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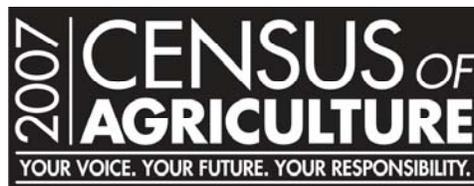
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Idaho Monthly Milk Production Up 8.2 Percent

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, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. 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.



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