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Idaho Surpasses New York in July Milk Production

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Idaho's July milk production surpassed New York for the first time. Idaho milk production during July 2008 totaled 1.10 billion pounds, a 7.7 percent increase from the same month last year. Idaho's July production ranked third in the nation, following California and Wisconsin. Idaho's July milk production was up 48 million pounds from revised June 2008. The June revision represented a decrease of 4 millions pounds or -0.4 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Average milk production per cow in July 2008 was 1,970 pounds, up 70 pounds from revised June 2008, and unchanged from July 2007. The average number of milk cows during July was 556,000 head, up 5,000 head from revised June 2008 and up 40,000 head from July 2007.

Milk production in the 23 major States during July totaled 14.8 billion pounds, up 1.7 percent from July 2007. June revised production, at 14.7 billion pounds, was up 3.2 percent from June 2007. The June revision represented a decrease of 19 million pounds or -0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,742 pounds for July, unchanged from July 2007. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.47 million head, 143,000 head more than July 2007, and 5,000 head more than June 2008.

Milk Production, Average Number of Cows, Selected States, July 2007-2008

State	Milk Cows 1/		Milk Per Cow 2/		Milk Production 2/		Change From 2007
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Arizona	181	185	1,875	1,815	339	336	-0.9
California	1,816	1,846	1,900	1,850	3,450	3,415	-1.0
Colorado	119	129	2,005	1,950	239	252	5.4
Florida	127	122	1,380	1,370	175	167	-4.6
Idaho	516	556	1,970	1,970	1,017	1,095	7.7
Illinois	103	102	1,550	1,520	160	155	-3.1
Indiana	167	166	1,700	1,650	284	274	-3.5
Iowa	215	215	1,700	1,670	366	359	-1.9
Kansas	108	111	1,660	1,730	179	192	7.3
Kentucky	89	90	1,150	1,060	102	95	-6.9
Michigan	336	348	1,940	1,870	652	651	-0.2
Minnesota	463	463	1,575	1,590	729	736	1.0
Missouri	110	111	1,220	1,170	134	130	-3.0
New Mexico	335	338	1,850	2,000	620	676	9.0
New York	626	626	1,650	1,690	1,033	1,058	2.4
Ohio	276	282	1,530	1,540	422	434	2.8
Oregon	114	113	1,675	1,595	191	180	-5.8
Pennsylvania	550	546	1,610	1,630	886	890	0.5
Texas	348	383	1,720	1,850	599	709	18.4
Vermont	139	140	1,555	1,585	216	222	2.8
Virginia	100	97	1,450	1,425	145	138	-4.8
Washington	236	244	2,000	2,005	472	489	3.6
Wisconsin	1,248	1,252	1,675	1,675	2,090	2,097	0.3
23 State Total	8,322	8,465	1,742	1,742	14,500	14,750	1.7

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

2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

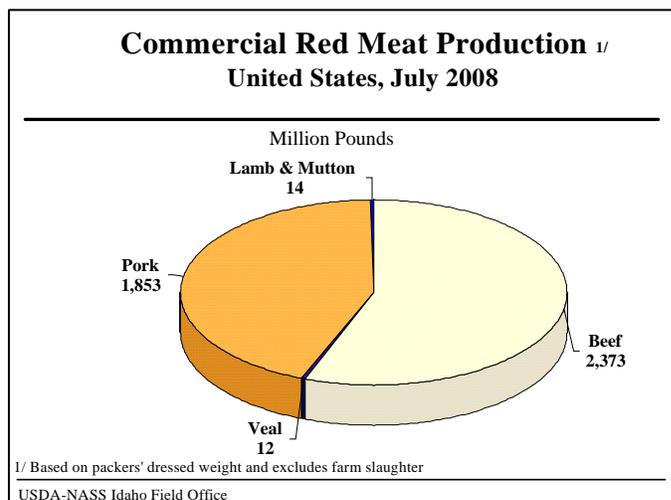
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Idaho Red Meat Production Up 27 Percent

Commercial red meat production at Idaho packing plants for July 2008 totaled 20.3 million pounds, up 27 percent from July of last year. July production was unchanged from June 2008 production. Accumulated red meat production for the January-July 2008 period totaled 131.5 million pounds, up 43 percent from the comparable period a year earlier.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.25 billion pounds in July, up 8 percent from the 3.94 billion pounds produced in July 2007. Beef production, at 2.37 billion pounds, was 5 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.06 million head, up 6 percent from July 2007. The average live weight was up 4 pounds from the previous year, at 1,273 pounds. Veal production totaled 12.3 million pounds, 16 percent above July a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 87,900 head, up 41 percent from July 2007. The average live weight was down 46 pounds from last year, at 243 pounds. Pork production totaled 1.85 billion pounds, up 12 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.47 million head, up 13 percent from July 2007. The average live weight was down 2 pounds from the previous year, at 262 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 13.7 million pounds, was up 1 percent from July

2007. Sheep slaughter totaled 207,800 head, 1 percent above last year. The average live weight was 132 pounds, up 1 pound from July a year ago. January to July 2008 commercial red meat production was 29.3 billion pounds, up 6 percent from 2007. Accumulated beef production was up 3 percent from last year, veal was down 6 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 ^{1/}

State	July 2007	June 2008	July 2008	July 2008 as percent of ^{2/}	
				July 2007	June 2008
	<i>Million Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
California	133.4	135.6	133.5	100	98
Colorado	161.6	196.1	198.3	123	101
Idaho	16.0	20.3	20.3	127	100
Illinois	222.7	238.3	242.2	109	102
Iowa	490.0	527.3	568.1	116	108
Kansas	546.4	436.2	474.6	87	109
Minnesota	187.5	205.5	215.6	115	105
Montana	1.2	0.9	1.8	148	193
Nebraska	617.1	620.5	650.7	105	105
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	164	148
Oklahoma	78.1	88.1	89.0	114	101
Oregon	4.7	4.8	4.9	105	104
South Dakota	76.3	80.3	77.8	102	97
Texas	390.9	457.5	474.9	121	104
Utah	38.9	44.4	48.0	123	108
Washington	76.2	64.9	71.3	94	110
Wyoming	0.5	0.5	0.6	117	118
United States	3,940.4	4,049.6	4,251.6	108	105

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

Cattle on Feed Down 12 Percent

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Idaho from feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head on August 1, 2008 totaled 180,000 head, 12 percent below the August 1, 2007 inventory. The cattle on feed inventory was down 20,000 head from the number on feed July 1, 2008. Placements of cattle in State feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during July totaled 29,000 head, down 17 percent from July 2007 placements. Marketings of cattle from feedlots with 1,000 head or more during July totaled 48,000 head, down 1,000 head from the same month a year ago. Other disappearance totaled 1,000 head during July, unchanged from July 2007.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 9.87 million head on August 1, 2008. The inventory was 4 percent below August 1, 2007 and 9 percent below August 1, 2006. Placements in feedlots during July totaled 1.66 million, 2 percent above 2007 but 15 percent below 2006. Net placements were 1.62 million head. This is the second lowest placements for the month of July since the series began in 1996. During July, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 360,000, 600-699 pounds were 320,000, 700-799 pounds were 476,000 and 800 pounds and greater were 505,000. Marketings of fed cattle during July totaled 2.04 million, 2 percent above 2007 and 5 percent above 2006. Other disappearance totaled 45,000 during July, 26 percent below 2007 and 22 percent below 2006.

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

State	Aug. 1, 2007	July 1, 2008	Aug. 1, 2008		
			Number	As % of 2007	As % of July
		<i>---1,000 Head---</i>		<i>---Percent---</i>	
Arizona	341	356	357	105	100
California	540	520	515	95	99
Colorado	870	820	750	86	91
Idaho	205	200	180	88	90
Iowa	500	500	475	95	95
Kansas	2,100	2,080	2,010	96	97
Nebraska	1,910	2,050	1,920	101	94
New Mexico	129	154	164	127	106
Oklahoma	305	300	290	95	97
South Dakota	175	185	170	97	92
Texas	2,780	2,660	2,590	93	97
Washington	144	140	133	92	95
Other States	300	330	315	105	95
United States	10,299	10,295	9,869	96	96

^{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 July 31, 2008, totaled 858 million pounds, a 10 percent decrease from June 30, 2008, but up 9 percent from July 31, 2007. Other frozen potatoes, at 250 million pounds, increased 3 percent from June stocks and 23 percent from last year.

United States stocks of butter on July 31, 2008, totaled 248 million pounds, down 4 percent from the end of the previous month, and down 9 percent from July 31, 2007. Stocks of American cheese totaled 576 million pounds, down 1 percent from June 30, 2008, but up 2 percent from last year.

Commodity	July 31, 2007	June 30, 2008	July 31, 2008	2008 2007
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>
POTATOES				
French Fries	788,741	947,666	857,573	109
Other Frozen	203,026	242,365	249,695	123
TOTAL	991,767	1,190,031	1,107,268	112
DAIRY				
Butter	271,508	258,360	248,159	91
Natural Cheese				
American, Total	563,888	581,842	576,074	102

July Farm Labor

For the Mountain I Region of the U.S. (Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming), there were 30,000 hired workers on farms and ranches during the week of July 6-12, 2008. Hired workers worked an average of 44.0 hours during the survey week at an average wage of \$10.00 per hour.

Nationally, farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$10.34 per hour during the July 2008 reference week, up 35 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$9.66 per hour, up 42 cents from last July, while livestock workers earned \$9.98 per hour compared with \$9.73 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$9.74 per hour, was up 37 cents from last year. The number of hours worked averaged 40.5 hours for hired workers during the survey week, down 2 percent from a year ago.

