790		
DEC	8,594		1,193		10,251		
ANNUAL	8,617		14,378		123,896		

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

MARCH 1989 MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION, BY STATES

MONTH	MILK COWS 1/		MILK PER COW 2/		MILK PRODUCTION 2/		
	1988	1989	1988	1989	1988	1989	:1989 AS % OF 1988
	THOUSANDS		POUNDS		MILLION POUNDS		PERCENT
CALIF	1,012	1,028	1,555	1,585	1,574	1,629	103
FLA	185	182	1,225	1,320	227	240	106
IDAHO	165	168	1,270	1,290	210	217	103
ILL	208	199	1,165	1,205	242	240	99
IND	188	174	1,090	1,230	205	214	104
IOWA	302	309	1,020	1,070	308	331	107
KY	217	215	945	965	205	207	101
MD	109	107	1,150	1,175	125	126	101
MICH	354	345	1,265	1,305	448	450	100
MINN	805	800	1,170	1,170	942	936	99
MO	223	226	1,135	1,170	253	264	104
N Y	833	804	1,210	1,245	1,008	1,001	99
N C	106	107	1,310	1,350	139	144	104
OHIO	369	368	1,120	1,110	413	408	99
PA	715	704	1,210	1,290	865	908	105
TENN	199	198	950	980	189	194	103
TEX	342	361	1,280	1,290	438	466	106
VT	170	167	1,230	1,240	209	207	99
VA	144	140	1,210	1,215	174	170	98
WASH	217	218	1,530	1,560	332	340	102
WIS	1,778	1,724	1,230	1,260	2,187	2,172	99
21 STATE TOTAL	8,641	8,544	1,237	1,272	10,693	10,864	102

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/		
	1988	1989	1988	1989	1989 AS % OF 1988
	THOUSANDS		MILLION POUNDS		PERCENT
ALA	40	39	143	140	98
ALAS	2.3	1.9	8.59	6.75	79
ARIZ	90	88	401	393	98
ARK	68	68	202	201	100
CALIF	1,010	1,027	4,448	4,627	104
COLO	74	75	294	308	105
CONN	37	35	143	138	97
DEL	9.2	9.2	35.0	32.7	93
FLA	184	182	659	685	104
GA	102	104	335	345	103
HAW	12.0	12.3	40.0	39.0	98
IDAHO	164	168	601	624	104
ILL	209	199	696	683	98
IND	188	176	596	611	103
IOWA	300	309	900	982	109
KANS	104	104	313	312	100
KY	218	215	582	586	101
LA	87	88	252	264	105
MAINE	47	43	164	152	93
MD	111	107	361	368	102
MASS	33	30	123	116	94
MICH	355	344	1,304	1,296	99
MINN	808	805	2,708	2,664	98
MISS	68	68	214	218	102
MO	223	226	723	750	104
MONT	25	25	84	84	100
NEBR	102	102	326	328	101
NEV	19.0	19.0	64.0	65.7	103
N H	22	21	80	76	95
N J	31	29	104	95	91
N MEX	60	63	258	266	103
N Y	839	807	2,895	2,876	99
N C	105	106	400	408	102
N DAK	94	87	273	255	93
OHIO	369	368	1,192	1,200	101
OKLA	108	107	292	310	106
OREG	94	94	361	363	101
PA	720	710	2,551	2,647	104
R I	2.8	2.4	10.3	9.3	90
S C	39	41	129	134	104
S DAK	147	144	431	420	97
TENN	200	199	547	560	102
TEX	341	359	1,220	1,336	110
UTAH	73	74	271	279	103
VT	170	168	607	594	98
VA	144	140	504	497	99
WASH	215	218	957	974	102
W VA	28	25	80	70	88
WIS	1,783	1,727	6,285	6,191	99
WYO	10.0	10.1	29.8	30.4	102
U S	10,286	10,169	36,197	36,610	101

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	1988	1989
POUNDS		
ALA	16.9	19.0
ALAS	20.0	19.0
ARIZ	21.5	17.8
ARK	17.4	17.4
CALIF	20.0	20.7
COLO	20.0	21.5
CONN	15.8	14.3
DEL	16.8	18.9
FLA	30.0	31.0
GA	18.6	20.6
IDAHO	16.5	16.8
ILL	16.0	17.2
IND	16.8	16.8
IOWA	16.0	15.5
KANS	17.3	18.2
KY	16.0	15.8
LA	17.0	17.5
MAINE	15.9	15.7
MD	16.4	16.4
MASS	17.7	14.8
MICH	18.0	17.0
MINN	16.5	16.8
MISS	17.0	16.4
MO	19.0	18.5
MONT	15.5	15.0
NEBR	15.0	15.1
NEV	16.0	16.0
N H	15.8	17.0
N J	14.8	14.7
N MEX	23.0	24.0
N Y	14.6	14.7
N C	17.7	18.1
N DAK	15.0	14.5
OHIO	17.5	15.7
OKLA	16.4	15.0
OREG	16.5	17.0
PA	16.5	17.3
R I	16.0	14.6
S C	17.5	18.0
S DAK	14.9	14.9
TENN	16.0	16.0
TEX	19.6	22.2
UTAH	14.7	16.6
VT	14.4	15.2
VA	16.6	15.5
WASH	17.3	17.7
W VA	14.0	14.6
WIS	15.9	16.2
WYO	10.9	11.5
U S	17.5	17.7

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

STATE	1988	1989
	DOLLARS	
ALA	7.70	9.50
ALAS	12.50	13.00
ARIZ	6.30	7.40
ARK	7.40	8.90
CALIF	6.50	8.00
COLO	6.00	7.25
CONN	8.20	9.20
DEL	7.70	9.40
FLA	7.20	8.00
GA	7.65	9.00
IDAHO	5.60	7.20
ILL	8.30	8.30
IND	7.20	7.80
IOWA	6.40	7.50
KANS	6.30	7.00
KY	7.50	8.90
LA	7.70	8.70
MAINE	8.70	9.90
MD	8.10	9.35
MASS	8.50	9.65
MICH	6.00	7.50
MINN	6.20	7.20
MISS	7.50	9.00
MO	6.75	8.15
MONT	6.40	7.35
NEBR	6.20	7.00
NEV	7.00	9.20
N H	8.50	9.60
N J	8.70	10.00
N MEX	6.00	7.20
N Y	8.30	9.40
N C	8.60	9.80
N DAK	4.60	6.30
OHIO	7.20	8.70
OKLA	6.30	9.00
OREG	7.50	8.90
PA	8.15	9.30
R I	8.40	9.40
S C	7.90	9.15
S DAK	6.30	7.10
TENN	8.40	9.80
TEX	6.70	8.10
UTAH	6.40	7.10
VT	8.70	9.80
VA	8.70	9.70
WASH	6.90	8.50
W VA	8.30	9.50
WIS	7.30	8.60
WYO	5.40	6.90
U S	7.12	8.36