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Idaho Milk Production up 6.0 Percent

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Idaho milk production during September 2007 totaled 979 million pounds, a 6.0 percent increase from the same month last year, but down 45 million pounds from August 2007. Revised production for August 2007 totaled 1.02 billion pounds, up 6 million pounds from the preliminary estimate, and 5.1 percent above August 2006. Average milk production per cow in September 2007 was 1,880 pounds, down 90 pounds from August 2007, but up 20 pounds from September 2006. The average number of milk cows during September was 521,000 head, up 1,000 head from August 2007 and up 24,000 head from September 2006.

Milk production in the 23 major States during September totaled 13.7 billion pounds, up 3.1 percent from September 2006. August production, unrevised at 14.3 billion pounds, was up 3.6 percent from August 2006. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,644 pounds for September, 31 pounds above September 2006. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.34 million head, 91,000 head more than September 2006, and 12,000 head more than August 2007.

Milk Production Average Number of Cows, Selected States, September 2006-2007

State	Milk Cows 1/		Milk Per Cow 2/		Milk Production 2/		Change From 2006
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Arizona	174	182	1,620	1,705	282	310	9.9
California	1,773	1,822	1,775	1,785	3,147	3,252	3.3
Colorado	112	120	1,910	1,900	214	228	6.5
Florida	129	125	1,110	1,160	143	145	1.4
Idaho	497	521	1,860	1,880	924	979	6.0
Illinois	103	103	1,485	1,440	153	148	-3.3
Indiana	165	166	1,595	1,635	263	271	3.0
Iowa	208	215	1,560	1,590	324	342	5.6
Kansas	113	108	1,630	1,665	184	180	-2.2
Kentucky	96	88	1,010	1,020	97	90	-7.2
Michigan	320	340	1,800	1,830	576	622	8.0
Minnesota	450	463	1,470	1,470	662	681	2.9
Missouri	115	109	1,180	1,140	136	124	-8.8
New Mexico	360	336	1,650	1,800	594	605	1.9
New York	631	626	1,515	1,570	956	983	2.8
Ohio	274	277	1,430	1,440	392	399	1.8
Oregon	117	115	1,580	1,565	185	180	-2.7
Pennsylvania	553	550	1,560	1,550	863	853	-1.2
Texas	338	348	1,585	1,640	536	571	6.5
Vermont	140	140	1,460	1,465	204	205	0.5
Virginia	102	100	1,320	1,365	135	137	1.5
Washington	237	240	1,880	1,905	446	457	2.5
Wisconsin	1,244	1,248	1,520	1,565	1,891	1,953	3.3
23 State Total	8,251	8,342	1,613	1,644	13,307	13,715	3.1

1/Include dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

2/Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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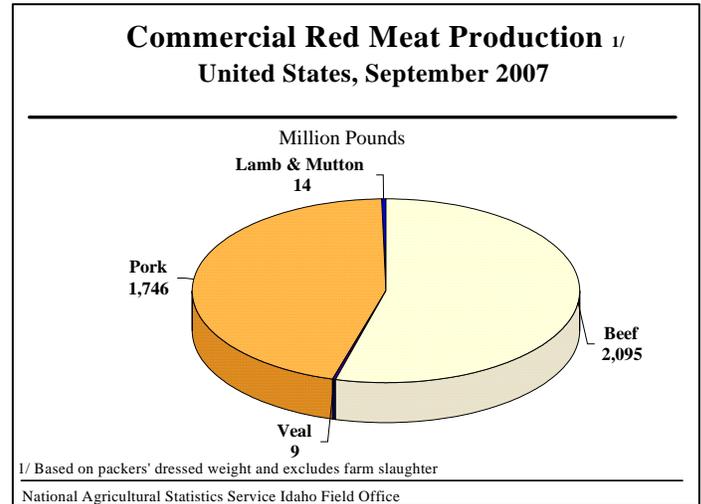


Idaho Red Meat Production Down 16 Percent From Last Year

Commercial red meat production at Idaho packing plants for September 2007 totaled 15.9 million pounds, down 16 percent from last year. September production was down 3 percent from August 2007 production. Accumulated red meat production for the January-September 2007 period totaled 125 million pounds, down 40 percent from the comparable period a year earlier.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.86 billion pounds in September, down 2 percent from the 3.95 billion pounds produced in September 2006. Beef production, at 2.09 billion pounds, was 3 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.67 million head, down 4 percent from September 2006. The average live weight was up 5 pounds from the previous year, at 1,290 pounds. Veal production totaled 9.4 million pounds, 22 percent below September a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 56,000 head, down 3 percent from September 2006. The average live weight was down 68 pounds from last year, at 283 pounds. Pork production totaled 1.75 billion pounds, down slightly from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.77 million head, down 1 percent from September 2006. The average live weight was unchanged from the previous year, at 266 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 13.6 million pounds, was down 5 percent from September 2006. Sheep slaughter totaled 210,600 head, 4 percent below last year.

The average live weight was 129 pounds, unchanged from September a year ago. January to September 2007 commercial red meat production was 35.7 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 2006. Accumulated beef production was up slightly from last year, veal was down 2 percent, pork was up 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 3 percent.



Commercial Red Meat Production, Selected States and United States ^{1/}

State	September 2006	August 2007	September 2007	September 2007 As Percent of ^{2/}	
				September 2006	August 2007
	Million Pounds			Percent	
California	129.7	144.8	122.2	94	84
Colorado	133.3	167.6	157.7	118	94
IDAHO	19.0	16.4	15.9	84	97
Illinois	227.6	263.4	232.0	102	88
Iowa	546.6	552.5	532.4	97	96
Kansas	515.5	589.3	477.5	93	81
Minnesota	198.8	201.2	186.7	94	93
Montana	1.0	1.5	1.4	133	91
Nebraska	597.2	680.1	586.2	98	86
Nevada		0.1	0.1		89
Oklahoma	86.8	82.6	81.0	93	98
Oregon	4.3	5.2	4.5	105	86
South Dakota	77.3	93.6	86.0	111	92
Texas	419.0	425.8	369.9	88	87
Utah	43.8	43.9	42.9	98	98
Washington	67.8	80.9	72.6	107	90
Wyoming	0.5	0.9	0.5	95	51
UNITED STATES	3,949.9	*4,325.6	3,864.1	98	89

^{1/} Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb and mutton. ^{2/} Percentages based on unrounded data. *Revised

Idaho Cattle on Feed Down 21 Percent

Cattle on feed for the slaughter market in Idaho from feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head on October 1, 2007 totaled 210,000 head, 21 percent below the October 1, 2006 inventory. The cattle on feed inventory increased 5,000 head from the number on hand September 1, 2007. Placements of cattle in State feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during September totaled 48,000 head, down 24,000 head from September 2006 placements. Marketings during September totaled 41,000 head, unchanged from the same month a year ago.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.0 million head on October 1, 2007. The inventory was 4 percent below October 1, 2006 but 5 percent above October 1, 2005.

Placements in feedlots during September totaled 2.43 million, 9 percent above 2006 and 3 percent above 2005. Net placements were 2.37 million head. During September, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 610,000, 600-699 pounds were 505,000, 700-799 pounds were 570,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 740,000. Marketings of fed cattle during September totaled 1.71 million, 3 percent below 2006 and 6 percent below 2005. This is the second lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of September since the series began in 1996. Other disappearance totaled 54,000 during September, 21 percent below 2006 and 5 percent below 2005.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, 1,000 + Capacity Feedlots^{1/}

State	October 1, 2006	September 1, 2007	October 1, 2007		
			Number	As % of 2006	As % of August
	<i>---1,000 Head---</i>		<i>---Percent---</i>		
Arizona	336	348	350	104	101
California	525	530	540	103	102
Colorado	1,060	850	940	89	111
Idaho	265	205	210	79	102
Iowa	460	490	510	111	104
Kansas	2,450	2,140	2,310	94	108
Nebraska	2,220	1,930	2,140	96	111
New Mexico	143	131	133	93	102
Oklahoma	355	310	325	92	105
South Dakota	170	175	180	106	103
Texas	2,930	2,740	2,840	97	104
Washington	171	148	154	90	104
Other States	300	305	335	112	110
United States	11,385	10,302	10,967	96	106

^{1/}Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

Cold Storage Stocks

Frozen stocks of french fries in the United States on September 30, 2007, totaled 870 million pounds, an increase of 9 percent from August 31, 2007 and up 8 percent from September 30, 2006. Other frozen potatoes, at 213 million pounds, increased 6 percent from August 31, 2007 and September 30, 2006.

United States stocks of butter on September 30, 2007, totaled 243 million pounds, down 7 percent from the end of the previous month, but up 27 percent from September 30, 2006. Of this 243 million pounds, the government owned 30,000 pounds. Stocks of American cheese totaled 544 million pounds, down slightly from August 31, and 3 percent less than last year. The government owned 836,000 pounds, a small percentage of the total stocks.

Commodity	Sept. 30,	Aug. 31,	Sept. 30,	2007
	2006	2007	2007	2006
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>
POTATOES				
French Fries	808,199	798,033	870,437	108
Other Frozen	201,410	200,996	213,388	106
Total	1,009,609	999,029	1,083,825	107
DAIRY PRODUCTS:				
Butter, Total	190,550	260,879	242,766	127
(Gov't Owned)	114	36	30	26
Natural Cheese				
American, Total	562,927	546,390	543,773	97
(Gov't Owned)	250	736	836	334

Idaho Dry Bean Production Down

Idaho dry bean production for 2007 is forecast to be 1.54 million cwt, down 19 percent from last year's 1.91 million cwt. Yields are expected to average 1,750 pounds per acre, a decrease of 100 pounds per acre from 2006 and 150 pounds below the August forecast. Harvested acreage is expected to total 88,000 acres, down 15 percent from last year's 103,000 acres harvested. Dry Bean estimates include garbanzo beans, which are grown primarily in North Idaho. Production of alfalfa hay is estimated at 5.04 million tons, down 1 percent from 2006. Harvested acreage, at 1.20 million acres, is up 2 percent from last year's 1.18 million acres. Other hay production is estimated at 464,000 tons from 290,000 harvested acres, down from the 646,000 tons from 340,000 acres in 2006. Idaho sugarbeet production for 2007 is forecast to be 5.09 million tons, down 14 percent from the 5.93 million tons a year ago. Yield of 30.5 tons per acre is down from last year's record 31.7 tons per acre. Harvested area of 167,000 acres is down from the 187,000 acres harvested in 2006. Corn planted for 2007 is estimated at a record 310,000 acres, up 40,000 acres from the previous record set last year. Of the 310,000 acres planted, 95,000 acres are expected to be harvested for grain, up from last year's 65,000 acres harvested. If realized, this harvested acreage will be a record high for corn for grain in Idaho.

U.S. dry edible bean production is forecast at 25.3 million cwt for 2007, up 6 percent from the August forecast and 4 percent above last year. Harvested acreage is forecast at 1.46 million acres, 2 percent above the August forecast but 5 percent below last year. The average U.S. yield is forecast at 1,727 pounds per acre, an increase of 78 pounds from the August forecast and 150 pounds above last year. Production of corn for grain is forecast at a record 13.3 billion bushels, 26 percent above 2006. Production of alfalfa hay is forecast at 72.3 million tons, up 3 percent from the August forecast and up 1 percent from last year. Other hay production is forecast at 75.6 million tons, up slightly from the August forecast and up 8 percent from 2006. U.S. sugarbeet production is forecast at 30.4 million tons, 1 percent above the September forecast but 11 percent below last year's production. The yield is forecast at 24.5 tons per acre, up 0.3 ton from September but down 1.6 tons from the 2006 record high yield. Harvested area is expected to total 1.24 million acres, unchanged from last month but 5 percent below last year.

Selected Crops: Area Harvested, Yield, and Production, Idaho & U.S. 2006-2007^{1/}

	Area Harvested		Unit	Yield		Production	
	2006	2007		2006	2007	2006	2007
	<i>Thousand Acres</i>			<i>Thousands</i>			
IDAHO							
Alfalfa Hay	1,180	1,200	<i>Tons</i>	4.3	4.2	5,074	5,040
Other Hay	340	290	<i>Tons</i>	1.90	1.60	646	464
Sugarbeets	187	167	<i>Tons</i>	31.7	30.5	5,928	5,094
Dry Beans ^{1/2/}	103	88	<i>Pounds</i>	1,850	1,750	1,906	1,540
UNITED STATES							
Alfalfa Hay	21,384	21,451	<i>Tons</i>	3.35	3.37	71,666	72,347
Other Hay	39,423	40,338	<i>Tons</i>	1.78	1.87	70,000	75,617
Sugarbeets	1,303.6	1,241.4	<i>Tons</i>	26.1	24.5	34,064	30,382
Dry Beans ^{1/2/}	1,537.6	1,462.5	<i>Pounds</i>	1,577	1,727	24,247	25,264

Yield in pounds, production in cwt. ^{2/} Excludes beans grown for garden seed; includes chickpeas.