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## Idaho Milk Production up 9.2 Percent

Idaho milk production during May 2008 totaled 1,067 million pounds, a 9.2 percent increase from the same month last year, and up 62 million pounds from revised April 2008. Average milk production per cow in May 2008 was 1,940 pounds, up 90 pounds from revised April 2008, and up 10 pounds from May 2007. The average number of milk cows during May was 550,000 head, up 7,000 head from revised April 2008 and up 44,000 head from May 2007.

Milk production in the 23 major States during May totaled 15.4 billion pounds, up 3.4 percent from May 2007. April revised production at 14.8 billion pounds, was up 2.6 percent from April 2007. The April revision represented an increase of 6 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,816 pounds for May, 25 pounds above May 2007. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.46 million head, 162,000 head more than May 2007, and 12,000 head more than April 2008.

### Milk Cows and Production: by Month, Idaho, 2007-2008

Month	Milk Cows <sup>1/</sup>		Milk Per Cow <sup>2/</sup>		Milk Production <sup>2/</sup>		Change From 2007
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	
	1,000 Head		Pounds		Million Pounds		Percent
January	502	534	1,850	1,870	929	999	7.5
February <sup>3/</sup>	504	537	1,680	1,750	847	940	11.0
March	504	540	1,880	1,885	948	1,018	7.4
April*	503	543	1,860	1,850	936	1,005	7.4
May	506	550	1,930	1,940	977	1,067	9.2
June	508		1,910		970		
July	516		1,970		1,017		
August	520		1,970		1,024		
September	521		1,880		979		
October	522		1,880		981		
November	525		1,810		950		
December	530		1,870		991		
Annual	513		22,513		11,549		

\*Revised 1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves. 3/ 2008 Leap Year

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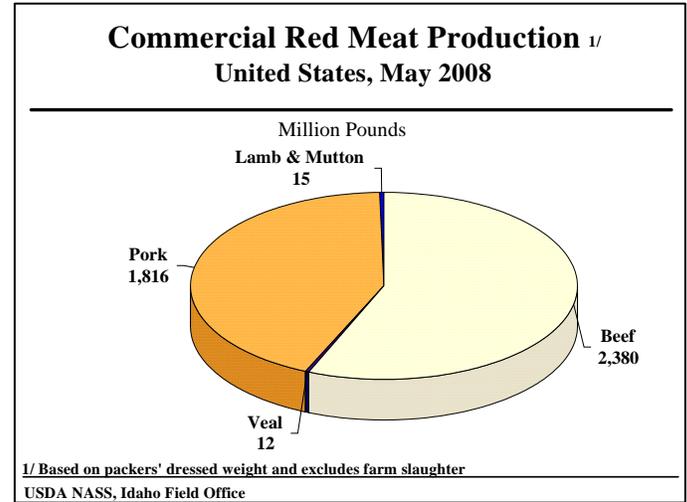
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## Idaho Red Meat Production Up 10 Percent

Commercial red meat production at Idaho packing plants for May 2008 totaled 18.3 million pounds, up 10 percent from May of last year. May production was down 3 percent from April 2008 production. Accumulated red meat production for the January-May 2008 period totaled 90.9 million pounds, up 53 percent from the comparable period a year earlier.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.22 billion pounds in May, up 4 percent from the 4.08 billion pounds produced in May 2007. Beef production, at 2.38 billion pounds, was 4 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.14 million head, up 3 percent from May 2007. The average live weight was up 19 pounds from the previous year, at 1,251 pounds. Veal production totaled 11.5 million pounds, 7 percent below May a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 71,100 head, up 21 percent from May 2007. The average live weight was down 74 pounds from last year, at 275 pounds. Pork production totaled 1.82 billion pounds, up 3 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.06 million head, up 3 percent

from May 2007. The average live weight was down 1 pound from the previous year, at 268 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 15.0 million pounds, was down 3 percent from May 2007. Sheep slaughter totaled 206,400 head, 6 percent below last year. The average live weight was 146 pounds, up 4 pounds from May a year ago. January to May 2008 commercial red meat production was 21.0 billion pounds, up 7 percent from 2007. Accumulated beef production was up 4 percent from last year, veal was down 11 percent, pork was up 11 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 4 percent.



## Commercial Red Meat Production, Selected States and United States <sup>1/</sup>

State	May 2007	April 2008	May 2008	May 2008 as percent of <sup>2/</sup>	
				May 2007	April 2008
	<i>Million Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
California	141.9	142.7	138.6	98	97
Colorado	158.1	179.9	197.3	125	110
Idaho	16.6	18.9	18.3	110	97
Illinois	221.1	261.8	241.3	109	92
Iowa	525.8	611.9	564.8	107	92
Kansas	560.4	449.5	488.5	87	109
Minnesota	201.5	213.0	206.5	103	97
Montana	1.1	0.9	0.8	77	94
Nebraska	606.7	622.5	631.4	104	101
Nevada	0.2	0.1	0.1	87	117
Oklahoma	86.5	100.5	91.2	105	91
Oregon	4.7	5.2	4.7	100	91
South Dakota	78.8	90.1	75.3	96	84
Texas	419.4	460.1	490.1	117	106
Utah	34.7	40.4	41.1	118	102
Washington	73.8	63.3	66.8	90	106
Wyoming	0.5	0.5	0.5	106	102
United States	4,075.5	4,297.0	4,222.3	104	98

<sup>1/</sup> Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb, and mutton.

<sup>2/</sup> Percentages based on unrounded data.

## All Cattle in Idaho: Top Ten Counties

January 1, 2007		January 1, 2008	
<i>County</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>Head</i>
Gooding	261,000	Gooding	271,000
Cassia	227,500	Cassia	220,000
Jerome	179,500	Jerome	191,000
Twin Falls	167,500	Twin Falls	170,000
Owyhee	152,500	Owyhee	165,000
Elmore	135,000	Elmore	130,000
Canyon	119,000	Canyon	128,000
Bingham	96,000	Bingham	90,000
Ada	77,000	Ada	80,900
Payette	72,000	Payette	73,000

## Idaho Cattle on Feed Down 7 Percent

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Idaho from feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head on June 1, 2008 totaled 215,000 head, 7 percent below the June 1, 2007 inventory. The cattle on feed inventory was down 10,000 head from the number on feed May 1, 2008. Placements of cattle in State feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during May totaled 28,000 head, down 35 percent from May 2007 placements. Marketings of cattle from feedlots with 1,000 head or more during May totaled 36,000 head, down 6,000 head from the same month a year ago. Other disappearance totaled 2,000 head during May, down 4,000 head from May 2007.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.8 million head on June 1, 2008. The inventory was 4 percent below June 1, 2007 and 3 percent below June 1, 2006. Placements in feedlots during May totaled 1.90 million, 12 percent below 2007 and slightly below 2006. Net placements were 1.82 million head. During May, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 340,000, 600-699 pounds were 350,000, 700-799 pounds were 564,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 645,000. Marketings of fed cattle during May totaled 2.14 million, 3 percent above 2007 but 1 percent below 2006. Other disappearance totaled 80,000 during May, 19 percent below 2007 and 30 percent below 2006.

## Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots<sup>1/</sup>

State	June 1, 2007	May 1, 2008	June 1, 2008		
			Number	As % of 2007	As % of May
		<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>	
Arizona	340	370	365	107	99
California	555	520	525	95	101
Colorado	1,020	950	920	90	97
Idaho	230	225	215	93	96
Iowa	520	530	520	100	98
Kansas	2,290	2,290	2,190	96	96
Nebraska	2,290	2,380	2,250	98	95
New Mexico	128	150	149	116	99
Oklahoma	340	305	305	90	100
South Dakota	215	220	205	95	93
Texas	2,870	2,690	2,690	94	100
Washington	149	155	145	97	94
Other States	325	350	335	103	96
United States	11,272	11,135	10,814	96	97

<sup>1/</sup>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.

## Frozen Potato Stocks

Frozen stocks of French fries in the United States on May 31, 2008, totaled 846 million pounds, a 6 percent decrease from April 30, 2008, but up slightly from May 31, 2007. Other frozen potatoes, at 217 million pounds, were down 7 percent from April stocks, and down 4 percent from the same month last year.

United States stocks of butter on May 31, 2008, totaled 263 million pounds, up 5 percent from the end of the previous month, but down 3 percent from May 31, 2007. Stocks of American cheese totaled 570 million pounds, up 5 percent from April 30, 2008, but down 1 percent from last year.

Commodity	May 31, 2007	April 30, 2008	May 31, 2008	2008
				2007
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>
<b>POTATOES</b>				
French Fries	845,445	901,982	846,370	100
Other Frozen	225,246	233,053	217,220	96
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,070,691</b>	<b>1,135,035</b>	<b>1,063,590</b>	<b>99</b>
<b>DAIRY</b>				
Butter	270,203	251,533	263,041	97
Natural Cheese				
American, Total	576,715	543,068	569,584	99