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Idaho Ranks third in Milk Production for August 2008

Idaho's August production surpassed New York for the second month in a row, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. Idaho milk production during August 2008 totaled 1,088 million pounds, a 6.3 percent increase from the same month last year, but down 2 million pounds from the July 2008 revised production of 1,090 million pounds. Idaho's August milk production ranked third in the nation, following California and Wisconsin. July 2008 milk production revision represented a 5 million pound decrease or -0.5 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Average milk production per cow in August 2008 was 1,960 pounds, unchanged from July 2008, but down 10 pounds from August 2007. The average number of milk cows during August was 555,000 head, down 1,000 head from July 2008, but up 35,000 head from August 2007.

Milk production in the 23 major States during August totaled 14.5 billion pounds, up 1.5 percent from August 2007. July revised production at 14.8 billion pounds, was up 1.8 percent from July 2007. The July revision represented an increase of 12 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,717 pounds for August, 2 pounds below August 2007. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.47 million head, 137,000 head more than August 2007, but 3,000 head less than July 2008.

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