

Cows moo past buffaloes as India's milk supply champions, thanks to cross-breeding

India recorded all-time high milk production of 209 million tonnes in 2020-21 & cows accounted for 51% of this, govt figures show.

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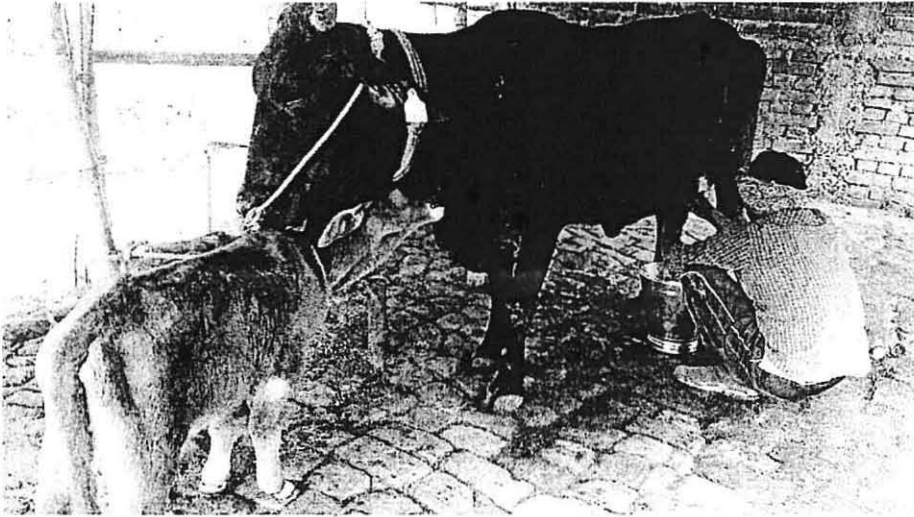


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New Delhi: For the first time in many years, India's cows — infamous for their low productivity — have left buffaloes behind, while also pushing India's total milk production to record levels.

According to the latest statistics provided by the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying (DAHD), in the year 2020-21, India recorded an all-time high milk production of 209 million tonnes (provisional data), more than half of which came from cows.

Buffaloes had been the leading producer until this point. For example, in 2016-17, they accounted for about 49.2 per cent India's