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Idaho Monthly Milk Production Up 8.2 Percent

Idaho milk production during March 2008 totaled 1.03 billion pounds, an 8.2 percent increase from the same month last year, and up 86 million pounds from February 2008. Average milk production per cow in March 2008 was 1,900 pounds, up 150 pounds from February 2008, and up 20 pounds from March 2007. The average number of milk cows during March was 540,000 head, up 3,000 head from revised February 2008 and up 36,000 head from March 2007.

Milk production in the 23 major States during March totaled 15.1 billion pounds, up 2.4 percent from March 2007. February revised production at 13.9 billion pounds, was up 6.2 percent from February 2007. The February revision represented an increase of 23 million pounds or 0.2 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,795 pounds for March, 12 pounds above March 2007. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.44 million head, 141,000 head more than March 2007, and 9,000 head more than February 2008.

Milk Production, Average Number of Cows, Selected States, March 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	179	186	2,195	2,190	393	407	3.6
California	1,799	1,846	1,975	1,970	3,553	3,637	2.4
Colorado	115	126	1,910	1,945	220	245	11.4
Florida	130	123	1,610	1,650	209	203	-2.9
Idaho	504	540	1,880	1,900	948	1,026	8.2
Illinois	103	102	1,655	1,640	170	167	-1.8
Indiana	167	167	1,770	1,730	296	289	-2.4
Iowa	211	216	1,750	1,730	369	374	1.4
Kansas	110	109	1,720	1,835	189	200	5.8
Kentucky	93	91	1,260	1,260	117	115	-1.7
Michigan	329	344	1,955	1,860	643	640	-0.5
Minnesota	455	463	1,650	1,625	751	752	0.1
Missouri	115	110	1,370	1,300	158	143	-9.5
New Mexico	349	340	1,790	1,990	625	677	8.3
New York	628	626	1,630	1,680	1,024	1,052	2.7
Ohio	275	280	1,560	1,550	429	434	1.2
Oregon	115	114	1,750	1,595	201	182	-9.5
Pennsylvania	550	549	1,710	1,680	941	922	-2.0
Texas	347	370	1,920	1,980	666	733	10.1
Vermont	140	140	1,535	1,590	215	223	3.7
Virginia	100	98	1,570	1,610	157	158	0.6
Washington	235	245	2,000	1,990	470	488	3.8
Wisconsin	1,246	1,251	1,640	1,660	2,043	2,077	1.7
23 State Total	8,295	8,436	1,783	1,795	14,787	15,144	2.4

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

April Potato Stocks

Potato stocks held by growers, dealers, and processors in Idaho on April 1 totaled 51.0 million cwt, 4.50 million cwt more than on hand April 1, 2007. Disappearance, at 80.7 million cwt is down from last year's 82.4 million cwt. Stocks in the 10 Southwest counties totaled 2.40 million cwt, up from last year's 2.30 million cwt. The Other counties' stocks, at 48.6 million cwt, were up from the 44.2 million cwt stored on April 1, 2007.

Nationally, the 13 major potato States held 130 million cwt of potatoes in storage April 1, 2008, up 8 percent from a year ago and 12 percent above April 1, 2006. Potatoes in storage accounted for 33 percent of the 2007 fall storage States' production, up 2 percentage points from a year ago. Potato disappearance, at 270 million cwt, was 1 percent above April 1, 2007 and up 4 percent from 2006. Season to date shrink and loss, at 21.6 million cwt, was down 3 percent from the same date in 2007 but up 7 percent from 2006.

Fall Potatoes Production & Stocks, Crop Years 2002-2007, Idaho & 13 Fall States Total 1/ 2/

CROP YEAR	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS						
		DEC 1	FOLLOWING YEAR					
			JAN 1	FEB 1	MAR 1	APR 1	MAY 1	JUN 1
<u>1,000 Cwt</u>								
IDAHO								
2002	133,385	92,000	82,500	72,500	62,000	49,000	34,500	21,000
2003	123,180	86,000	76,500	67,000	58,000	46,000	33,000	19,500
2004	131,970	93,500	84,500	75,000	64,000	52,000	38,500	24,000
2005	118,288	85,000	75,500	66,000	56,000	43,500	31,000	18,500
2006	128,915	90,000	80,000	70,000	59,500	46,500	33,000	21,000
2007	131,650	94,000	84,000	74,000	63,000	51,000		
13 States 1/								
2002 2/	407,085	264,485	231,490	199,020	165,210	125,770	83,040	45,880
2003 2/	403,181	267,900	233,590	200,230	166,280	126,110	85,000	46,020
2004 2/	403,587	271,100	236,700	203,490	168,020	128,900	88,550	51,700
2005	374,298	253,800	220,500	189,100	155,500	115,700	75,900	41,560
2006	389,272	259,300	226,100	192,600	159,700	121,000	79,050	44,460
2007	400,085	270,100	237,500	206,200	171,800	130,100		

1/ See table below for listing of 13 states. 2/ 15 states prior to 2005.

Production and Total Stocks of Fall Potatoes Held by Growers, Processors, and Local Dealers on April 1, 2007 and April 1, 2008 1/

STATE	CROP OF 2006			CROP OF 2007		
	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS APRIL 1, 2007	APRIL 1 STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS APRIL 1, 2008	APRIL 1 STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION
	<u>1,000 Cwt</u>		<u>Percent</u>	<u>1,000 Cwt</u>		<u>Percent</u>
California	3,870	800	21	4,223	600	14
Colorado	22,686	9,000	40	20,981	7,500	36
Idaho	128,915	46,500	36	131,650	51,000	39
Maine	17,980	7,700	43	16,530	6,200	38
Michigan	14,190	1,800	13	14,700	2,900	20
Minnesota	20,400	6,100	30	20,680	6,400	31
Montana	3,518	2,300	65	3,696	1,900	51
Nebraska	8,730	2,400	27	8,051	2,100	26
New York	5,700	500	9	5,216	300	6
North Dakota	25,480	7,900	31	23,660	6,000	25
Oregon	18,533	7,600	41	20,238	8,700	43
Washington	89,900	21,000	23	102,300	29,500	29
Wisconsin	29,370	7,400	25	28,160	7,000	25
13 STATES	389,272	121,000	31	400,085	130,100	33
Klamath Basin 2/		1,400			1,150	

1/ Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant following year's crop. Seed usage for all seasons in 2007 totaled 26.4 million cwt.

2/ Includes potato stocks in CA and Klamath Co., OR.

Idaho Cattle on Feed Down 6 Percent

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Idaho from feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head on April 1, 2008 totaled 230,000 head, 6 percent below the April 1, 2007 inventory. The cattle on feed inventory was down 5,000 head from the number on feed March 1, 2008. Placements of cattle in State feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during March totaled 37,000 head, down 3 percent from March 2007 placements. Marketings of cattle from feedlots with 1,000 head or more during March totaled 39,000 head, down 3,000 head from the same month a year ago. Other disappearance totaled 3,000 head during March, up 2,000 head from March 2007.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.7 million head on April 1, 2008. The inventory was slightly above April 1, 2007 but 1 percent below April 1, 2006. This is the second highest April 1 inventory since the series began in 1996. The inventory included 7.35 million steers and steer calves, down 1 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 63 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.28 million head, up 3 percent from 2007. Placements in feedlots during March totaled 1.74 million, 11 percent below 2007 and 5 percent below 2006. Net placements were 1.67 million head. This is the second lowest placements for the month of March since the series began in 1996. During March, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 335,000, 600-699 pounds were 330,000, 700-799 pounds were 561,000 and 800 pounds and greater were 510,000. Marketings of fed cattle during March totaled 1.84 million, slightly below 2007 and 6 percent below 2006. Other disappearance totaled 63,000 during March, 12 percent below 2007 and 30 percent below 2006.

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

State	April 1, 2007	March 1, 2008	April 1, 2008		
			Number	As % of 2007	As % of March
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Arizona	340	377	374	110	99
California	530	545	530	100	97
Colorado	1,020	1,050	1,020	100	97
Idaho	245	235	230	94	98
Iowa	530	560	550	104	98
Kansas	2,480	2,410	2,420	98	100
Nebraska	2,480	2,490	2,450	99	98
New Mexico	131	160	158	121	99
Oklahoma	350	350	340	97	97
South Dakota	230	235	225	98	96
Texas	2,800	2,920	2,880	103	99
Washington	163	151	152	93	101
Other States	345	370	355	103	96
United States	11,644	11,853	11,684	100	99

^{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.

Idaho Foodsize Trout Sales Increased in 2007

Idaho foodsize trout (trout 12 inches and longer) sales during 2007 totaled \$46.5 million, up 14 percent from the \$40.9 million in 2006. The number of foodsize fish sold was 45.0 million, up 18 percent from the 38.0 million sold a year ago. Total pounds sold in 2007 were 50.5 million pounds, compared to 46.5 million pounds in 2006. Average price per pound for food size trout was \$0.92, up from \$0.88 in 2006.

Nationally, the number of food size trout sold during 2007 totaled 59.7 million fish, up 14 percent from the previous year. The average price per pound was \$1.15, up 4 cents from 2006. The value of sales for the 2007 marketing year was 80.0 million dollars, up 10 percent from 2006. Based on the dollar value, 67 percent were sold to processors and 16 percent were sold to fee and recreational fishing establishments.

The total value of fish sales received by trout growers in the United States totaled 87.5 million dollars for 2007, an increase of 9 percent from 2006. Idaho accounted for 53 percent of the total value of fish sold.

Idaho March Red Meat Production Up 24 Percent from Last Year

Commercial red meat production at Idaho packing plants for March 2008 totaled 19.2 million pounds, up 24 percent from March of last year. March production was up 5 percent from February 2008 production. Accumulated red meat production for the January-March 2008 period totaled 53.7 million pounds, up 97 percent from the comparable period a year earlier.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.09 billion pounds in March, up 2 percent from the 4.01 billion pounds produced in March 2007. Beef production, at 2.10 billion pounds, was 1 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.73 million head, down 2 percent from March 2007. The average live weight was up 16 pounds from the previous year, at 1,276 pounds. Veal production totaled 11.2 million pounds, 17 percent below March a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 70,800 head, up slightly from March 2007. The average live weight was down 48 pounds from last year, at 273 pounds. Pork production totaled 1.96 billion pounds, up 5 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.66 million head, up 5 percent from March 2007. The average live weight was up 1 pound from the previous year, at 271 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 16.0 million pounds, was down 18 percent from March 2007. Sheep slaughter totaled 230,900 head, 17 percent below last year. The average live weight was 139 pounds, down 1 pound from March a year ago. January to March 2008 commercial red meat production was 12.5 billion pounds, up 6 percent from 2007. Accumulated beef production was up 2 percent from last year, veal was down 16 percent, pork was up 12 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 7 percent.

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

State	March 2007	February 2008	March 2008	March 2008 as As Percent Of ^{2/}	
				March 2007	February 2008
	<i>Million Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
California	142.2	134.4	133.0	94	99
Colorado	148.1	*171.2	168.3	114	98
Idaho	15.5	18.2	19.2	124	105
Illinois	245.2	245.0	251.3	102	103
Iowa	552.3	571.6	607.1	110	106
Kansas	504.4	406.9	429.3	85	106
Minnesota	210.2	203.2	208.7	99	103
Montana	1.3	1.3	1.2	91	91
Nebraska	550.3	568.0	582.6	106	103
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	148	95
Oklahoma	96.4	89.8	93.4	97	104
Oregon	4.5	4.4	4.9	109	110
South Dakota	84.4	84.1	89.6	106	107
Texas	383.3	*383.2	408.2	107	107
Utah	39.4	43.5	42.0	107	97
Washington	76.0	66.0	62.7	83	95
Wyoming	0.5	0.5	0.4	89	82
United States	4,012.4	3,967.6	4,092.9	102	103

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

