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MILK PRODUCTION OF AUGUST 1, 1934

While milk production per cow declined less than usual during July, production on August 1 was the lowest for the month shown in the ten-year record. In many areas extremely poor pastures and shortages of feed and forage more than offset the effects of the increased proportion of the cows freshening in the spring months. On August 1 the milk cows in herds kept by crop correspondents were producing 13.23 pounds of milk per cow compared with 13.67 pounds on that date last year, 13.51 pounds in 1932 and the August 1 average of 14.98 pounds per cow during the previous 5 years. In comparison with August 1 last year, the sharply lower production per cow in the States affected by this year's drought was partially offset by increased production in the Northeast and in scattered States elsewhere where prices or production conditions were more favorable. The number of milk cows on farms and the proportion being milked have also been reduced in these drought States compared with a year ago. For the country as a whole milk cow numbers appear to have been barely equal to numbers on farms on August 1 last year. With milk production per cow averaging slightly more than 3 percent below last year, total daily milk production on August 1 was apparently 3 to 4 percent below production at that time last year. Present prospects are for continued low production for some months to come.

DAIRY PASTURES, AUGUST 1, 1934

As a result of prolonged drought and record high temperature the pastures and ranges of the United States now carry far less grass than in any summer month in at least 50 years. Over large areas pastures are making no growth and have been eaten so close that large numbers of farmers are finding it impossible to carry present livestock without seriously depleting the reserves of hay and grain that will be needed to feed the stock next winter. The condition of dairy pastures as reported by crop correspondents on August 1 averaged 43.8 percent of normal compared with 55.7 percent in 1933 the previous low for August 1 and 69.5 percent in 1932. The ten-year average condition for August 1 is 76.4 percent. On August 1 pasture conditions were average or better only in a small area along the northern Pacific Coast and in limited areas of the Southeast. Any material recovery of pastures in the drought areas will necessarily be slow.

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

S T A T E	: August 1	: August 1	: August 1	: August 1
	: (Avg.) 1925-1931:	1932	1933	1934
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
Me.	15.5	13.5	13.7	14.9
N. H.	15.2	14.2	14.3	14.3
Vt.	14.1	14.3	12.4	14.7
Mass.	17.0	16.3	15.5	17.0
R. I.	19.2	21.8	20.0	19.3
Conn.	16.9	16.9	17.1	16.1
N. Y.	18.0	17.0	15.3	17.0
N. J.	18.4	16.5	17.3	19.4
Pa.	17.2	15.8	16.2	16.3
<b>N. ATL.</b>	<b>17.19</b>	<b>16.16</b>	<b>15.44</b>	<b>16.58</b>
Ohio	16.6	15.8	14.8	15.4
Ind.	15.6	15.0	13.8	13.7
Ill.	14.6	13.9	14.5	14.1
Mich.	18.1	16.6	16.7	15.7
Wis.	18.1	14.3	16.4	16.6
<b>E. N. CENT.</b>	<b>16.94</b>	<b>14.91</b>	<b>15.46</b>	<b>15.46</b>
Minn.	15.8	13.5	14.3	14.3
Iowa	14.3	13.6	14.4	14.3
Mo.	11.3	11.0	10.5	8.4
N. Dak.	15.4	13.2	14.0	12.0
S. Dak.	14.2	10.5	12.7	10.7
Nebr.	14.3	13.4	15.4	12.2
Kans.	13.6	12.9	13.6	10.8
<b>W. N. CENT.</b>	<b>14.25</b>	<b>12.69</b>	<b>13.56</b>	<b>12.03</b>
Del.	12.4	12.7	13.1	13.3
Md.	15.5	14.3	15.4	13.9
Va.	13.5	12.8	12.0	12.7
W. Va.	14.5	14.6	12.6	12.5
N. C.	13.1	12.3	12.1	12.4
S. C.	10.6	10.1	10.7	10.0
Ga.	10.2	9.2	9.0	8.4
Fla.	7.3	7.6	6.7	7.1
<b>S. ATL.</b>	<b>12.43</b>	<b>11.35</b>	<b>11.22</b>	<b>11.18</b>
Ky.	14.1	12.8	12.4	11.8
Tenn.	12.3	11.2	10.6	10.5
Ala.	8.6	8.5	7.7	8.0
Miss.	9.0	8.3	8.0	7.6
Ark.	10.6	9.6	8.3	6.9
La.	6.7	7.2	7.1	6.0
Okla.	11.9	11.7	10.3	8.2
Tex.	9.8	9.6	9.2	8.9
<b>S. CENT.</b>	<b>10.57</b>	<b>10.25</b>	<b>9.62</b>	<b>8.80</b>
Mont.	14.9	15.5	14.9	13.2
Ida.	18.4	19.0	19.3	17.3
Wyo.	15.0	13.3	13.6	12.8
Colo.	14.9	13.3	14.4	12.3
N. Mex.	11.2	11.1	9.7	7.3
Ariz.	15.0	12.9	14.6	17.6
Utah	16.7	16.7	16.9	14.1
Nev.	15.2	13.1	13.6	13.6
Wash.	18.7	19.2	18.6	18.6
Oreg.	17.5	16.8	16.4	16.8
Calif.	17.5	19.0	17.8	19.1
<b>WEST.</b>	<b>16.28</b>	<b>15.82</b>	<b>15.80</b>	<b>15.26</b>
<b>U. S.</b>	<b>14.80</b>	<b>13.51</b>	<b>13.67</b>	<b>13.23</b>

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.