

Milk Production



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June Production Up 3.9 Percent

Milk production in the 20 major States during June totaled 11.4 billion pounds, up 3.9 percent from production in these same States in June 1996. May revised production, at 11.8 billion pounds was up 2.5 percent from May 1996.

Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,468 pounds for June, 70 pounds above June 1996.

The number of cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.74 million head, 82,000 head less than June 1996 but 3,000 head more than May 1997.

April-June Production Up 2.4 Percent

The quarterly production of milk for the U.S. was 40.6 billion pounds, 2.4 percent above the April-June period last year. The average number of milk cows in the U.S. during the April-June quarter was 9.25 million head, 117,000 head less than the same period last year.

Grain and Other Concentrates Fed

Grain and other concentrates fed to milk cows on July 1, 1997 averaged 19.0 pounds up 0.7 pounds from July 1, 1996, but down 0.5 pounds from April 1, 1997.

Value of Grain and Other Concentrates

The value of grain and other concentrates fed to milk cows on July 1, 1997 averaged \$8.73 per hundredweight, \$1.14 less than July 1, 1996.

Note:

Annual feed consumption data in this report.

Milk Cows and Production: By Quarter, United States, 1996-97

Quarter	Milk Cows 1/		Milk per Cow 2/		Milk Production 2/		
	1996	1997	1996	1997	1996	1997	Change from 1996
	---- 1,000 ----		Pounds		Million Pounds		Percent
Jan-Mar	9,397	9,267	4,156	4,200	39,053	38,922	-0.3
Apr-Jun	9,369	9,252	4,231	4,386	39,638	40,577	2.4
Jul-Sep	9,338		4,035		37,674		
Oct-Dec	9,300		4,083		37,966		
Annual	9,351		16,505		154,331		

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.
 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

Milk Cows and Production: By Month, 20 Selected States, 1996-97

Month	Milk Cows 1/		Milk per Cow 2/		Milk Production 2/		
	1996	1997	1996	1997	1996	1997	Change from 1996
	---- 1,000 ----		Pounds		Million Pounds		Percent
Jan	7,846	7,757	1,415	1,439	11,103	11,163	0.5
Feb	7,828	7,743	1,348	1,331	10,549	10,309	-2.3
Mar	7,822	7,736	1,469	1,501	11,487	11,611	1.1
Apr	7,818	7,731	1,441	1,481	11,265	11,452	1.7
May	7,816	7,733	1,479	1,532	11,560	11,847	2.5
Jun	7,818	7,736	1,398	1,468	10,926	11,357	3.9
Jul	7,815		1,400		10,944		
Aug	7,802		1,382		10,786		
Sep	7,795		1,342		10,459		
Oct	7,788		1,391		10,831		
Nov	7,775		1,350		10,499		
Dec	7,765		1,418		11,013		
Annual	7,807		16,833		131,422		

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.
 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

Estimated Milk Production, United States, 1996-97

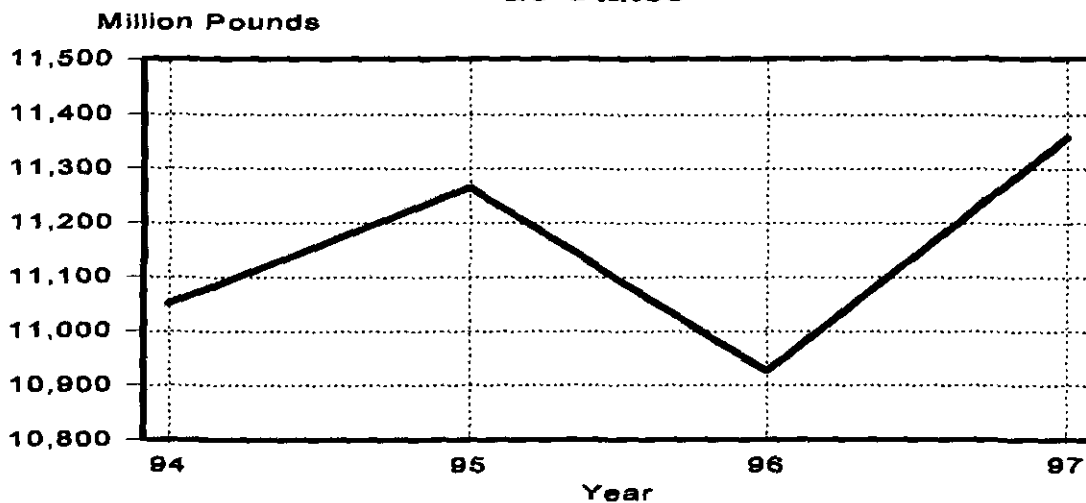
Month	by Month			Cumulative		
	1996	1997	Change from 1996	1996	1997	Change from 1996
	Million Pounds	Percent	Percent	Million Pounds	Percent	Percent
Jan	13,085	13,133	0.4	13,085	13,133	0.4
Feb	12,431	12,129	-2.4	25,516	25,262	-1.0
Mar	13,537	13,660	0.9	39,053	38,922	-0.3
Apr	13,230	13,409	1.4	52,283	52,331	0.1
May	13,576	13,871	2.2	65,859	66,202	0.5
Jun	12,832	13,297	3.6	78,691	79,499	1.0
Jul	12,809			91,500		
Aug	12,624			104,124		
Sep	12,241			116,365		
Oct	12,714			129,079		
Nov	12,324			141,403		
Dec	12,928			154,331		

Milk Cows and Production: By State, June 1996-97

State	Milk Cows 1/		Milk per Cow 2/		Milk Production 2/		
	1996	1997	1996	1997	1996	1997	Change from 1996
	---- 1,000 ----		Pounds		Million Pounds		Percent
AZ	120	128	1,700	1,750	204	224	9.8
CA	1,263	1,288	1,695	1,795	2,141	2,312	8.0
FL	156	161	1,235	1,350	193	217	12.4
ID	255	269	1,570	1,660	400	447	11.8
IL	154	148	1,240	1,320	191	195	2.1
IN	140	140	1,270	1,330	178	186	4.5
IA	249	246	1,285	1,375	320	338	5.6
KY	153	145	940	1,075	144	156	8.3
MI	322	310	1,385	1,490	446	462	3.6
MN	600	585	1,335	1,365	801	799	-0.2
MO	180	173	1,050	1,185	189	205	8.5
NM	194	200	1,630	1,685	316	337	6.6
NY	704	698	1,385	1,410	975	984	0.9
OH	285	281	1,240	1,310	353	368	4.2
PA	643	639	1,360	1,405	874	898	2.7
TX	400	389	1,230	1,205	492	469	-4.7
VT	157	157	1,425	1,405	224	221	-1.3
VA	126	122	1,105	1,215	139	148	6.5
WA	262	265	1,705	1,720	447	456	2.0
WI	1,455	1,392	1,305	1,390	1,899	1,935	1.9
20 State:							
Total	7,818	7,736	1,398	1,468	10,926	11,357	3.9

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.
 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

June Milk Production, 1994-1997
 20 States

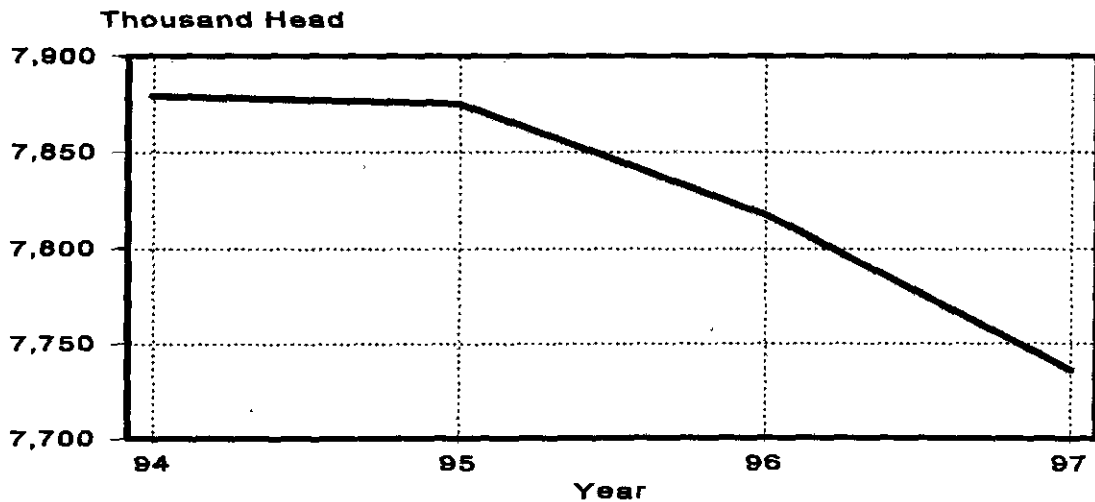


Milk Cows and Production: By State, May 1996-97 1/

State	Milk Cows 2/		Milk per Cow 3/		Milk Production 3/		Change :from 1996
	1996	1997	1996	1997	1996	1997	
	---- 1,000 ----		Pounds		Million Pounds		Percent
AZ	119	128	1,905	1,915	227	245	7.9
CA	1,262	1,284	1,770	1,885	2,234	2,420	8.3
FL	157	162	1,380	1,430	217	232	6.9
ID	252	267	1,590	1,670	401	446	11.2
IL	155	148	1,320	1,350	205	200	-2.4
IN	140	140	1,350	1,380	189	193	2.1
IA	249	247	1,330	1,400	331	346	4.5
KY	155	145	1,085	1,170	168	170	1.2
MI	322	308	1,470	1,540	473	474	0.2
MN	595	585	1,395	1,415	830	828	-0.2
MO	182	173	1,255	1,310	228	227	-0.4
NM	194	200	1,735	1,760	337	352	4.5
NY	703	698	1,450	1,460	1,019	1,019	0.0
OH	285	283	1,360	1,380	388	391	0.8
PA	643	639	1,460	1,480	939	946	0.7
TX	400	389	1,425	1,370	570	533	-6.5
VT	155	156	1,445	1,450	224	226	0.9
VA	126	122	1,245	1,345	157	164	4.5
WA	262	266	1,750	1,770	459	471	2.6
WI	1,460	1,393	1,345	1,410	1,964	1,964	0.0
20 State:							
Total	7,816	7,733	1,479	1,532	11,560	11,847	2.5

1/ 1997 revised. 2/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.
 3/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

June Milk Cows, 1994-1997
 20 States



Milk Cows and Production: By State and United States
 Revised January-March 1996-1997

State	Jan-Mar Milk Cows 1/		Jan-Mar Milk Production 2/		Change :from 1996
	1996	1997	1996	1997	
	---- 1,000 ----		-- Million Pounds --		Percent
AL	32	31	127	115	-9.4
AK	0.8	0.8	3.1	3.52	13.5
AZ	118	124	653	709	8.6
AR	59	56	186	176	-5.4
CA	1,260	1,273	6,282	6,574	4.6
CO	83	85	396	422	6.6
CT	31	29	133	123	-7.5
DE	9.7	10.5	37.4	41	9.6
FL	155	160	666	716	7.5
GA	97	97	412	412	0.0
HI	9.6	9.5	33.4	31.7	-5.1
ID	246	266	1073	1,173	9.3
IL	157	149	610	582	-4.6
IN	140	140	550	533	-3.1
IA	250	249	934	960	2.8
KS	85	82	310	330	6.5
KY	157	149	485	469	-3.3
LA	78	78	233	223	-4.3
ME	40	39	161	162	0.6
MD	89	86	338	340	0.6
MA	27	26	111	107	-3.6
MI	323	309	1,380	1,350	-2.2
MN	598	592	2,420	2,361	-2.4
MS	53	48	182	183	0.5
MO	184	174	651	600	-7.8
MT	20	19	75	74	-1.3
NE	69	69	268	265	-1.1
NV	24	26	107	117	9.3
NH	20	19	85	82	-3.5
NJ	23	21	78	75	-3.8
NM	193	198	919	981	6.7
NY	700	700	2,940	2,835	-3.6
NC	83	77	344	325	-5.5
ND	63	59	208	183	-12.0
OH	285	284	1,139	1,124	-1.3
OK	97	97	325	325	0.0
OR	94	92	394	386	-2.0
PA	646	640	2,723	2,651	-2.6
RI	2.1	2	8	8.2	2.5
SC	26	26	105	107	1.9
SD	113	106	375	339	-9.6
TN	119	114	433	422	-2.5
TX	400	390	1,682	1,611	-4.2
UT	90	92	358	376	5.0
VT	157	155	650	636	-2.2
VA	127	124	467	469	0.4
WA	263	266	1,278	1,301	1.8
WV	21	19	68	65	-4.4
WI	1,472	1,404	5,637	5,448	-3.4
WY	6	6.1	20.4	20.7	1.5
US 3/	9,397	9,267	39,053	38,922	-0.3

- 1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.
 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.
 3/ Milk cows will not add due to rounding.

Milk Cows and Production: By State and United States
Preliminary April-June 1996-97

State	Apr-Jun Milk Cows 1/		Apr-Jun Milk Production 2/		Change :from 1996
	1996	1997	1996	1997	
	---- 1,000 ----		-- Million Pounds --		Percent
AL	32	31	115	110	-4.3
AK	0.8	0.9	3.33	3.77	13.2
AZ	119	128	658	720	9.4
AR	58	56	174	174	0.0
CA	1,262	1,284	6,544	7,094	8.4
CO	84	85	413	435	5.3
CT	30	29	128	124	-3.1
DE	9.5	10.9	36.3	42.7	17.6
FL	157	162	631	685	8.6
GA	96	97	382	392	2.6
HI	9.3	9.1	34.6	33.2	-4.0
ID	252	267	1172	1,304	11.3
IL	155	148	602	595	-1.2
IN	140	140	552	562	1.8
IA	249	247	971	1,019	4.9
KS	83	82	300	330	10.0
KY	155	145	480	492	2.5
LA	78	78	222	216	-2.7
ME	40	40	166	169	1.8
MD	86	86	336	342	1.8
MA	27	26	111	109	-1.8
MI	322	308	1,383	1,390	0.5
MN	597	587	2,434	2,415	-0.8
MS	52	47	176	176	0.0
MO	182	173	648	653	0.8
MT	20	19	77	78	1.3
NE	69	70	260	273	5.0
NV	25	26	119	117	-1.7
NH	20	19	85	83	-2.4
NJ	22	21	77	76	-1.3
NM	194	200	975	1,028	5.4
NY	702	698	2,988	2,980	-0.3
NC	81	76	333	316	-5.1
ND	63	57	214	188	-12.1
OH	285	282	1,123	1,134	1.0
OK	98	97	330	330	0.0
OR	93	92	416	415	-0.2
PA	643	639	2,736	2,767	1.1
RI	2	2	8	8.4	5.0
SC	26	26	96	105	9.4
SD	112	106	377	357	-5.3
TN	116	113	415	423	1.9
TX	400	389	1,640	1,543	-5.9
UT	92	93	397	407	2.5
VT	156	156	666	664	-0.3
VA	126	122	453	472	4.2
WA	262	265	1,342	1,378	2.7
WV	20	18	64	67	4.7
WI	1,460	1,393	5,753	5,761	0.1
WY	6	6.1	21.3	21.4	0.5
US 3/	9,369	9,252	39,638	40,577	2.4

- 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: Quantity Fed Daily and Value
By State and United States, July 1, 1996-97

State	: Grain and Other Concentrates : Value per 100 Pounds of Concentrate		: Fed Daily per Milk Cow : Ration Fed to Milk Cows	
	: 1996	: 1997	: 1996	: 1997
	: Pounds		: Dollars	
AL	18.4	19.3	10.90	9.60
AK	19.5	19.5	14.20	14.80
AZ	21.5	24.0	9.30	7.50
AR	17.1	17.4	10.10	9.20
CA	21.0	21.5	9.30	8.40
CO	21.0	22.5	9.80	8.10
CT	17.0	16.0	11.40	10.25
DE	14.6	15.0	10.20	9.80
FL	25.0	31.0	8.50	7.20
GA	21.1	22.0	10.10	8.90
ID	23.0	23.5	9.10	7.80
IL	15.4	16.5	10.80	9.40
IN	16.4	16.6	10.10	8.70
IA	16.4	15.9	10.20	7.85
KS	19.0	19.0	10.80	8.90
KY	14.4	16.7	11.00	9.30
LA	18.7	18.7	10.70	9.65
ME	15.5	16.0	11.70	10.75
MD	14.0	15.8	10.60	10.50
MA	14.0	14.5	11.40	10.90
MI	18.0	21.0	9.00	8.60
MN	16.8	17.1	10.20	8.60
MS	17.1	17.3	9.60	9.50
MO	17.5	17.5	9.00	8.30
MT	17.8	17.2	9.30	8.30
NE	15.5	15.8	9.40	7.00
NV	21.0	22.0	10.50	9.50
NH	14.5	15.5	11.70	10.75
NJ	14.5	14.6	12.60	11.10
NM	27.0	26.1	8.30	7.55
NY	14.5	14.7	11.60	10.70
NC	17.6	17.9	11.30	10.10
ND	15.6	15.5	8.10	6.35
OH	16.5	17.7	10.80	9.70
OK	18.5	19.1	10.00	8.65
OR	18.0	18.0	10.00	9.80
PA	16.5	17.0	10.90	10.20
RI	14.5	15.0	11.00	10.00
SC	19.5	21.5	9.60	9.15
SD	15.3	16.1	8.90	7.10
TN	16.0	16.0	11.40	10.40
TX	21.7	21.1	10.20	9.00
UT	17.3	17.1	9.80	8.50
VT	15.0	15.5	11.40	10.05
VA	17.7	16.1	10.20	9.50
WA	20.0	21.0	9.65	8.90
WV	13.2	15.0	10.80	10.50
WI	18.8	16.3	8.85	7.80
WY	12.7	14.2	8.50	7.00
US	18.3	19.0	9.87	8.73

Grain and Other Concentrates: Quantity Fed Annually and Value
by State and United States, 1995

State	Annual Quantity			Annual Average Value of Feed per Cwt	Annual Average Feed Value per Cwt of Milk
	Total	Per Cow	Per Cwt		
	1,000 Tons	Pounds		Dollars	
AL	117	6,950	49	8.56	4.19
AK	3	7,140	42	13.80	5.84
AZ	468	8,220	42	7.78	3.30
AR	202	6,710	55	8.79	4.80
CA	4,691	7,480	37	7.96	2.95
CO	332	8,040	43	7.18	3.11
CT	99	6,250	38	9.01	3.43
DE	30	5,950	41	8.92	3.63
FL	726	8,970	61	7.43	4.54
GA	437	8,710	56	7.92	4.40
ID	949	8,170	45	7.16	3.26
IL	489	6,090	41	8.10	3.30
IN	453	6,300	41	7.79	3.21
IA	790	6,290	39	7.06	2.74
KS	288	7,050	49	7.52	3.68
KY	485	5,990	48	8.76	4.20
LA	268	6,760	59	8.35	4.96
ME	117	5,930	37	9.09	3.33
MD	255	5,600	38	8.76	3.32
MA	80	5,760	36	9.05	3.27
MI	1,058	6,490	38	7.24	2.77
MN	1,930	6,440	41	7.58	3.11
MS	177	6,450	50	8.28	4.11
MO	661	6,940	49	7.91	3.86
MT	64	6,150	41	7.33	3.03
NE	228	6,210	42	7.38	3.07
NV	88	7,430	41	8.18	3.36
NH	60	6,030	37	8.94	3.31
NJ	63	5,430	39	8.69	3.36
NM	904	9,480	50	6.62	3.31
NY	1,973	5,610	34	9.24	3.16
NC	288	6,690	41	9.04	3.73
ND	194	6,020	46	6.20	2.82
OH	919	6,370	40	8.30	3.33
OK	353	7,250	54	8.12	4.39
OR	353	7,260	42	9.05	3.79
PA	1,908	5,940	36	9.33	3.38
RI	6	5,610	38	9.11	3.45
SC	92	6,950	48	8.03	3.83
SD	364	6,160	46	6.67	3.06
TN	394	6,230	45	9.10	4.06
TX	1,618	8,080	53	7.32	3.87
UT	287	6,530	39	7.78	3.05
VT	458	5,840	36	9.01	3.25
VA	380	5,900	39	8.83	3.40
WA	1,005	7,570	38	8.18	3.14
WV	58	5,450	43	9.12	3.92
WI	4,821	6,470	42	6.98	2.94
WY	14	4,650	33	6.84	2.29
US 1/	31,997	6,771	41.2	7.88	3.25

1/ Will not add due to rounding.

Grain and Other Concentrates: Quantity Fed Annually and Value
by State and United States, 1996

State	Annual Quantity			Annual Average	
	Fed to Milk Cows	Value of	Annual Average	Feed Value	Annual Average
	Total	Per Cow	Per Cwt	Feed per	per Cwt
		of Milk	of Milk	Cwt	of Milk
	1,000 Tons	Pounds		Dollars	
AL	107	6,780	50	10.12	5.04
AK	3	7,090	42	14.18	5.95
AZ	459	7,620	37	8.75	3.25
AR	190	6,630	55	9.68	5.34
CA	4,652	7,360	36	8.92	3.22
CO	325	7,780	40	8.86	3.58
CT	94	6,300	38	10.95	4.18
DE	27	5,500	38	9.44	3.54
FL	721	9,230	60	8.18	4.93
GA	409	8,430	55	9.54	5.27
ID	1,090	8,510	46	8.20	3.78
IL	467	6,060	40	9.40	3.77
IN	434	6,190	40	9.26	3.71
IA	746	5,970	39	8.72	3.42
KS	289	7,020	48	9.38	4.49
KY	457	5,960	49	10.23	5.01
LA	272	6,980	65	10.06	6.58
ME	116	5,830	36	11.02	3.92
MD	238	5,510	36	9.76	3.55
MA	76	5,660	35	10.88	3.85
MI	1,086	6,790	40	8.29	3.33
MN	1,885	6,310	40	9.06	3.59
MS	169	6,610	51	9.46	4.82
MO	598	6,680	49	9.04	4.41
MT	63	6,290	41	8.54	3.54
NE	210	6,090	40	8.32	3.31
NV	97	7,710	41	9.69	3.95
NH	58	5,970	35	10.86	3.85
NJ	60	5,400	40	11.51	4.58
NM	953	9,800	51	7.88	4.00
NY	1,901	5,420	33	10.92	3.63
NC	270	6,680	42	10.54	4.42
ND	186	5,970	46	7.22	3.29
OH	897	6,290	41	9.60	3.93
OK	344	7,120	55	9.44	5.18
OR	322	6,920	40	9.82	3.96
PA	2,021	6,280	38	10.46	3.97
RI	6	5,460	35	10.72	3.77
SC	99	7,620	52	9.33	4.81
SD	338	6,050	46	7.92	3.63
TN	356	6,130	44	10.76	4.79
TX	1,620	8,150	53	9.38	4.94
UT	286	6,290	37	9.19	3.44
VT	454	5,810	35	10.89	3.81
VA	362	5,730	40	10.16	4.11
WA	976	7,400	37	9.36	3.42
WV	52	5,170	41	10.42	4.28
WI	4,809	6,640	43	8.21	3.51
WY	15	4,780	34	7.91	2.72
US 1/	31,665	6,777	41.1	9.17	3.77

1/ Will not add due to rounding.

Reliability Statement

Survey Procedures: Primary data used to determine these estimates were obtained from a sample of producers. Individual States maintain a list of all known milk producers and information on the size of their herd. States use all known sources of producers to ensure that their lists are as complete as possible. Generally, all large producers and a sample of small producers are included in the survey. Questionnaires are mailed to producers near the end of the month to obtain data for the first day of the month. Additional reports are obtained by telephone, as needed, to supplement the mail response.

Estimation Procedures: State offices prepare these estimates using survey indications, historic trends, and any available administrative data. Individual State estimates are reviewed by the Agricultural Statistics Board for reasonableness.

Revision Policy: Milk production, rate per cow, and number of cows are subject to revision the following month for monthly States or the following quarter for the quarterly States. Normally, Federal Market Order sales are the main basis for revisions. However, data for all orders are not available in time for this revision. Estimates are again subject to revisions in February each year based on additional administrative data. In the event that additional changes are necessary, a third revision is possible in February the following year. Estimates are again reviewed after data from the five-year Census of Agriculture are available. No revisions are made after that date.

Reliability: Since all operations with dairy animals are not included in the sample, survey estimates are subject to sampling variability. Survey results are also subject to non-sampling errors such as omissions, duplications, and mistakes in reporting, recording, and processing the data. The effects of these errors cannot be measured directly. They are minimized through rigid quality controls in the data collection process and through a careful review of all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

To assist users in evaluating the reliability of the estimates in this report, the "**Root Mean Square Error**" is shown for selected items on the next page. The "Root Mean Square Error" is a statistical measure based on past performance and is computed using the differences between first and final estimates. The "Root Mean Square Error" for milk cow inventory estimates over the past 10 quarters is 1.1 percent. This means that chances are 2 out of 3 that the final April-June estimate will not be above or below the current estimate of 9.25 million head by more than 1.1 percent, or about 102,000 head. Chances are 9 out of 10 that the difference will not exceed 2.1 percent, or about 194,000 head (the 90 percent confidence level).

Reliability of April-June Milk Estimates 1/

Item	Root Mean Square Error	90% Confidence Level	Difference Between First and Final Estimates 1/				Number of Quarters	
			Average	Smallest	Largest	Above	Below	
						Final	Final	
	- Percent -		Mil Lbs.			- Number -		
Milk Production	0.5	1.0	406	172	22	426	8 2	
			----- 1,000 Head -----					
All Milk Cows	1.1	2.1	194	95	8	188	10 0	

1/ Based on records for the past 10 April-June quarters.

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