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## Iowa Milk Production Up from Last Year

**Iowa:** Milk production in Iowa in February 2008 totaled 346 million pounds, up 1.2 percent from February 2007. The average number of milk cows, 216,000 head, was 5,000 head higher than February 2007. Production per cow averaged 1,600 pounds, down 20 pounds from last year.

increase of 40 million pounds or 0.3 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,653 pounds for February, 69 pounds above February 2007.

**United States:** Milk production in the 23 major States during February totaled 13.9 billion pounds, up 6.0 percent from February 2007. January revised production at 14.7 billion pounds, was up 2.7 percent from January 2007. The January revision represented an

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.42 million head, 136,000 head more than February 2007, and 9,000 head more than January 2008.

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

State	Milk Cows <sup>1</sup>		Milk Per Cow <sup>2</sup>		Milk Production <sup>2</sup>		
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	Change from 2007
	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	Pounds	Pounds	Million Pounds	Million Pounds	Percent
AZ	175	185	1,930	1,960	338	363	7.4
CA	1,795	1,841	1,755	1,805	3,150	3,323	5.5
CO	115	125	1,670	1,815	192	227	18.2
FL	130	124	1,415	1,490	184	185	0.5
ID	504	534	1,680	1,760	847	940	11.0
IL	103	102	1,460	1,515	150	155	3.3
IN	165	167	1,580	1,600	261	267	2.3
<b>IA</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>1,620</b>	<b>1,600</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>1.2</b>
KS	110	109	1,510	1,660	166	181	9.0
KY	93	91	1,100	1,110	102	101	-1.0
MI	328	344	1,750	1,760	574	605	5.4
MN	455	463	1,485	1,525	676	706	4.4
MO	115	110	1,180	1,170	136	129	-5.1
NM	353	339	1,535	1,790	542	607	12.0
NY	628	626	1,480	1,590	929	995	7.1
OH	275	279	1,380	1,440	380	402	5.8
OR	115	114	1,590	1,475	183	168	-8.2
PA	548	551	1,500	1,530	822	843	2.6
TX	347	370	1,640	1,785	569	660	16.0
VT	140	140	1,385	1,500	194	210	8.2
VA	100	98	1,380	1,450	138	142	2.9
WA	235	244	1,780	1,850	418	451	7.9
WI	1,246	1,250	1,470	1,530	1,832	1,913	4.4
23-State Total <sup>3</sup>	8,286	8,422	1,584	1,653	13,125	13,919	6.0

<sup>1</sup> Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. <sup>2</sup> Excludes milk sucked by calves. <sup>3</sup> 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.