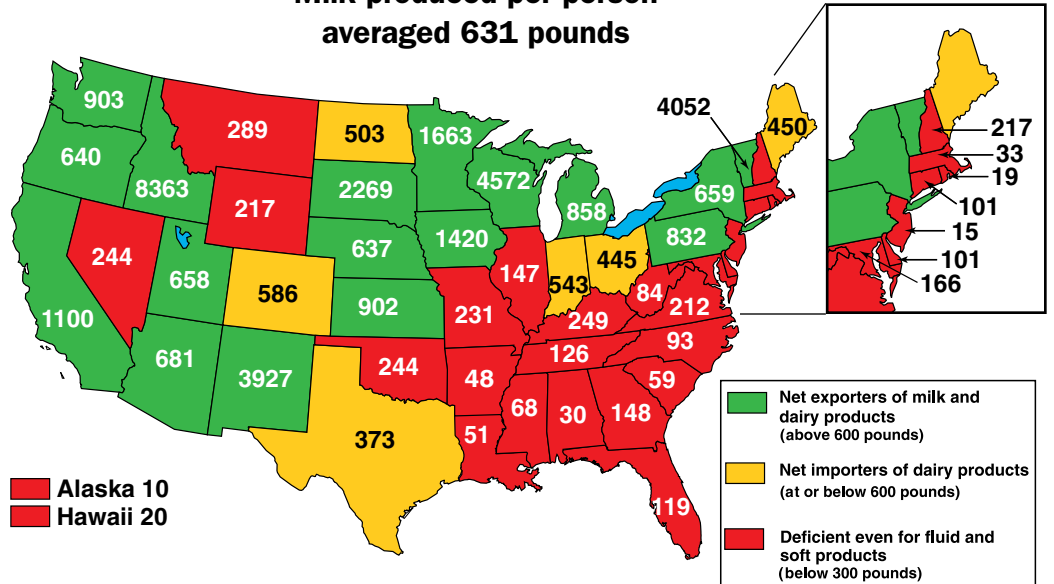


Steady milk production growth continues

FOR back-to-back years, U.S. milk output rose by a remarkably uniform 1.8 percent. However, unlike 2010 when higher production gains fell solely on improved milk per cow, the nation's dairy herd expanded by 75,000 head or 0.8 percent last year. That marks the first expansion in cow numbers since 2008, the USDA estimated in year-end statistics released in late February. Among the top 10 dairy states, Texas passed Minnesota to take seventh place. This also marks the sixth straight year that New Mexico has paced the country in milk per cow at 24,854. Washington is firmly in second place.

Milk produced per person averaged 631 pounds



Year	Billions of pounds	Percent change
2002	170.0	2.8
2003	170.4	0.1
2004	170.8	0.2
2005	176.9	3.5
2006	181.8	2.8
2007	185.6	2.1
2008	190.0	2.3
2009	189.3	-0.3
2010	192.8	1.8
2011	196.2	1.8

2011 milk production			
State	Milk output in million pounds	% change from 2010	Rank
Alabama	145	-8.8	43
Alaska	7	-2.8	50
Arizona	4,412	6.3	12
Arkansas	142	-7.2	44
California	41,462	2.7	1
Colorado	2,999	6.5	15
Connecticut	361	-0.8	34
Delaware	92	1.7	47
Florida	2,269	6.7	19
Georgia	1,450	3.9	24
Hawaii	27	8.3	48
Idaho	13,256	3.7	3
Illinois	1,897	-1.0	20
Indiana	3,539	3.6	14
Iowa	4,347	-0.1	13
Kansas	2,590	3.8	16
Kentucky	1,087	-5.6	27
Louisiana	232	-1.3	39
Maine	598	1.9	33
Maryland	970	-3.1	28
Massachusetts	220	-9.1	40
Michigan	8,478	1.7	8
Minnesota	8,890	-2.3	7
Mississippi	204	-8.5	41
Missouri	1,388	-3.9	25
Montana	288	-0.3	36
Nebraska	1,173	0.4	26
Nevada	664	0.9	32
New Hampshire	286	-2.7	37
New Jersey	136	-2.9	45
New Mexico	8,177	3.8	9
New York	12,826	0.9	4
North Carolina	902	4.4	30
North Dakota	344	-10.4	35
Ohio	5,142	-2.4	11
Oklahoma	927	-3.3	29
Oregon	2,479	3.3	18
Pennsylvania	10,604	-1.2	5
Rhode Island	20	1.0	49
South Carolina	278	-2.8	38
South Dakota	1,870	-0.7	21
Tennessee	810	-4.7	31
Texas	9,582	8.5	6
Utah	1,854	1.9	22
Vermont	2,538	0.7	17
Virginia	1,719	0.0	23
Washington	6,169	4.5	10
West Virginia	156	-0.6	42
Wisconsin	26,117	0.3	2
Wyoming	123	2.2	46
United States	196,245	1.8	

2011 cow numbers			
State	Milk cows 1,000's	% change from 2010	Rank
Alabama	11.0	0.0	43
Alaska	0.5	-16.7	50
Arizona	188.0	6.2	13
Arkansas	12.0	0.0	42
California	1,769.0	0.9	1
Colorado	128.0	7.6	16
Connecticut	19.0	0.0	34-T
Delaware	5.0	-5.7	47
Florida	119.0	4.4	19
Georgia	79.0	0.0	25
Hawaii	1.9	0.0	48
Idaho	578.0	2.5	4
Illinois	98.0	-2.0	20
Indiana	172.0	1.2	14
Iowa	204.0	-2.9	12
Kansas	123.0	3.4	17
Kentucky	76.0	-2.6	26
Louisiana	18.0	-10.0	36
Maine	32.0	0.0	32
Maryland	52.0	-3.7	29
Massachusetts	13.0	-7.1	41
Michigan	366.0	2.2	8
Minnesota	468.0	-0.4	6
Mississippi	14.0	-17.6	38-T
Missouri	95.0	-4.0	22
Montana	14.0	0.0	38-T
Nebraska	57.0	-3.4	27
Nevada	29.0	3.6	33
New Hampshire	14.0	-6.7	38-T
New Jersey	8.0	0.0	45
New Mexico	329.0	2.5	9
New York	610.0	-0.2	3
North Carolina	45.0	2.3	31
North Dakota	19.0	-9.5	34-T
Ohio	268.0	-1.1	10
Oklahoma	53.0	-5.4	28
Oregon	121.0	2.5	18
Pennsylvania	541.0	0.0	5
Rhode Island	1.1	0.0	49
South Carolina	16.0	0.0	37
South Dakota	91.0	-1.1	23
Tennessee	50.0	-3.8	30
Texas	431.0	4.4	7
Utah	88.0	3.5	24
Vermont	134.0	-1.5	15
Virginia	96.0	1.1	21
Washington	260.0	3.6	11
West Virginia	10.0	0.0	44
Wisconsin	1,265.0	0.2	2
Wyoming	6.0	0.0	46
United States	9,194	0.8	

2011 milk per cow			
State	Milk per cow (pounds)	% change from 2010	Rank
Alabama	13,182	-8.8	48
Alaska	13,800	16.6	47
Arizona	23,468	0.1	3
Arkansas	11,833	-7.2	50
California	23,438	1.8	4
Colorado	23,430	-1.0	5
Connecticut	19,000	-0.8	27
Delaware	18,300	7.8	33
Florida	19,067	2.2	26
Georgia	18,354	3.9	32
Hawaii	14,421	8.3	45
Idaho	22,934	1.2	7
Illinois	19,357	1.0	24
Indiana	20,576	2.4	16
Iowa	21,309	2.8	10
Kansas	21,057	0.4	12
Kentucky	14,303	-3.2	46
Louisiana	12,889	9.7	49
Maine	18,688	1.9	30
Maryland	18,654	0.6	31
Massachusetts	16,923	-2.1	40
Michigan	23,164	-0.5	6
Minnesota	18,996	-1.9	28
Mississippi	14,571	11.1	44
Missouri	14,611	0.1	43
Montana	20,571	-0.3	17
Nebraska	20,579	4.0	15
Nevada	22,897	-2.6	8
New Hampshire	20,429	4.2	21
New Jersey	17,000	-2.9	39
New Mexico	24,854	1.2	1
New York	21,026	1.1	13
North Carolina	20,044	2.1	22
North Dakota	18,105	-1.0	34
Ohio	19,187	-1.3	25
Oklahoma	17,491	2.1	37
Oregon	20,488	0.8	20
Pennsylvania	19,601	-1.2	23
Rhode Island	17,909	1.0	35
South Carolina	17,375	-2.8	38
South Dakota	20,549	0.3	18
Tennessee	16,200	-0.9	41
Texas	22,232	4.0	9
Utah	21,068	-1.6	11
Vermont	18,940	2.2	29
Virginia	17,906	-1.0	36
Washington	23,727	0.9	2
West Virginia	15,600	-0.6	42
Wisconsin	20,646	0.1	14
Wyoming	20,517	2.2	19
United States	21,345	0.9	