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MILK PRODUCTION ON APRIL 1, 1934

With pastures late, feed supplies running short, feed prices high in comparison with prices of dairy products and with the proportion of the cows being milked smaller than at the same season in any year since 1926, the average daily milk production per milk cow reported by crop correspondents on April 1, was not only 5 percent below the production reported on that date last year but was the lowest April production shown on the 10 years record. The average for all reports was 12.65 pounds per cow compared with 13.32 pounds on April 1, last year and an average of 14.30 pounds on that date during the previous 5 years. In the Western group of States milk production per cow, as reported on April 1, averaged about the same as on that date last year for the weather there has been favorable and the most important dairy sections report pastures excellent. In each of the other groups of States the reported production per cow was the lowest on record for April, with the single exception of the West North Central States in 1925. As the low production per cow on April 1, was partially off-set by an increase in the number of milk cows on farms, total milk production in the United States on that date appears to have been about 2 percent lower than on the same date last year.

PASTURE CONDITIONS APRIL 1, 1934

The condition of farm pastures was reported lower on April 1, than on that date in at least ten years. Excellent pasturage is available in the Pacific Coast States but east of the Rockies all States reported pasture below the usual average on April 1, and half of the States reported a lower condition than has been reported on that date in any of the last ten years. The reports received from Eastern and Central States show both a shortage of grass in areas where livestock is usually on pasture on April 1, and poor prospects for early pasturage elsewhere. This accentuates the general shortage of hay and grain.

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MILK PRODUCED PER MILK COW IN HERDS KEPT BY CROP REPORTERS 1/				
S T A T E	April 1 (Avg.) 1925-1931	April 1 1932	April 1 1933	April 1 1934
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
Me.	13.9	13.1	12.6	12.9
N.H.	15.9	14.3	15.5	13.3
Vt.	15.4	14.9	14.5	13.9
Mass.	18.2	17.0	17.2	17.0
R.I.	17.8	18.6	17.5	16.1
Conn.	17.3	17.4	16.6	17.0
N.Y.	17.6	16.2	16.0	16.3
N.J.	18.5	18.9	18.8	19.3
Pa.	17.5	16.7	16.3	15.8
N. ATL.	17.28	16.29	16.01	15.85
Ohio	15.4	15.0	14.6	13.7
Ind.	14.2	13.7	13.2	12.0
Ill.	14.8	13.9	14.7	13.5
Mich.	17.6	17.6	17.3	15.9
Wis.	17.7	17.4	16.5	16.2
E. N. CENT.	16.38	15.96	15.54	14.63
Minn.	17.4	18.2	17.6	16.3
Iowa	13.7	14.3	14.5	13.6
Mo.	9.3	9.7	9.0	8.3
N. Dak.	12.8	12.3	11.8	10.1
S. Dak.	12.6	10.2	13.1	9.6
Nebr.	13.6	13.7	14.6	13.4
Kans.	14.3	14.6	14.4	14.0
W. N. CENT.	13.76	13.48	13.77	12.60
Del.	13.9	12.7	14.4	12.4
Md.	14.6	13.3	12.8	12.2
Va.	10.5	10.4	8.8	8.5
W. Va.	10.1	9.3	9.1	8.1
N. C.	11.1	10.2	9.4	8.9
S. C.	10.1	10.7	10.0	8.6
Ga.	8.9	8.0	8.1	7.2
Fla.	6.9	6.2	6.7	6.4
S. ATL.	10.63	10.10	9.36	8.74
Ky.	11.1	9.8	9.3	8.4
Tenn.	9.6	8.7	8.4	7.7
Ala.	7.7	7.2	6.9	6.3
Miss.	7.4	7.8	6.6	5.5
Ark.	8.6	8.5	6.9	6.3
La.	6.9	7.2	6.3	4.6
Okla.	11.2	11.8	10.2	9.1
Tex.	9.5	9.9	8.3	8.8
S. CENT.	9.38	9.38	8.23	7.87
Mont.	12.0	11.3	12.5	11.4
Idaho	16.0	16.1	16.3	15.9
Wyo.	11.2	12.3	10.1	10.8
Colo.	13.6	12.6	12.7	12.3
N. Mex.	9.7	9.4	9.0	8.9
Ariz.	17.0	16.3	19.5	16.3
Utah	15.3	14.8	15.1	15.3
Nev.	13.5	13.9	13.2	15.3
Wash.	16.9	16.3	15.0	16.8
Oreg.	16.3	16.0	13.6	15.4
Calif.	19.1	19.3	19.8	19.8
WEST.	15.03	14.66	14.42	14.44
U. S.	14.09	13.66	13.32	12.65

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.