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Idaho Milk Production Up 1.7 Percent

Idaho milk production during November 2011 totaled 1.07 billion pounds, a 1.7 percent increase from the same month last year, but down 5.0 percent from October 2011. October 2011 milk production was revised to 1.12 billion pounds, down 2 million pounds from the preliminary level. Average milk production per cow in November 2011 was 1,840 pounds, up 10 pounds from last year's level. The average number of milk cows during November was 579,000 head, up 7,000 from November 2010.

Milk production in the 23 major States during November totaled 14.7 billion pounds, up 2.2 percent from November 2010. October revised production at 15.2 billion pounds, was up 2.5 percent from October 2010. The October revision represented an increase of 1 million pounds or less than 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,738 pounds for November, 16 pounds above November 2010. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.48 million head, 108,000 head more than November 2010, but unchanged from October 2011.

Milk Production, Average Number of Cows, Selected States, November 2010-2011

State	Milk Cows ^{1/}		Milk Per Cow ^{2/}		Milk Production ^{2/}		Change From 2010
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Arizona	183	192	1,835	1,855	336	356	6.0
California	1,751	1,778	1,865	1,880	3,266	3,343	2.4
Colorado	122	131	1,920	1,870	234	245	4.7
Florida	114	120	1,465	1,480	167	178	6.6
Idaho	572	579	1,830	1,840	1,047	1,065	1.7
Illinois	98	98	1,550	1,580	152	155	2.0
Indiana	170	172	1,650	1,680	281	289	2.8
Iowa	204	200	1,700	1,765	347	353	1.7
Kansas	121	124	1,730	1,735	209	215	2.9
Michigan	360	369	1,840	1,865	662	688	3.9
Minnesota	470	471	1,525	1,520	717	716	-0.1
Missouri	96	94	1,180	1,190	113	112	-0.9
New Mexico	319	333	1,985	2,020	633	673	6.3
New York	611	610	1,680	1,660	1,026	1,013	-1.3
Ohio	270	269	1,560	1,560	421	420	-0.2
Oregon	121	122	1,610	1,615	195	197	1.0
Pennsylvania	542	538	1,600	1,580	867	850	-2.0
Texas	415	435	1,750	1,810	726	787	8.4
Utah	85	88	1,720	1,740	146	153	4.8
Vermont	136	134	1,485	1,510	202	202	
Virginia	95	96	1,465	1,435	139	138	-0.7
Washington	253	263	1,870	1,880	473	494	4.4
Wisconsin	1,265	1,265	1,630	1,655	2,062	2,094	1.6
23 State Total	8,373	8,481	1,722	1,738	14,421	14,736	2.2

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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Idaho Cattle on Feed Same as a Year Ago

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Idaho from feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head on December 1, 2011 totaled 235,000 head, same as a year ago. The cattle on feed inventory was up 4 percent from November 1, 2011. Placements of cattle in feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during November totaled 46,000 head, down 12 percent from November 2010 placements. Marketings of cattle from feedlots with 1,000 head or more during November totaled 35,000 head, same as a year ago. Other disappearance totaled 1,000 head during November.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 12.1 million head on December 1, 2011. The inventory was 4 percent above December 1, 2010. This is the second highest December 1 inventory since the series began in 1996. Placements in feedlots during November totaled 2.04 million, 4 percent above 2010. Net placements were 1.94 million head. During November, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 755,000, 600-699 pounds were 499,000, 700-799 pounds were 375,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 410,000. Marketings of fed cattle during November totaled 1.77 million, slightly below 2010. Other disappearance totaled 102,000 during November, 65 percent above 2010.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots¹

State	December 1, 2010	November 1, 2011	December 1, 2011		
			Number	As % of 2010	As % of November
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Arizona	249	292	291	117	100
California	470	495	510	109	103
Colorado	1,090	1,140	1,160	106	102
Idaho	235	225	235	100	104
Iowa	630	570	610	97	107
Kansas	2,360	2,400	2,360	100	98
Nebraska	2,460	2,470	2,560	104	104
Oklahoma	380	390	385	101	99
South Dakota	255	240	265	104	110
Texas	2,840	3,020	3,010	106	100
Washington	214	226	236	110	104
Other States	437	446	459	105	103
United States	11,620	11,914	12,081	104	101

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.

U.S. Frozen Potato and Dairy Product Stocks

Frozen stocks of French fries in the United States on November 30, 2011, totaled 844 million pounds, down 7 percent from October 31, 2011, and down 8 percent from November 30, 2010. Other frozen potatoes, at 211 million pounds, were up slightly from October stocks and down 1 percent from last year.

United States stocks of butter on November 30, 2011, totaled 95 million pounds, down 27 percent from the end of the previous month, but up 36 percent from November 30, 2010. Stocks of American cheese totaled 586 million pounds, down 5 percent from October 31, 2011, and down 6 percent from last year.

Commodity	Nov. 30, 2010	Oct. 31, 2011	Nov. 30, 2011	2011
				2010
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>
POTATOES:				
French Fries	913,938	905,517	843,619	92
Other Frozen	213,539	208,828	210,761	99
TOTAL	1,127,477	1,114,345	1,054,380	94
DAIRY:				
Butter, Total	69,932	130,684	94,916	136
Natural Cheese				
American, Total	625,348	615,215	586,366	94

Idaho November Red Meat Production Down 80 Percent from Last Year

Commercial red meat production at Idaho packing plants for November 2011 totaled 3.8 million pounds, down 80 percent from last year. Accumulated red meat production for the January-November 2011 period totaled 90.0 million pounds, down 52 percent from the comparable period a year earlier.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.26 billion pounds in November, down 2 percent from the 4.33 billion pounds produced in November 2010. Beef production, at 2.15 billion pounds, was 4 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.79 million head, down 3 percent from November 2010. The average live weight was down 6 pounds from the previous year, at 1,293 pounds. Veal production totaled 10.8 million pounds, 5 percent below November a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 73,000 head, up slightly from November 2010. The average live weight was down 14 pounds from last year, at 255 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.09 billion pounds, up 1 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 10.04 million head, up 1 percent from November 2010. The average live weight was unchanged from the previous year, at 278 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 12.6 million pounds, was down 12 percent from November 2010. Sheep slaughter totaled 186,700 head, 15 percent below last year. The average live weight was 135 pounds, up 4 pounds from November a year ago. January to November 2011 commercial red meat production was 45.0 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 2010. Accumulated beef production was up slightly from last year, veal was down 3 percent, pork was up 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 9 percent.

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

State	November 2010	October 2011	November 2011	November 2011 as % of 2010 ^{2/}
	<i>Million Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>
California	148.1	139.1	147.5	100
Colorado	171.1	178.2	170.0	99
Idaho	18.7	3.5	3.8	20
Illinois	249.4	258.8	264.4	106
Iowa	593.8	587.6	604.5	102
Kansas	456.1	438.4	424.8	93
Minnesota	249.2	249.2	248.7	100
Montana	1.7	1.9	1.7	104
Nebraska	633.9	641.7	612.5	97
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	114
Oklahoma	102.6	96.4	104.0	101
Oregon	5.4	6.2	6.3	116
South Dakota	98.6	98.7	101.0	102
Texas	417.5	416.2	402.2	96
Utah	36.3	43.8	37.3	103
Washington	72.9	78.4	74.9	103
Wyoming	0.5	0.2	0.5	101
United States	4,329.3	4,270.8	4,259.7	98

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

2/ Totals and percentages based on unrounded data.

Commercial Red Meat Production: United States

[Totals, accumulated totals, and percentages based on unrounded data.]

Type	November 2010	October 2011	November 2011	Nov 2011 As Percent of	
				Nov 2010	Oct 2011
	<i>Million Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Beef	2,235.5	2,215.2	2,149.4	96	97
Veal	11.3	10.5	10.8	95	103
Pork	2,068.0	2,033.5	2,086.9	101	103
Lamb & Mutton	14.4	11.7	12.6	88	108
Total Red Meat	4,329.3	4,270.8	4,259.7	98	100

IDAHO AND WASHINGTON HOG INVENTORY DOWN 5 PERCENT

Idaho and Washington combined hog inventory on December 1, 2011 was 58,000 head, down 5 percent from the previous December 1 inventory. Idaho and Washington hog inventory was combined to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. Breeding hog inventory for Idaho and Washington combined, at 11,000 head, is down 1,000 head from last year. Market hogs decreased 2,000 head to 47,000 head for Idaho and Washington combined. An estimated 17,200 sows farrowed during the past year with an average litter size of 8.79 pigs. The total pig crop of 151,200 head was down 6 percent from the previous year.

United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2011 was 65.9 million head. This was up 2 percent from December 1, 2010, but down 1 percent from September 1, 2011. Breeding inventory, at 5.80 million head, was up slightly from last year, but down slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 60.1 million head, was up 2 percent from last year, but down 1 percent from last quarter. The September-November 2011 pig crop, at 29.0 million head, was up 2 percent from 2010. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.89 million head, up slightly from 2010. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 50 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high 10.02 for the September-November period, compared to 9.89 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.40 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 10.10 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

Hogs and Pigs: Inventory Number by Class and Weight Group, United States, 2010-2011 ^{1/}

Item	2010	2011	2011 as a %
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	2010
			<i>Percent</i>
December 1 Inventory			
All Hogs & Pigs	64,925	65,931	102
Kept for Breeding	5,778	5,803	100
Market	59,147	60,128	102
Market Hogs and Pigs by Weight Groups			
Under 50 Pounds	18,864	19,271	102
50-119 Pounds	16,519	16,895	102
120-179 Pounds	12,233	12,472	102
180 Pounds and Over	11,531	11,490	100

^{1/} May not add due to rounding.