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MILK PRODUCTION ON JULY 1, 1932

The following comments were prepared for the Crop Report released by the United States Department of Agriculture on July 11, 1932.

MILK PRODUCTION on July 1 appears to have been about 1 per cent less than on that date last year, the three or four per cent increase in the number of milk cows on the farms being more than offset by a decrease of nearly 5 per cent in the quantity of milk produced per cow. On July 1 crop correspondents secured an average of only 15.66 pounds of milk per day per milk cow in their herds, compared with 16.44 pounds on the same date last year and an average of 17.51 pounds on July 1 during the previous five years. One of the chief causes of the low production per cow now being secured appears to be the large increase in the proportion of the cows that are nearly dry because due to freshen during the next four months. Other causes are the less intensive feeding that is customary when prices are low and the poor pastures in some important dairy areas.

PASTURES are still poor in most of the East and South but they are average or better in most of the area from the upper Mississippi River west and southwest to the Pacific Coast. The average condition on July 1 was reported as 79 per cent of normal compared with the near-record low condition of 75 on July 1 last year and a ten year average for July of 86.2.

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DAILY MILK PRODUCTION OF MILK COWS IN HERDS KEPT BY CROP CORRESPONDENTS

STATE	July 1, 1925-1929	July 1, 1930	July 1, 1931	July 1, 1932
Me.	17.7	16.1	15.7	14.9
N.H.	16.9	17.8	17.5	17.2
Vt.	17.7	16.0	16.1	17.1
Mass.	18.5	18.9	19.0	16.8
R.I.	19.7	19.7	18.5	20.6
Conn.	19.2	16.3	18.5	18.5
N.Y.	22.2	21.0	21.0	21.0
N.J.	20.4	22.2	19.5	20.5
Pa.	19.9	19.8	19.2	17.9
N.ATL.	20.46	19.57	19.37	18.84
Ohio	19.5	13.8	19.2	18.2
Ind.	17.9	17.0	17.1	16.7
Ill.	16.9	17.0	16.2	16.1
Mich.	22.1	22.2	21.2	20.1
Wis.	22.6	22.1	20.9	18.6
E.N.CENT.	20.36	20.07	19.40	18.17
Minn.	19.7	19.9	18.6	17.2
Iowa	17.5	18.6	16.6	16.0
Mo.	13.4	13.5	12.2	11.8
N.Dak.	18.0	19.5	17.4	16.7
S.Dak.	16.5	18.0	16.0	15.8
Nebr.	16.8	17.8	16.3	14.8
Kans.	15.6	15.9	15.6	15.5
W.N.CENT.	17.09	17.83	16.30	15.39
Del.	15.3	12.7	13.1	14.3
Md.	16.9	15.0	16.6	16.0
Va.	14.5	13.6	14.7	14.0
W.Va.	15.7	15.0	14.6	15.8
N.C.	13.4	13.3	13.5	12.3
S.C.	10.3	11.3	10.6	10.7
Ga.	9.8	10.3	9.2	9.6
Fla.	8.0	9.0	6.7	7.5
S.ATL.	13.24	12.39	12.21	12.09
Ky.	16.1	14.6	13.7	13.0
Tenn.	13.0	12.7	11.8	11.3
Ala.	8.9	9.9	9.5	8.3
Miss.	9.3	9.4	9.4	8.9
Ark.	11.2	11.3	10.1	10.1
La.	7.3	7.3	6.8	7.1
Okla.	13.4	13.1	12.6	12.7
Tex.	10.1	10.6	10.0	9.8
S.CENT.	11.38	11.60	10.87	10.63
Mont.	16.9	18.3	15.5	16.6
Idaho	20.1	23.9	21.3	17.3
Wyo.	17.2	17.3	14.6	14.6
Colo.	16.9	17.5	15.4	16.0
N.Mex.	11.9	12.4	11.8	12.1
Ariz.	17.3	16.6	18.2	9.1
Utah	17.8	19.6	17.1	15.8
Nev.	15.5	16.4	13.5	16.0
Wash.	21.1	22.3	20.8	19.8
Oreg.	20.0	19.7	20.6	19.3
Calif.	18.5	18.5	19.0	19.2
WEST.	17.99	18.92	17.90	16.87
U.S.	17.26	17.31	16.44	15.66

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 July 1932 the record includes 19,813 herds and 161,693 cows. For the less important dairy states the numbers reported are not sufficient to provide reliable indications of changes.