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Dear Respondent:

This issue of the Idaho Crop and Livestock Producers' News covers the results of the May 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 6.2 Percent

Idaho milk production during April 2008 totaled 994 million pounds, a 6.2 percent increase from the same month last year, but down 24 million pounds from revised March 2008. Average milk production per cow in April 2008 was 1,840 pounds, down 45 pounds from revised March 2008, and down 20 pounds from April 2007. The average number of milk cows during April was 540,000 head, unchanged from March 2008 and up 37,000 head from April 2007.

Milk production in the 23 major States during April totaled 14.8 billion pounds, up 2.5 percent from April 2007. March revised production at 15.1 billion pounds, was up 2.3 percent from March 2007. The March revision represented a decrease of 10 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,757 pounds for April, 12 pounds above April 2007. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.44 million head, 152,000 head more than April 2007, and 8,000 head more than March 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	1,885	948	1,018	7.4
April	503	540	1,860	1,840	936	994	6.2
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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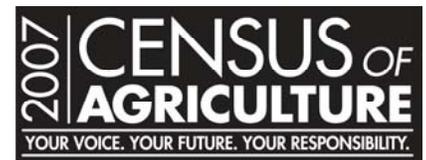
Milk Production, Average Number of Cows, Selected States, April 2007-2008

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	182	186	2,090	2,140	380	398	4.7
California	1,801	1,848	1,915	1,900	3,449	3,511	1.8
Colorado	115	127	1,900	1,910	219	243	11.0
Florida	129	123	1,580	1,575	204	194	-4.9
Idaho	503	540	1,860	1,840	936	994	6.2
Illinois	103	102	1,645	1,615	169	165	-2.4
Indiana	168	168	1,725	1,690	290	284	-2.1
Iowa	211	216	1,710	1,670	361	361	
Kansas	110	110	1,680	1,820	185	200	8.1
Kentucky	92	92	1,270	1,230	117	113	-3.4
Michigan	331	345	1,915	1,825	634	630	-0.6
Minnesota	455	463	1,610	1,570	733	727	-0.8
Missouri	114	111	1,395	1,325	159	147	-7.5
New Mexico	345	342	1,740	1,990	600	681	13.5
New York	627	626	1,605	1,670	1,006	1,045	3.9
Ohio	275	280	1,550	1,540	426	431	1.2
Oregon	115	113	1,670	1,565	192	177	-7.8
Pennsylvania	550	549	1,690	1,670	930	917	-1.4
Texas	347	370	1,860	1,965	645	727	12.7
Vermont	140	140	1,495	1,560	209	218	4.3
Virginia	100	98	1,550	1,580	155	155	
Washington	233	244	1,970	1,950	459	476	3.7
Wisconsin	1,246	1,251	1,615	1,630	2,012	2,039	1.3
23 State Total	8,292	8,444	1,745	1,757	14,470	14,833	2.5

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

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