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Idaho Milk Production Up 8.2 Percent

Idaho milk production during December 2007 totaled 985 million pounds, a 8.2 percent increase from the same month last year, and up 35 million pounds from November 2007. Revised production for November 2007 totaled 950 million pounds, up 10 million pounds from the preliminary estimate, and 6.7 percent above November 2006. Average milk production per cow in December 2007 was 1,870 pounds, up 60 pounds from November 2007, and up 50 pounds from December 2006. The average number of milk cows during December was 527,000 head, up 2,000 head from November 2007 and up 27,000 head from December 2006.

Milk production in the 23 major States during December totaled 14.4 billion pounds, up 3.1 percent from December 2006.

November revised production, at 13.8 billion pounds, was up 3.9 percent from November 2006. The November revision represented an increase of 13 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,719 pounds for December, 29 pounds above December 2006. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.38 million head, 107,000 head more than December 2006, and 14,000 head more than November 2007.

Milk Cows and Production: Selected States, December 2006-2007

State	Milk Cows 1/		Milk Per Cow 2/		Milk Production 2/		Change From 2006
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	
	1,000 Head		Pounds		Million Pounds		Percent
Arizona	175	185	1,915	1,925	335	356	6.3
California	1,787	1,833	1,845	1,880	3,297	3,446	4.5
Colorado	114	120	1,910	1,965	218	236	8.3
Florida	130	124	1,360	1,390	177	172	-2.8
Idaho	500	527	1,820	1,870	910	985	8.2
Illinois	103	103	1,620	1,580	167	163	-2.4
Indiana	166	166	1,690	1,705	281	283	0.7
Iowa	209	215	1,700	1,665	355	358	0.8
Kansas	111	109	1,750	1,790	194	195	0.5
Kentucky	94	89	1,120	1,170	105	104	-1.0
Michigan	324	343	1,880	1,870	609	641	5.3
Minnesota	455	463	1,575	1,590	717	736	2.6
Missouri	115	110	1,300	1,210	150	133	-11.3
New Mexico	360	339	1,690	1,840	608	624	2.6
New York	628	627	1,580	1,615	992	1,013	2.1
Ohio	274	278	1,485	1,500	407	417	2.5
Oregon	116	115	1,520	1,515	176	174	-1.1
Pennsylvania	549	550	1,620	1,620	889	891	0.2
Texas	346	355	1,765	1,825	611	648	6.1
Vermont	140	140	1,520	1,545	213	216	1.4
Virginia	100	99	1,480	1,495	148	148	-
Washington	235	243	1,890	1,930	444	469	5.6
Wisconsin	1,245	1,250	1,590	1,605	1,980	2,006	1.3
23 State Total	8,276	8,383	1,690	1,719	13,983	14,414	3.1

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

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Idaho Red Meat Production Down 5 Percent

Commercial red meat production at Idaho packing plants for December 2007 totaled 17.9 million pounds, up 373 percent from December of last year. December production was down 5 percent from November 2007 production. Accumulated red meat production for 2007 totaled 180 million pounds, down 20 percent from the previous year.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.06 billion pounds in December, up 5 percent from the 3.87 billion pounds produced in December 2006. Beef production, at 2.06 billion pounds, was slightly above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.65 million head, up 1 percent from December 2006. The average live weight was up 2 pounds from the previous year, at 1,302 pounds. Veal production totaled 10.4 million pounds, 21 percent below December a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 61,000 head, down 11 percent from December

2006. The average live weight was down 35 pounds from last year, at 289 pounds. Pork production totaled 1.97 billion pounds, up 10 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.69 million head, up 9 percent from December 2006. The average live weight was up 1 pound from the previous year, at 272 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 15.4 million pounds, was down 1 percent from December 2006. Sheep slaughter totaled 229,100 head, 1 percent above last year. The average live weight was 135 pounds, down 1 pound from December a year ago. January to December 2007 commercial red meat production was 48.7 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 2006. Accumulated beef production was up 1 percent from last year, veal was down 6 percent, pork was up 4 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 1 percent.

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

State	December 2006	November 2007	December 2007	December 2007 As Percent Of ^{2/}	
				December 2006	November 2007
	Million Pounds			Percent	
California	141.5	140.6	142.9	101	102
Colorado	123.8	165.5	147.8	119	89
IDAHO	3.8	18.9	17.9	473	95
Illinois	228.3	268.1	254.1	111	95
Iowa	556.5	625.7	591.8	106	95
Kansas	492.3	505.6	456.3	93	90
Minnesota	200.3	217.8	208.0	104	95
Montana	2.1	1.4	1.5	73	107
Nebraska	558.3	626.3	579.5	104	93
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	88	131
Oklahoma	81.1	89.4	91.4	113	102
Oregon	4.1	4.7	4.5	109	96
South Dakota	81.0	101.6	95.6	118	94
Texas	357.7	404.7	372.0	104	92
Utah	33.2	43.4	38.0	114	87
Washington	68.0	72.5	67.6	99	93
Wyoming	0.5	0.4	0.5	94	108
UNITED STATES	3,874.5	4,300.6	4,058.1	105	94

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

IDAHO CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 10 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Idaho from feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head on January 1, 2008 totaled 235,000 head, 10 percent below the January 1, 2007 inventory. The cattle on feed inventory decreased 5,000 head from the number on feed December 1, 2007. Placements of cattle in State feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during December totaled 39,000 head, unchanged from December 2006 placements. Marketings of cattle from feedlots with 1,000 head or more during December totaled 42,000 head, up 1,000 head from the same month a year ago. Other disappearance totaled 2,000 during December, down 6,000 head from December 2006.

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 January 1, 2008. The inventory was 1 percent above January 1, 2007 and 2 percent above January 1, 2006. This is the highest January 1 inventory since the series began in 1996.

The inventory included 7.65 million steers and steer calves, up 1 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 63 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.38 million head, up 2 percent from 2007. Placements in feedlots during December totaled 1.70 million, 1 percent below 2007 and 10 percent below 2006. Net placements were 1.64 million head. During December, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 480,000, 600-699 pounds were 505,000, 700-799 pounds were 420,000 and 800 pounds and greater were 296,000. Marketings of fed cattle during December totaled 1.65 million, 1 percent above the previous year but 4 percent below two years ago. This is the second lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of December since the series began in 1996. Other disappearance totaled 58,000 during December, 34 percent below the previous year and 36 percent below two years ago.

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

State	January 1, 2007	December 1, 2007	January 1, 2008		
			Number	As % of 2007	As % of December
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Arizona	334	367	368	110	100
California	550	555	560	102	101
Colorado	1,100	1,070	1,100	100	103
Idaho	260	240	235	90	98
Iowa	520	570	570	110	100
Kansas	2,540	2,500	2,480	98	99
Nebraska	2,540	2,520	2,530	100	100
New Mexico	136	*149	160	118	107
Oklahoma	350	345	350	100	101
South Dakota	225	215	230	102	107
Texas	2,870	3,010	2,960	103	98
Washington	184	168	164	89	98
Other States	365	390	390	107	100
United States	11,974	*12,099	12,097	101	100

* Revised 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.

Frozen Stocks

Frozen stocks of French fries in the United States on December 31, 2007, totaled 809 million pounds, an increase of 7 percent from December 31, 2006 but down 6 percent from November 30, 2007. Other frozen potatoes, at 192 million pounds, decreased 2 percent from last year and 10 percent from the previous month.

United States stocks of butter on December 31, 2007, totaled 156 million pounds, up 43 percent from the end of the previous year and up 9 percent from the previous month. Of this 156 million pounds, the government owned 31,000 pounds. Stocks of total American cheese totaled 519 million pounds, down 3 percent from December 31, 2006, and up 1 percent from November 30, 2007. The government owned 752,000 pounds of the American cheese stocks.

Commodity	Dec 31, 2006	Nov. 30, 2007	Dec 31, 2007	2007
	1,000 Pounds			Percent
POTATOES:				
French Fries	758,254	863,394	808,834	107
Other Frozen	196,566	213,771	192,106	98
TOTAL	954,820	1,077,165	1,000,940	105
DAIRY:				
Butter	108,605	143,244	155,597	143
(Govt. Owned)	60	90	31	52
Natural Cheese				
American, Total	534,208	514,552	519,122	97
(Govt. Owned)	219	716	752	343

Idaho Fruit Production Down from 2006

Idaho's 2007 apple production totaled 45.0 million pounds, a 15 million pound decrease from last year. Peach production totaled 7,000 tons, down 2,000 tons from 2006. Sweet cherry production was 1,500 tons, down 2,300 tons from 2006. Prune and plum production in 2007 was 1,800 tons, down 200 tons from last year.

Nationally, apple production totaled 9.34 billion pounds, down 5 percent from 2006. Utilized production, at 9.30 billion pounds, is also down 5 percent from last year. Peach production totaled 1.11 million tons, up 10 percent from 2006. Utilized peach production, at 1.10 tons, is up 12 percent from last year. Sweet cherry production increased 10 percent from a year ago to 323,670 tons. Utilized sweet cherry production is up 11 percent from a year ago to 319,190 tons. Prune and plum production totaled 11,900 tons for ID, OR, MI and WA, down 45 percent from 2006. Utilized production totaled 10,720 tons, down 44 percent from last year.

Total Fruit Production, Selected States & U.S., 2006 – 2007¹

State	Apples		Peaches		Prunes & Plums		Sweet Cherries	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	Million Pounds		Tons		Tons		Tons	
California	355.0	390.0	^{2/} 353,000	^{2/} 430,000	--	--	42,100	85,000
Georgia	13.0	2.0	41,000	13,000	--	--	--	--
Idaho	60.0	45.0	9,000	7,000	2,000	1,800	3,800	1,500
Illinois	52.5	5.0	11,370	100	--	--	--	--
Michigan	870.0	760.0	18,900	20,500	3,600	3,100	20,000	27,300
New York	1,250.0	1,270.0	7,000	6,300	--	--	960	1,190
North Carolina	173.0	60.0	5,630	650	--	--	--	--
Oregon	150.0	145.0	2,100	3,000	10,500	3,000	55,100	35,000
Pennsylvania	470.0	480.0	21,600	19,400	--	--	--	--
South Carolina	3.0	0.3	60,000	12,500	--	--	--	--
Utah	10.0	19.0	5,600	4,500	--	--	1,800	1,250
Virginia	220.0	220.0	4,000	1,600	--	--	--	--
Washington	5,550.0	5,400.0	23,000	18,500	5,400	4,000	168,000	170,000
West Virginia	90.0	80.0	5,200	4,200	--	--	--	--
UNITED STATES	9,851.7	9,342.6	^{3/} 1,010,120	^{4/} 1,112,740	^{5/} 21,500	^{5/} 11,900	294,160	323,670

1/ Includes unharvested production not utilized. 2/ Freestone only. 3/ Includes CA Clingstone total production of 359,000 tons. 4 / Includes CA Clingstone production of 503,000 tons. 5/ Excludes California prunes (dried basis).

