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MILK PRODUCTION ON JUNE 1, 1934

With pastures very poor over a large area, supplies of grain and hay short and prices of feeds increasing during recent weeks, the reported milk production per cow being milked on June 1 was lower than on that date in any of the previous 9 years in more than one-half of the States. The entire Corn Belt, most of the Southern States, New York in the Northeast, and Montana, Nevada and New Mexico are included in the area reporting record low production per cow milked. An unusually low proportion of the milk cows on farms were being milked and averages for all of the larger groups of States, except the Western, show the lowest production per milk cow in herd on record for June 1. For the country as a whole, production per cow averaged about 8 percent below production on June 1 last year and 4.4 percent below the previous low for June 1 reported in 1925, the year in which these reports began. Crop correspondents on June 1, 1934 were securing an average of 15.36 pounds of milk per milk cow in their herds compared with 16.57 pounds on that date last year and a June 1 average of 17.67 pounds during the previous 5 years. While there has been some liquidation of milk cows in the more severe drought areas, this has not yet reached large proportions and reports indicate that for the country as a whole there were more milk cows on farms than on June 1 last year partially offsetting the sharply lower production per cow. Total milk production on June 1 appears to have been 5 to 6 percent below production on that date last year.

PASTURE CONDITIONS JUNE 1, 1934

With continued drought during May, pastures declined sharply and the condition on June 1 was the lowest ever reported for any month of the year with the exception of 47.7 on September 1, 1930. The condition on June 1, as reported by crop correspondents, averaged 53.2 percent of normal compared with 81.5 on June 1 last year and 75.7 in 1925, the previous low for June 1. All of the States from Ohio and Kentucky west to the Rockies with the exception of Montana in 1931, report record low conditions for June 1, and the average reported for the Corn Belt States as a group was lower than previously reported for any State on June 1. Pastures were fair to excellent in the Atlantic Coast States, Southern Cotton Belt States and the Pacific Northwest.

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MILK PRODUCED PER MILK COW IN HERDS KEPT BY CROP REPORTERS 1/

S T A T E	: June 1 : (Avg.) 1925-1931:	: June 1 : 1932	: June 1 : 1933	: June 1 : 1934
	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>Pounds</u>
Me.	16.5	14.8	13.3	15.8
N. H.	17.0	16.7	15.0	16.0
Vt.	17.8	17.2	16.8	17.1
Mass.	19.5	19.3	18.7	18.6
R. I.	20.8	19.5	22.5	16.6
Conn.	18.6	19.0	20.1	17.6
N. Y.	22.9	22.2	22.3	21.8
N. J.	21.1	21.9	20.9	21.4
Pa.	20.6	20.4	19.8	19.3
N. ATL.	20.93	20.33	20.01	19.77
Ohio	20.1	19.7	19.3	18.7
Ind.	18.2	17.5	17.4	15.9
Ill.	17.9	17.2	16.9	16.8
Mich.	22.7	22.2	21.1	20.2
Wis.	22.6	21.7	21.0	19.2
E.N. CENT.	20.81	20.32	19.61	18.26
Minn.	20.1	20.7	20.2	16.4
Iowa	17.7	17.9	17.9	15.7
Mo.	13.1	12.0	12.0	11.6
N. Dak.	16.6	17.1	15.4	11.5
S. Dak.	16.3	16.7	17.1	10.7
Nebr.	17.1	16.8	16.9	15.1
Kans.	17.0	16.7	17.3	15.1
W.N. CENT.	17.09	16.94	16.87	13.95
Del.	16.0	16.0	16.2	15.3
Md.	17.9	17.1	17.2	16.8
Va.	14.6	13.1	13.0	12.7
W. Va.	15.5	14.2	13.2	12.9
N. Car.	13.5	12.7	12.3	11.5
S. Car.	10.9	10.9	10.3	10.7
Ga.	9.9	8.8	8.8	8.6
Fla.	7.4	7.6	6.9	6.7
S. ATL.	13.34	11.82	11.85	11.64
Ky.	15.3	13.9	14.0	12.7
Tenn.	13.1	12.0	11.5	10.7
Ala.	9.1	9.5	7.7	7.8
Miss.	9.5	9.4	8.5	7.5
Ark.	11.3	10.4	9.8	8.9
La.	7.7	7.2	7.5	5.8
Okla.	14.1	12.7	12.6	11.1
Tex.	10.6	11.0	9.4	10.4
S. CENT.	11.67	11.33	10.54	10.19
Mont.	16.0	15.8	16.2	14.3
Ida.	20.4	20.2	18.5	19.3
Wyo.	15.6	14.5	13.8	14.5
Colo.	16.5	15.0	14.6	15.3
N. Mex.	11.6	12.9	10.8	9.3
Ariz.	16.7	16.5	19.8	15.1
Utah	17.5	17.9	16.8	16.8
Nev.	16.0	15.4	14.2	13.1
Wash.	22.4	21.7	20.1	20.8
Oreg.	21.0	19.7	17.8	19.1
Calif.	19.6	19.3	18.9	21.3
WEST.	18.30	17.58	16.96	17.33
U. S.	17.52	17.00	16.57	15.36

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.
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