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*Dear Respondent:*

*This issue of the Idaho Crop and Livestock Producers' News covers the results of the February 1 Milk Production Report. Total production and number of cows are reported for selected states and the U.S.*

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Sincerely,

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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. 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.

### Milk Cows and Production: by Month, Idaho, 2007-2008

Month	Milk Cows 1/		Milk Per Cow 2/		Milk Production 2/		Change From 2007
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	
	1,000 Head		Pounds		Million Pounds		Percent
January	502	533	1,850	1,870	929	997	7.3
February	504		1,680		847		
March	504		1,880		948		
April	503		1,860		936		
May	506		1,930		977		
June	508		1,910		970		
July	516		1,970		1,017		
August	520		1,970		1,024		
September	521		1,880		979		
October	522		1,880		981		
November	525		1,810		950		
December*	530		1,870		991		
Annual	513		22,513		11,549		

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

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## Milk Production, Average Number of Cows, Selected States, January 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	175	185	2,030	2,020	355	374	5.4
California	1,792	1,837	1,880	1,900	3,369	3,490	3.6
Colorado	115	120	1,855	1,940	213	233	9.4
Florida	130	124	1,470	1,450	191	180	-5.8
Idaho	502	533	1,850	1,870	929	997	7.3
Illinois	103	103	1,645	1,615	169	166	-1.8
Indiana	165	167	1,720	1,710	284	286	0.7
Iowa	210	216	1,730	1,680	363	363	-
Kansas	110	109	1,670	1,695	184	185	0.5
Kentucky	93	91	1,220	1,180	113	107	-5.3
Michigan	328	344	1,945	1,910	638	657	3
Minnesota	455	463	1,635	1,610	744	745	0.1
Missouri	115	110	1,300	1,225	150	135	-10
New Mexico	357	340	1,690	1,880	603	639	6
New York	628	626	1,610	1,650	1,011	1,033	2.2
Ohio	275	278	1,530	1,530	421	425	1
Oregon	115	115	1,670	1,530	192	176	-8.3
Pennsylvania	549	552	1,640	1,630	900	900	-
Texas	347	360	1,780	1,825	618	657	6.3
Vermont	140	140	1,560	1,570	218	220	0.9
Virginia	100	98	1,540	1,570	154	154	-
Washington	235	243	1,930	1,960	454	476	4.8
Wisconsin	1,245	1,250	1,630	1,640	2,029	2,050	1
23 State Total	8,284	8,404	1,726	1,743	14,302	14,648	2.4

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

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