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MILK PRODUCTION ON JULY 1, 1934

Milk production per cow continues to average below production for the same month in any year, back to 1925. On July 1 crop correspondents were securing 14.98 pounds of milk per cow in their herds compared with 15.29 pounds on that date last year, 15.69 pounds in 1932 and the July 1 average of 17.38 pounds during the previous 5 years. Production per cow was extremely low in the more severe drought areas but was averaging above last year in some of the fluid milk areas, particularly in the Northeast. Total milk production on July 1 was apparently fairly close to last year's level for the decrease of 2 percent in production per cow was offset, in part at least, by some increase in the numbers of milk cows on farms as compared with July 1 last year.

However, the decline in milk production per cow during June was less than shown for that month in any of the last 4 years in spite of the continued drought and short supplies of grain and hay in many areas. On July 1 crop correspondents were securing only 2.5 percent less milk per cow than on June 1. This compares with a decline of 7.7 percent in reported milk production per cow during June 1933 and June 1932, 6.5 percent in 1931, 4.8 percent in June 1930 and an average decline of less than 1 percent during June in the previous 5 years. While pastures improved during June in some drought areas and many farmers were pasturing grain fields and roadsides the relatively well-maintained production per cow compared to June 1 appears to have been due, largely, to an increase in the proportion of the cows which freshened in May and June, compared with freshenings in those months in other years since 1930.

PASTURE CONDITIONS JULY 1, 1934

While pastures have greened up quite generally, they were so badly hurt during May and so retarded by hot weather and inadequate rainfall during June that on July 1 the condition, as reported by crop correspondents, averaged only 48.9 percent of normal. The lowest averages reported on condition on July 1 in previous years were 60.5 in 1933, 67.2 in 1911 and 69.9 in 1933. Pastures improved during June in the worst drought area, including the Dakotas and surrounding States, in New York and parts of New England, and in some Southern States but were extremely poor in practically the whole area extending from western New York and Pennsylvania Southwestward through Texas to the Pacific Coast in the South, and Westward to the Rockies in the North. Sixteen States in this area report the lowest July 1 condition of pastures on record. In some areas pastures were making no growth at all on July 1 and in most of the country pastures will not reach their usual carrying capacity again this season.

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MILK PRODUCED PER MILK COW IN HERDS KEPT BY CROP REPORTERS 1/				
S T A T E	: July 1	: July 1	: July 1	: July 1
	:(Avg.) 1925-1931:	1932	1933	1934
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
Me.	17.2	14.9	15.5	14.8
N. H.	17.1	17.2	15.2	16.5
Vt.	17.2	17.1	16.2	17.3
Mass.	18.7	16.8	18.7	17.2
R. I.	19.6	20.6	20.2	19.3
Conn.	18.7	18.5	17.3	18.2
N. Y.	21.9	21.0	19.4	21.1
N. J.	20.5	20.5	20.3	19.3
Pa.	19.8	17.9	18.3	18.4
N. ATL.	20.18	18.84	18.40	19.07
Ohio	19.4	18.2	17.0	17.2
Ind.	17.6	16.7	15.2	15.0
Ill.	16.8	16.1	15.8	15.8
Mich.	22.0	20.1	19.9	19.8
Wis.	22.3	18.6	19.7	19.3
E. N. CENT.	20.18	18.17	18.01	17.83
Minn.	19.6	17.2	18.0	17.1
Iowa	17.6	16.0	15.7	15.2
Mo.	13.2	11.8	10.2	11.1
N. Dak.	18.1	16.7	13.9	13.8
S. Dak.	16.7	15.8	13.3	12.3
Nebr.	16.9	14.8	15.6	15.0
Kans.	15.6	15.5	13.9	13.2
W. N. CENT.	17.09	15.39	14.32	14.07
Del.	14.6	14.3	14.0	14.3
Md.	16.6	16.0	15.0	15.4
Va.	14.4	14.0	13.8	12.7
W. Va.	15.5	15.8	13.6	13.5
N. C.	13.4	12.3	11.4	11.9
S. C.	10.5	10.7	10.0	10.4
Ga.	9.8	9.6	8.4	8.9
Fla.	8.0	7.5	7.2	7.4
S. ATL.	12.97	12.09	11.45	11.44
Ky.	15.5	13.0	12.9	12.6
Tenn.	12.8	11.3	10.7	10.1
Ala.	9.1	8.3	7.8	7.6
Miss.	9.4	8.9	7.0	7.1
Ark.	11.1	10.1	8.6	8.8
La.	7.2	7.1	3.0	7.1
Okla.	13.2	12.7	11.0	10.8
Tex.	10.2	9.8	8.2	9.8
S. CENT.	11.34	10.63	9.72	9.77
Mont.	15.9	16.6	15.4	14.9
Ida.	20.8	20.6	20.8	18.5
Wyo.	16.9	14.6	13.2	13.8
Colo.	16.7	16.0	15.7	14.2
N. Mex.	12.0	12.1	10.6	9.4
Ariz.	17.7	9.1	16.7	16.6
Utah	18.0	15.8	17.6	14.8
Nev.	15.3	16.0	12.6	12.7
Wash.	21.2	19.8	19.7	20.3
Oreg.	20.0	19.3	13.5	16.8
Calif.	18.6	19.2	20.3	19.3
WEST.	18.11	17.17	17.55	16.03
U. S.	17.15	15.69	15.29	14.98

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.