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Idaho Milk Production up 2.3 Percent

Idaho milk production during September 2012 totaled 1.14 billion pounds, a 2.3 percent increase from the same month last year, but a 4.8 percent decrease from August 2012, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. August 2012 milk production was revised to 1.20 billion pounds, up 22 million pounds. Average milk production per cow in September 2012 was 1,970 pounds, up 50 pounds from last year's level. The average number of milk cows during September was 580,000 head, down 2,000 head from September 2011.

Milk production in the 23 major States during September totaled 14.7 billion pounds, down 0.5 percent from September 2011. August revised production at 15.3 billion pounds, was down slightly from August 2011. The August revision represented an increase of 26 million pounds or 0.2 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,732 pounds for September, 10 pounds below September 2011. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.47 million head, 5,000 head more than September 2011, but 24,000 head less than August 2012.

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