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MILK PRODUCTION ON FEBRUARY 1, 1934.

Milk production per cow increased less than usual during January and on February 1, was sharply lower than the production reported on that date last year. Crop correspondents were securing a daily average of 11.61 pounds of milk per cow compared with 12.74 pounds on February 1, last year, a decrease of nearly nine percent. While it is impossible to determine accurately how much production was temporarily reduced by the cold wave which swept over the principal dairy areas about February 1, the extremely low production per cow, in comparison with February 1 last year, appears to have been chiefly due to lighter grain feeding and to a smaller proportion of the milk cows being milked. Preliminary reports on the quantity of grain and concentrates fed to milk cows indicate that about 20 percent less was being fed per milk cow than on February 1, last year, the sharpest reduction being in the Corn Belt and some adjacent States. Crop correspondents were milking 64.6 percent of their milk cows on February 1, compared with 66.1 percent a year earlier and a February<sup>1</sup>/average of 65.7 percent during the previous 5 years. Total milk production appears to have been materially lower than on February 1 last year, the lower production per cow more than offsetting the increase of about 3 percent in milk cow numbers on farms.

The annual inventory of livestock numbers shows 26,062,000 cows and heifers 2 years old and older, being kept for milk on farms on January 1, 1934, compared with 25,277,000 head on January 1 last year and 24,475,000 head on January 1, 1932. This is an increase of 3.1 percent during 1933 and 6.5 percent since January 1, 1932. Increases during 1933 range from 0.4 percent in the North Atlantic States to 4.2 percent in west north Central States. In the latter area and some adjacent States part of the increase in cows kept for milk has apparently been due to more of the beef and dual purpose cows being milked during the past year. The number of heifers 1 to 2 years being kept for milk cows increased from 4,685,000 head on January 1, 1932 to 4,704,000 head on January 1, 1933 and 4,749,000 on January 1, 1934. Heifer calves being kept for milk cows increased from 4,953,000 head on January 1, 1932 to 5,137,000 on January 1, 1933, and 5,265,000 head on January 1, 1934.

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MILK PRODUCED PER MILK COW IN HERDS KEPT BY CROP REPORTERS 1/					
: February 1		: February 1		: February 1	
S T A T E: (Avg.) 1925-31		: 1932		: 1933	
Pounds		Pounds		Pounds	
: February 1		: February 1		: February 1	
: 1934		: 1934		: 1934	
Pounds		Pounds		Pounds	
Me.	13.3	13.5	13.5	11.3	
N. H.	16.3	14.6	14.0	13.4	
Vt.	14.0	14.9	14.4	14.2	
Mass.	17.0	18.0	16.8	16.4	
R. I.	17.5	16.9	18.3	19.4	
Conn.	17.2	17.4	17.3	17.1	
N. Y.	14.6	14.2	15.2	15.0	
N. J.	17.5	19.5	18.9	20.3	
Pa.	16.1	15.7	15.9	15.0	
N. ATL.	15.36	15.32	15.63	15.22	
Ohio	14.1	14.1	14.4	13.2	
Ind.	13.0	13.3	13.3	11.4	
Ill.	13.3	14.5	14.9	12.6	
Mich.	16.0	16.5	16.1	14.6	
Wis.	15.4	15.8	16.0	13.7	
E.N.CENT.	14.68	15.10	15.22	13.26	
Minn.	15.8	16.6	16.6	15.1	
Iowa	12.4	14.2	14.4	13.2	
Mo.	8.1	8.3	8.6	7.6	
N. Dak.	11.5	11.7	11.0	9.1	
S. Dak.	11.0	11.9	11.3	9.2	
Nebr.	11.9	13.0	12.2	12.1	
Kans.	12.4	12.7	12.8	12.2	
W.N.CENT.	12.22	12.83	12.63	11.49	
Del.	13.3	13.7	13.0	10.9	
Md.	13.7	14.2	12.8	12.3	
Va.	10.1	10.0	9.0	8.5	
W. Va.	8.8	8.9	8.0	8.3	
N. C.	10.7	10.0	9.4	8.7	
S. C.	9.1	8.9	9.7	8.5	
Ga.	8.6	8.2	7.5	7.4	
Fla.	6.5	7.8	12.8	6.8	
S. ATL.	10.06	9.96	9.34	8.76	
Ky.	9.9	8.4	8.9	7.9	
Tenn.	9.1	8.5	7.9	6.9	
Ala.	7.5	7.8	6.8	6.6	
Miss.	6.7	6.9	6.6	5.4	
Ark.	7.5	7.3	6.8	5.4	
La.	6.2	6.1	5.5	4.9	
Okla.	9.5	9.8	10.1	8.3	
Tex.	8.2	8.3	7.8	7.0	
S. CENT.	8.39	8.30	7.95	7.02	
Mont.	10.5	11.2	10.7	10.2	
Idaho	14.6	15.1	15.4	14.0	
Wyo.	9.6	11.2	10.7	10.5	
Colo.	12.5	12.8	12.6	11.4	
N. Mex.	9.4	10.4	8.6	10.9	
Ariz.	15.9	14.2	17.9	15.5	
Utah	13.8	14.5	14.8	14.2	
Nev.	12.8	9.7	10.8	11.8	
Wash.	15.5	15.4	14.7	13.6	
Oreg.	13.3	13.5	12.2	12.0	
Calif.	15.4	16.0	14.1	17.8	
WEST.	13.53	13.97	13.14	12.71	
U. S.	12.62	12.88	12.74	11.61	

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.