



Idaho Crop & Livestock Producer News

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Dear Respondent:

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

This release is sent to survey participants in appreciation for their time spent responding to the survey. For more information contact us at nass-id@nass.usda.gov or at 1-800-691-9987. Thank you for reporting and your continued support.

Sincerely,

William R. Meyer
Director

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. 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.

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	534	1,850	1,870	929	999	7.5
February* 3/	504	537	1,680	1,750	847	940	11.0
March	504	540	1,880	1,900	948	1,026	8.2
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. 3/ 2008 Leap Year

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Milk Production, Average Number of Cows, Selected States, March 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	179	186	2,195	2,190	393	407	3.6
California	1,799	1,846	1,975	1,970	3,553	3,637	2.4
Colorado	115	126	1,910	1,945	220	245	11.4
Florida	130	123	1,610	1,650	209	203	-2.9
Idaho	504	540	1,880	1,900	948	1,026	8.2
Illinois	103	102	1,655	1,640	170	167	-1.8
Indiana	167	167	1,770	1,730	296	289	-2.4
Iowa	211	216	1,750	1,730	369	374	1.4
Kansas	110	109	1,720	1,835	189	200	5.8
Kentucky	93	91	1,260	1,260	117	115	-1.7
Michigan	329	344	1,955	1,860	643	640	-0.5
Minnesota	455	463	1,650	1,625	751	752	0.1
Missouri	115	110	1,370	1,300	158	143	-9.5
New Mexico	349	340	1,790	1,990	625	677	8.3
New York	628	626	1,630	1,680	1,024	1,052	2.7
Ohio	275	280	1,560	1,550	429	434	1.2
Oregon	115	114	1,750	1,595	201	182	-9.5
Pennsylvania	550	549	1,710	1,680	941	922	-2.0
Texas	347	370	1,920	1,980	666	733	10.1
Vermont	140	140	1,535	1,590	215	223	3.7
Virginia	100	98	1,570	1,610	157	158	0.6
Washington	235	245	2,000	1,990	470	488	3.8
Wisconsin	1,246	1,251	1,640	1,660	2,043	2,077	1.7
23 State Total	8,295	8,436	1,783	1,795	14,787	15,144	2.4

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

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