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Dear Respondent:

This issue of the Idaho Crop and Livestock Producers' News covers the results of the September 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 Ranks Third in Milk Production for August 2008

Idaho's August production surpassed New York for the second month in a row. 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.

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	543	1,860	1,850	936	1,005	7.4
May	506	550	1,930	1,930	977	1,062	8.7
June	508	551	1,910	1,900	970	1,047	7.9
July*	516	556	1,970	1,960	1,017	1,090	7.2
August	520	555	1,970	1,960	1,024	1,088	6.3
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, August 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	181	184	1,760	1,765	319	325	1.9
California	1,819	1,843	1,900	1,840	3,456	3,391	-1.9
Colorado	119	130	1,975	1,930	235	251	6.8
Florida	126	120	1,215	1,265	153	152	-0.7
Idaho	520	555	1,970	1,960	1,024	1,088	6.3
Illinois	103	102	1,480	1,455	152	148	-2.6
Indiana	166	166	1,670	1,605	277	266	-4.0
Iowa	215	215	1,640	1,660	353	357	1.1
Kansas	108	113	1,600	1,770	173	200	15.6
Kentucky	88	88	1,035	1,000	91	88	-3.3
Michigan	338	348	1,915	1,840	647	640	-1.1
Minnesota	463	465	1,555	1,560	720	725	0.7
Missouri	109	112	1,170	1,110	128	124	-3.1
New Mexico	335	337	1,855	1,935	621	652	5.0
New York	625	626	1,640	1,690	1,025	1,058	3.2
Ohio	276	282	1,470	1,500	406	423	4.2
Oregon	114	114	1,665	1,685	190	192	1.1
Pennsylvania	550	548	1,610	1,590	886	871	-1.7
Texas	348	385	1,670	1,770	581	681	17.2
Vermont	139	140	1,540	1,535	214	215	0.5
Virginia	100	97	1,390	1,380	139	134	-3.6
Washington	240	245	2,000	1,985	480	486	1.3
Wisconsin	1,248	1,252	1,645	1,655	2,053	2,072	0.9
23 State Total	8,330	8,467	1,719	1,717	14,323	14,539	1.5

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

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