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MILK PRODUCTION IN 1937

The total quantity of milk produced on farms in the United States during 1937 is estimated at slightly more than 103 billion pounds. Production was about the same as in 1936, nearly 2 percent greater than in either 1934 or 1935, but about $1\frac{1}{2}$ billion pounds short of the record milk production of 1933.

Milk production was relatively low during the first 4 months of 1937 due to the shortage and high cost of feed. As the pasture season opened, production increased rapidly and during the remainder of the year production was about normal with feed supplies ample in most areas and prices generally favorable.

The average number of milk cows on farms in the United States during 1937 is estimated to have been 23,710,000 head. This was about 1 percent fewer than in 1936 and about 6 percent below the peak number in 1934. Milk production per cow in 1937 averaged 4,350 pounds, which was about 1 percent higher than in 1936 and the highest since 1931.

The estimates of the average numbers of milk cows on farms during the year are based primarily on the estimated numbers 2 years old or older on farms at the beginning and end of the year, with allowances for heifers not of milking age and for the trend of numbers during the year. Estimates of milk production per cow in 1937 are based primarily on the level of production reported from individual farms.

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MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION ON FARMS, BY STATES.

State	Average number of milk cows on farms during		Average annual milk production per		Milk produced on farm during		1937 as % of 1936
	year 1/	year 2/	1936	1937 3/	1936	1937	
	Thousands	Thousands	Pounds	Pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds	Percent
Me.	140	140	4,470	4,600	626	644	103
N.H.	76	74	4,900	4,800	372	355	95
Vt.	277	281	4,970	4,940	1,377	1,388	101
Mass.	135	137	5,790	5,840	782	800	102
R.I.	22	22	6,130	6,250	135	138	102
Conn.	118	121	5,480	5,650	647	684	106
N.Y.	1,296	1,320	5,546	5,600	7,188	7,392	103
N.J.	134	136	6,430	6,450	862	877	102
Pa.	870	870	5,230	5,240	4,550	4,559	100
N. ATL.	3,068	3,101	5,391	5,430	16,539	16,837	101.8
Ohio	1,010	1,000	4,420	4,500	4,464	4,500	101
Ind.	755	739	4,050	4,050	3,058	2,993	98
Ill.	1,102	1,080	4,400	4,550	4,849	4,914	101
Mich.	862	868	5,180	5,150	4,465	4,470	100
Wis.	2,060	2,065	5,630	5,510	11,598	11,378	98
E. N. CENT.	5,739	5,752	4,912	4,912	28,434	28,255	99.4
Minn.	1,597	1,603	4,850	4,770	7,745	7,646	99
Iowa	1,433	1,400	4,280	4,280	6,133	5,992	98
Mo.	972	938	3,220	3,400	3,130	3,189	102
N. Dak.	540	518	3,740	3,710	2,020	1,922	95
S. Dak.	500	476	3,430	3,300	1,715	1,571	92
Nebr.	668	625	3,950	3,800	2,639	2,375	90
Kans.	805	749	3,640	3,750	2,930	2,809	96
W. N. CENT.	6,515	6,309	4,039	4,042	26,312	25,504	96.9
Del.	33	33	4,050	3,980	134	131	98
Md.	181	182	4,330	4,340	784	790	101
Va.	390	390	3,420	3,580	1,334	1,396	105
W. Va.	240	237	3,420	3,500	821	830	101
N. C.	368	361	3,620	3,750	1,332	1,354	102
S. C.	172	164	3,320	3,500	571	574	101
Ga.	361	358	3,020	3,150	1,090	1,128	103
Fla.	102	99	2,870	2,900	293	287	98
S. ATL.	1,847	1,824	3,443	3,558	6,359	6,490	102.1
Ky.	554	532	3,330	3,540	1,845	1,883	102
Tenn.	540	534	3,240	3,380	1,750	1,805	103
Ala.	396	386	3,150	3,200	1,247	1,235	99
Miss.	518	518	2,600	2,650	1,347	1,373	102
Ark.	426	426	2,900	3,100	1,235	1,321	107
La.	265	266	2,220	2,250	588	598	102
Okla.	795	677	3,100	3,440	2,186	2,329	107
Tex.	1,294	1,322	3,100	3,150	4,011	4,164	104
S. CENT.	4,638	4,661	3,024	3,156	14,209	14,708	103.5
Mont.	166	153	3,910	4,210	649	644	99
Idaho	132	185	5,470	5,500	996	1,018	102
Wyo.	67	65	4,060	3,980	272	259	95
Colo.	235	235	4,270	4,150	1,003	975	97
N. Mex.	71	72	3,480	3,500	247	252	102
Ariz.	43	42	5,300	5,100	228	214	94
Utah	95	94	5,360	5,360	509	504	99
Nev.	20	20	5,400	5,500	108	110	102
Wash.	316	316	6,080	6,030	1,921	1,905	99
Oreg.	246	247	5,420	5,410	1,333	1,336	100
Calif.	630	634	6,450	6,500	4,064	4,121	101
WEST.	2,071	2,063	5,471	5,496	11,330	11,338	100.1
U. S.	23,988	23,710	4,301	4,350	103,185	103,132	100.0

1/ Includes allowances for trend and seasonal variation during the year. Heifers not yet fresh are excluded. 2/ Excludes milk spilled or wasted on farms and milk sucked by calves. 3/ Preliminary.