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MILK PRODUCTION ON FEBRUARY 1, 1932

Milk production per cow on February 1, as reported by crop correspondents, was lower than has been reported for that date in any year since 1928, but the low production appears to have been due in part to the cold wave that was affecting the Central and Southwestern States and parts of the West about the first of the month. There are, however, indications that recent declines in the prices received by farmers for milk are causing them to feed their cows less intensively than usual at this time of the year, particularly in some of the northeastern fluid milk areas where the price of feed is now high compared with the price of milk. Grain feeding is also low in those areas most affected by the 1931 drought.

On February 1, the 22,700 herds kept by crop correspondents averaged 12.90 pounds of milk per cow per day, compared with the unusually high average of 13.53 on February 1, 1931; 13.09 on February 1, 1930 and an average of 12.34 on February 1 during the previous 5 years.

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

February 1, 1932, with comparisons 1/

STATE	Feb. 1, 1925-1929	Feb. 1, 1930	Feb. 1, 1931	Feb. 1, 1932
Me.	15.0	14.3	13.3	13.5
N.H.	16.2	17.3	16.0	14.6
Vt.	13.7	14.4	15.0	14.9
Mass.	16.7	18.6	17.1	18.0
R.I.	16.7	18.5	20.3	16.9
Conn.	17.1	17.4	17.7	17.4
N.Y.	14.3	14.9	15.9	14.2
N.J.	16.9	18.8	19.2	19.5
Pa.	15.7	17.0	17.3	15.7
N. ATL.	14.99	16.04	16.48	15.32
Ohio	13.8	14.8	14.9	14.1
Ind.	12.7	13.4	13.9	13.3
Ill.	12.8	14.6	14.2	14.5
Mich.	15.9	16.4	16.4	16.5
Wis.	15.1	15.6	16.8	15.8
E. N. CENT.	14.38	15.22	15.64	15.10
Minn.	15.5	16.4	16.5	16.6
Iowa	11.8	13.4	14.2	14.2
Mo.	8.1	7.8	8.7	8.3
N. Dak.	11.0	12.3	12.8	11.7
S. Dak.	10.3	11.5	13.6	11.9
Nebr.	11.5	12.5	13.8	13.0
Kans.	12.1	13.0	12.3	12.9
W. N. CENT.	11.83	12.81	13.61	12.85
Del.	13.2	13.6	13.3	13.7
Md.	13.2	15.3	14.6	15.8
Va.	10.0	10.3	9.9	10.0
W. Va.	8.6	9.5	9.5	8.9
N. C.	10.9	9.8	10.5	10.0
S. C.	9.0	8.5	10.6	8.9
Ga.	8.6	8.8	8.2	8.2
Fla.	6.6	6.4	5.8	7.8
S. ATL.	10.02	10.05	10.30	10.16
Ky.	10.1	9.7	9.1	8.4
Tenn.	9.2	8.9	8.3	8.5
Ala.	7.4	7.8	7.6	7.8
Miss.	6.5	7.2	7.1	6.9
Ark.	7.5	7.6	7.2	7.3
La.	6.5	5.3	5.6	6.1
Okla.	9.4	8.9	10.7	9.8
Tex.	8.0	8.7	8.7	8.3
S. CENT.	8.32	8.46	8.64	8.30
Mont.	10.4	10.8	10.8	11.2
Idaho	14.1	14.9	16.8	15.1
Wyo.	9.0	11.5	10.8	11.2
Colo.	12.5	12.5	12.8	12.8
N. Mex.	9.2	9.6	10.4	10.4
Ariz.	16.5	14.2	14.8	14.2
Utah	13.6	13.8	14.3	14.5
Nev.	13.0	14.6	10.1	9.7
Wash.	15.0	16.6	16.8	15.4
Oreg.	13.0	14.3	13.4	13.5
Calif.	14.3	18.7	17.6	16.0
WESTERN	13.16	14.27	14.63	13.97
U.S.	12.34	13.09	13.53	12.90

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 February 1932 the record includes 22,664 herds and 188,759 cows. For the less important dairy states the numbers reported are not sufficient to provide reliable indications of changes.