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Due primarily to the low prices being received for dairy products in comparison with present feed costs, milk cows are being fed less liberally than in any recent year and milk production per cow is correspondingly low. The Crop correspondents who reported March 1, were securing a daily average of only 11.96 lbs. of milk per milk cow in their herds compared with 12.77 on the same date last year and 13.45 lbs. two years ago. In all groups of states except the Western, production per cow was reported substantially lower than on any March 1, since 1925, when production in the Corn Belt States was unusually low because of the low yield of corn in 1924.

While the low production per cow reported for March 1, appears to have been due chiefly to light feeding, unfavorable weather just at that time, a slight further shift towards spring freshening and an increase in the number of calves allowed with the cows all appear to have been factors. On February 1, Crop correspondents were feeding their cows an average of 4.06 lbs. of grain and concentrates per head per day compared with 5.07 lbs. on the same date last year. On the same date dairy correspondents reported 24.5 percent of their milk cows dry compared with 23.5 percent last year and 3.0 percent of the cows sucked by calves and not milked, as compared with 2.6 percent last year.

With the indications of a 6 percent decrease in production per cow partially offset by a 3 percent increase in the number of milk cows the level of milk production on March 1, appears to have been about 3 percent lower than on that date last year.

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| MILK PRODUCED PER MILK COW IN HERDS KEPT BY CROP REPORTERS 1/ | | | | |
|---|---------------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| STATE | 7-year Average 1925-31 | 1932 | 1933 | 1934 |
| | Pounds | Pounds | Pounds | Pounds |
| Me. | 13.6 | 12.9 | 11.9 | 10.9 |
| N.H. | 15.1 | 13.6 | 13.1 | 13.7 |
| Vt. | 14.5 | 14.8 | 12.7 | 13.5 |
| Mass. | 17.8 | 18.0 | 16.9 | 15.8 |
| R.I. | 19.3 | 19.2 | 18.8 | 16.8 |
| Conn. | 17.5 | 17.0 | 17.6 | 17.5 |
| N.Y. | 15.3 | 14.9 | 14.2 | 14.4 |
| N.J. | 19.0 | 18.9 | 19.0 | 17.8 |
| Pa. | 16.6 | 15.6 | 15.6 | 15.1 |
| N. ATL. | 15.97 | 15.56 | 14.98 | 14.78 |
| Ohio | 14.9 | 14.4 | 14.0 | 13.3 |
| Ind. | 13.3 | 13.7 | 13.1 | 11.5 |
| Ill. | 13.6 | 14.2 | 14.4 | 13.6 |
| Mich. | 16.5 | 16.9 | 16.3 | 15.4 |
| Wisc. | 13.5 | 13.6 | 15.3 | 14.7 |
| E. N. CENT. | 15.29 | 15.56 | 14.97 | 13.87 |
| Minn. | 17.0 | 17.8 | 17.2 | 15.9 |
| Iowa | 13.1 | 15.1 | 14.0 | 13.4 |
| Mo. | 8.3 | 9.2 | 8.8 | 7.7 |
| N. Dak. | 12.4 | 12.4 | 11.7 | 9.9 |
| S. Dak. | 12.3 | 10.8 | 12.2 | 9.3 |
| Nebr. | 13.7 | 13.8 | 14.0 | 12.2 |
| Kans. | 13.0 | 14.4 | 14.1 | 12.9 |
| W. N. CENT. | 13.18 | 13.78 | 13.35 | 12.12 |
| Del. | 14.4 | 15.4 | 14.6 | 11.5 |
| Md. | 14.6 | 12.7 | 13.0 | 12.4 |
| Va. | 10.3 | 10.1 | 8.9 | 8.4 |
| W. Va. | 9.1 | 9.2 | 8.3 | 7.8 |
| N. C. | 10.7 | 10.0 | 9.4 | 9.1 |
| S. C. | 8.6 | 10.2 | 9.4 | 8.4 |
| Ga. | 8.5 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 6.9 |
| Fla. | 7.3 | 7.6 | 7.7 | 7.0 |
| S. ATL. | 10.27 | 10.03 | 9.44 | 8.62 |
| Ky. | 10.5 | 9.7 | 9.5 | 7.9 |
| Tenn. | 9.0 | 8.6 | 8.2 | 7.0 |
| Ala. | 8.0 | 7.4 | 6.6 | 6.2 |
| Miss. | 7.0 | 7.5 | 6.6 | 5.4 |
| Ark. | 7.9 | 8.0 | 7.2 | 6.0 |
| La. | 6.4 | 7.3 | 5.2 | 5.5 |
| Okla. | 10.7 | 10.5 | 9.5 | 8.3 |
| Tex. | 8.8 | 9.1 | 8.0 | 7.2 |
| S. CENT. | 8.90 | 8.97 | 8.02 | 7.01 |
| Mont. | 11.1 | 12.0 | 10.7 | 11.3 |
| Idaho | 15.9 | 15.2 | 14.7 | 13.8 |
| W. o. | 10.8 | 12.3 | 11.3 | 10.7 |
| Colo. | 12.8 | 12.4 | 12.0 | 12.1 |
| N. Mex. | 10.8 | 10.7 | 9.1 | 8.9 |
| Ariz. | 15.9 | 16.4 | 11.1 | 17.3 |
| Utah | 14.0 | 14.0 | 14.3 | 14.4 |
| Nev. | 11.3 | 13.7 | 12.3 | 13.3 |
| Wash. | 16.0 | 13.8 | 14.4 | 14.9 |
| Oreg. | 14.9 | 13.7 | 12.8 | 13.1 |
| Calif. | 16.1 | 13.3 | 16.3 | 18.2 |
| WEST | 13.87 | 14.45 | 13.06 | 13.76 |
| U.S. | 13.26 | 13.45 | 12.77 | 11.96 |

1/ These are not estimates but averages obtained by dividing reported daily production of herds kept by reporters by number of milk cows in these herds.