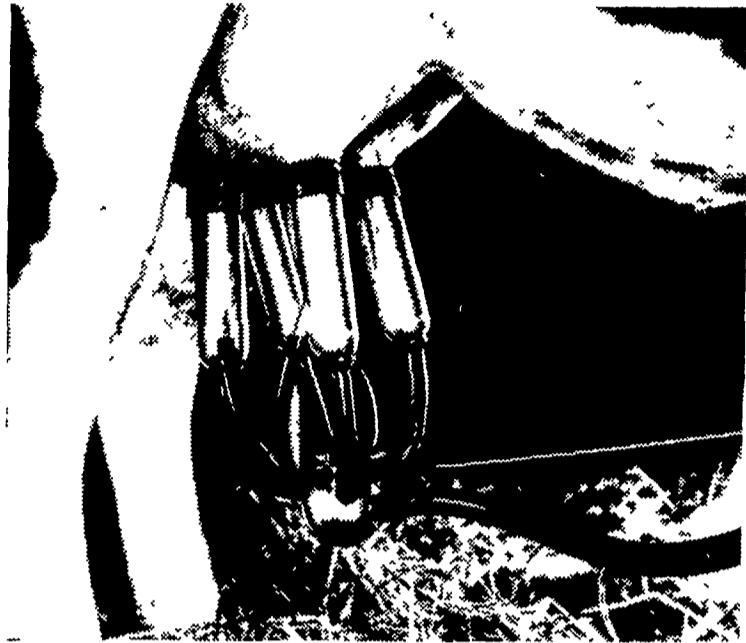


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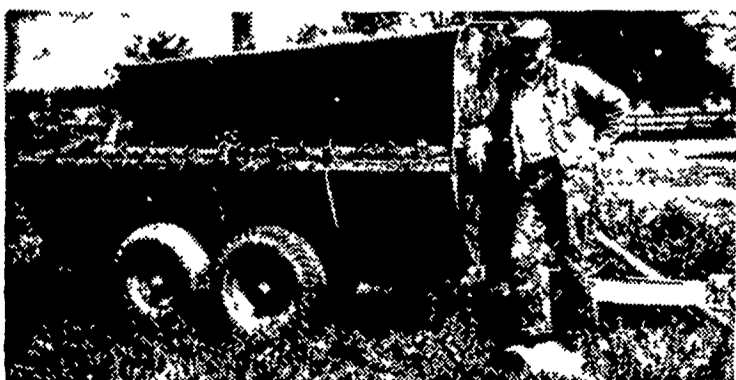
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The state herd of 695,000 cows produced 626,000,000 pounds of milk during April for a per cow average of 900 pounds. The total is two per cent more than April, 1971, and the average is three per cent more as the number of milk cows was reduced by 9,000 in the past 12 months.

Total U.S. milk production for April at 10,655,000,000 pounds was up to two per cent from April a year ago. Total utilization of the milk in all forms — liquid, ice cream, food preparation, etc. — would result in a per capita daily consumption of 1.7 pounds, slightly more than 1½ pints.

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