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Iowa Milk Production Up from Last March

Iowa: Milk production in Iowa in March 2008 totaled 374 million pounds, up 1.4 percent from March 2007. The average number of milk cows, 216,000 head, was 5,000 head higher than March 2007. Production per cow averaged 1,730 pounds, down 20 pounds from a year ago.

United States: 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 production in the U.S. during the January - March quarter totaled 47.6 billion pounds, up 3.2 percent from the January - March quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the U.S. during the quarter was 9.25 million head, 112,000 head more than the same period last year.

Milk Cows and Production: By Selected States, March 2007-2008

State	Milk Cows ¹		Milk Per Cow ²		Milk Production ²		
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	Change from 2007
	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	Pounds	Pounds	Million Pounds	Million Pounds	Percent
AZ	179	186	2,195	2,190	393	407	3.6
CA	1,799	1,846	1,975	1,970	3,553	3,637	2.4
CO	115	126	1,910	1,945	220	245	11.4
FL	130	123	1,610	1,650	209	203	-2.9
ID	504	540	1,880	1,900	948	1,026	8.2
IL	103	102	1,655	1,640	170	167	-1.8
IN	167	167	1,770	1,730	296	289	-2.4
IA	211	216	1,750	1,730	369	374	1.4
KS	110	109	1,720	1,835	189	200	5.8
KY	93	91	1,260	1,260	117	115	-1.7
MI	329	344	1,955	1,860	643	640	-0.5
MN	455	463	1,650	1,625	751	752	0.1
MO	115	110	1,370	1,300	158	143	-9.5
NM	349	340	1,790	1,990	625	677	8.3
NY	628	626	1,630	1,680	1,024	1,052	2.7
OH	275	280	1,560	1,550	429	434	1.2
OR	115	114	1,750	1,595	201	182	-9.5
PA	550	549	1,710	1,680	941	922	-2.0
TX	347	370	1,920	1,980	666	733	10.1
VT	140	140	1,535	1,590	215	223	3.7
VA	100	98	1,570	1,610	157	158	0.6
WA	235	245	2,000	1,990	470	488	3.8
WI	1,246	1,251	1,640	1,660	2,043	2,077	1.7
23-State Total ³	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. ³ The 23 States are Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, and Wisconsin.