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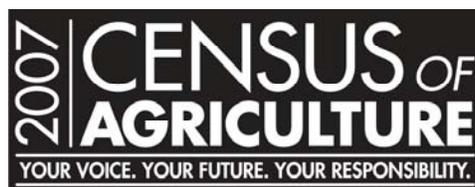
### Idaho Monthly Milk Production Up 7.3 Percent

Idaho milk production during January 2008 totaled 997 million pounds, a 7.3 percent increase from the same month last year, and up 6 million pounds from December 2007, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. Revised production for December 2007 totaled 991 million pounds, up 6 million pounds from the preliminary estimate, and 7.7 percent above December 2006. Average milk production per cow in January 2008 was 1,870 pounds, unchanged from December 2007, but up 20 pounds from January 2007. The average number of milk cows during January was 533,000 head, up 3,000 head from December 2007 and up 31,000 head from January 2007.

Idaho's annual production during 2007 was 11.5 billion pounds, 5.9 percent above 2006. Idaho's 2006 milk production was revised to 10.9 billion pounds, up slightly from the preliminary estimate. Production per cow averaged 22,513 pounds for 2007, 167 pounds above 2006. The average number of milk cows on farms in Idaho during 2007 was 513,000 head, up 25,000 head from the previous year.

Milk production in the 23 major States during January totaled 14.6 billion pounds, up 2.4 percent from January 2007. December production, unrevised at 14.4 billion pounds, was up 2.8 percent from December 2006. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,743 pounds for January, 17 pounds above January 2007. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.40 million head, 120,000 head more than January 2007, and 15,000 head more than December 2007.

The annual production of milk for the U.S. during 2007 was 186 billion pounds, 2.1 percent above 2006. Revisions to 2006 production decreased the annual total 2 million pounds. Revised 2007 production was up 3 million pounds from last month's publication. Production per cow in the U.S. averaged 20,267 pounds for 2007, 316 pounds above 2006. The average annual rate of milk production per cow has increased 17.9 percent from 1998. The average number of milk cows on farms in the U.S. during 2007 was 9.16 million head, up 0.5 percent from 2006. The average number of milk cows was revised up 5,000 head for 2007.



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