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MILK PRODUCTION ON JANUARY 1, 1932

Milk production per cow increased slightly less than usual during December and on January 1 was about 1-1/2 per cent below production per cow on January 1 last year according to reports received by the United States Department of Agriculture from 22,000 crop correspondents in all parts of the country. For the herds reported, production per cow averaged 12.52 pounds on January 1 compared with 12.69 pounds on that date last year and 12.54 on January 1 in both 1930 and 1929. With an increase in the number of cows, total milk production was probably about 3 per cent larger than on January 1 last year. In the Northern and Northeastern fluid milk areas where dairymen are purchasing most of the grain that they feed, the recent sharp decrease in the price paid for market milk appears to be chiefly responsible for the fact that the farmers reporting are feeding 9 per cent less grain per cow than they were feeding in January last year and are securing about 8-1/2 per cent less milk per cow. In some of the areas most affected by the drouth last summer there has also been some reduction in grain being fed and in milk production, but from Nebraska and Minnesota to well south in Texas grain is bringing low prices and farmers are feeding their cows liberally, have a high percentage in production, and report unusually heavy production per cow on January 1. Most of these states show the highest January 1 production per cow that has been reported during the seven years for which records are available. The Pacific Coast States report rather low production per cow. Elsewhere production per cow was mostly close to the usual average for January 1.

The generally high percentage of the milk cows reported milked each month since November 1 and the rather low percentage milked from July 1 to October 1 seem to indicate that there was a widespread shift toward more fall freshening this year, although some cows have probably continued in production longer than usual due to the continued mild weather.

DAILY MILK PRODUCTION OF MILK COWS IN HERDS KEPT BY CROP CORRESPONDENTS  
January 1, 1932, with comparisons 1/

STATE	Pounds per cow per day			
	Jan. 1, 1925-1929	Jan. 1, 1930	Jan. 1, 1931	Jan. 1, 1932
Me.	12.7	14.2	13.9	13.5
N.H.	14.9	15.7	15.7	13.6
Vt.	12.8	13.6	13.6	13.9
Mass.	17.1	18.4	17.8	15.7
R.I.	17.4	18.3	18.6	18.8
Conn.	16.6	16.7	16.1	15.9
N.Y.	13.9	15.1	15.8	14.2
N.J.	18.7	18.7	20.0	18.9
Pa.	14.9	16.4	16.6	14.9
N.ATL.	14.67	15.73	16.14	14.75
Ohio	13.9	13.8	14.4	13.9
Ind.	12.2	13.1	12.3	13.4
Ill.	12.2	12.7	13.8	12.4
Mich.	15.2	15.2	16.0	15.7
Wis.	13.9	15.0	14.9	14.7
E.N.CENT.	13.60	14.22	14.44	14.22
Minn.	14.5	15.5	15.5	15.9
Iowa	11.0	12.2	12.7	13.2
Mo.	7.5	8.3	8.8	8.7
N.Dak.	9.8	10.6	11.3	11.0
S.Dak.	9.8	10.5	11.6	10.7
Nebr.	10.6	11.4	12.8	13.1
Kans.	11.5	11.9	12.5	13.1
W.N.CENT.	11.05	11.87	12.48	12.46
Del.	13.4	12.2	15.5	16.1
Md.	13.6	14.9	14.9	14.5
Va.	9.9	10.5	9.2	9.3
W.Va.	8.7	10.3	9.2	9.3
N.C.	10.3	10.0	10.0	10.3
S.C.	9.1	8.9	9.1	9.2
Ga.	8.8	8.5	7.9	8.4
Fla.	7.1	6.4	5.7	7.0
S.ATL.	10.06	10.34	9.66	10.00
Ky.	10.4	9.9	9.4	9.0
Tenn.	9.3	9.2	8.4	8.9
Ala.	7.2	7.1	7.7	6.8
Miss.	6.6	7.3	7.0	6.9
Ark.	7.9	7.9	7.0	7.7
La.	6.6	6.1	6.0	6.4
Okla.	9.4	10.2	9.0	10.4
Tex.	8.5	8.4	8.3	8.6
S.CENT.	8.50	8.72	8.25	8.60
Mont.	10.2	11.1	11.5	12.3
Idaho	13.2	15.7	15.4	15.4
Wyo.	9.3	10.9	10.0	9.4
Colo.	11.0	12.4	12.3	11.1
N.Mex.	8.4	8.0	8.6	8.8
Ariz.	13.5	15.3	16.1	19.9
Utah	13.4	15.6	13.7	13.9
Nev.	13.4	12.1	17.4	12.7
Wash.	15.0	15.7	15.2	14.6
Oreg.	13.1	14.5	14.2	13.2
Calif.	14.5	15.1	16.8	15.6
WESTERN	12.49	13.54	13.82	13.82
U.S.	11.86	12.54	12.69	12.52

1/These are not estimates of production but merely averages as calculated by dividing the reported daily milk production of herds kept by crop correspondents by the number of milk cows in these herds. For January 1932 the record includes 21,954 herds and 183,324 cows. For the less important dairy states the numbers reported are not sufficient to provide reliable indications of changes.