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## MILK PRODUCTION MARCH 1, 1939

Milk production per cow in the United States on March 1 was well above that a year earlier and nearly 5 percent above the 10-year average for March 1. Although production per cow showed somewhat less than the usual seasonal rise during February, abundant feed supplies on farms and liberal feeding of grains and concentrates to milk cows apparently offset much of the unfavorable effects of subnormal temperatures and heavy snows over a large portion of the country late in February.

Milk production per cow in herds kept by crop correspondents on March 1 averaged 3 percent higher than on the same date a year ago. With the number of milk cows on farms also increased more than 1 percent, total milk production on March 1 appears to have been more than 4 percent greater than that on the same date in 1938, and a record production for March 1. In relation to population, milk production appears somewhat high but below record levels for this season of the year. The March 1 production per capita was 2 percent above the 1928-37 average for that date but less than on March 1 in the years 1931, 1932 and 1933.

Relatively heavy milk production per cow was reported from nearly all sections of the country. In comparison with the March 1 average in the 1928-37 period, production per cow this year was high in all major geographic divisions of the country, ranging from 2 percent higher in the East North Central area to 8 percent higher in the Western region. In only a few States, chiefly in New England and on the Gulf Coast, was production per cow below average for March 1. In comparison with the same date last year, production per cow showed an increase in all regions except the South Central. The increases ranged from 1 percent in the South Atlantic States up to 7 percent in the West North Central States.

In the country as a whole, milk production per cow in herds kept by crop correspondents on March 1 averaged 13.40 pounds compared with 12.98 pounds on the same date a year ago and a 1928-37 average of 12.79 for March 1. The proportion of milk cows reported milked in these herds averaged 67.5 percent, the highest for March 1 in the 15 years of record with the exception of 1932 a year in which heavy fall freshening had increased the proportion of milk cows in production at this season of the year.

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MILK PRODUCED PER MILK COW IN HERDS KEPT BY CROP REPORTERS 1/				
State	: March 1 : (Avg.) 1928-37 Pounds	: March 1 : 1937 Pounds	: March 1 : 1938 Pounds	: March 1 : 1939 Pounds
N. Eng.	15.10	15.27	14.93	15.15
N. Y.	15.3	16.3	15.5	16.5
N. J.	18.9	18.9	19.0	18.5
Pa.	16.3	16.7	16.0	17.0
N. Atl.	15.74	16.39	15.83	16.52
Ohio	14.4	14.6	14.0	14.6
Ind.	13.0	12.2	13.0	13.5
Ill.	13.8	14.3	14.6	14.4
Mich.	16.4	16.8	16.2	17.0
Wis.	16.1	15.9	16.0	16.1
E. N. Cent.	15.01	15.04	15.07	15.34
Minn.	16.7	15.8	17.8	17.8
Iowa	13.7	13.6	14.4	15.3
Mo.	8.5	7.7	8.5	9.0
N. Dak.	11.8	10.5	11.1	12.1
S. Dak.	11.2	8.8	10.3	11.8
Nebr.	13.0	11.1	12.1	14.3
Kans.	13.2	11.9	13.0	14.4
W. N. Cent.	12.97	11.85	13.02	13.93
Md.	13.3	13.7	13.6	14.5
Va.	9.7	9.1	10.1	10.3
W. Va.	8.8	8.3	8.5	8.6
N. C.	9.9	10.0	10.6	10.7
S. C.	9.2	9.5	10.2	9.9
S. Atl.	9.72	9.63	10.18	10.33
Ky.	9.3	9.3	9.9	9.9
Tenn.	8.4	8.3	8.6	9.2
Miss.	6.6	6.0	7.1	6.3
Ark.	7.2	6.7	7.9	7.7
Okla.	9.8	9.6	10.0	10.5
Tex.	8.6	8.9	9.1	8.1
S. Cent.	8.31	8.05	8.73	8.62
Mont.	11.6	12.0	11.0	12.6
Idaho	15.6	15.0	16.2	15.8
Wyo.	11.2	9.6	11.3	11.8
Colo.	12.8	12.2	13.4	14.3
Wash.	15.5	15.5	15.2	16.2
Oreg.	14.3	13.8	13.7	14.2
Calif.	17.1	15.3	19.9	18.3
West	14.06	13.54	14.58	15.20
U. S.	12.79	12.42	12.98	13.40

1/ Averages obtained by dividing the reported daily milk production of herds kept by reporters by the total number of milk cows (in milk or dry) in these herds. The regional averages shown were based in part on records from less important dairy States not shown separately, as follows: South Atlantic, Delaware, Georgia, Florida; South Central, Alabama, Louisiana; Western, New Mexico, Arizona, Utah, Nevada.