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**MINNESOTA'S DECEMBER MILK OUTPUT UP 2.6 PERCENT**

December 2007 milk production totaled 736 million pounds in Minnesota, up 2.6 percent from the 717 million pounds produced in December 2006, according to the USDA, NASS, Minnesota Field Office. November milk output was revised to 695 million pounds.

Minnesota's production per cow averaged 1,590 pounds in December 2007, up 15 pounds from last December. The revised November rate was 1,500 pounds per cow. The average number of milk cows on farms in Minnesota during December 2007 was 463,000 head, unchanged from November and up 8,000 from a year ago.

Accumulated Minnesota milk production for all 12 months of 2007 was 8.66 billion pounds, up 3.6 percent from the same period a year ago.

**DECEMBER MILK PRODUCTION UP 3.1 PERCENT IN MAJOR STATES**

Milk production during December 2007 totaled 14.4 billion pounds, up 3.1 percent from December 2006 in the 23 major States. November's revised production was at 13.8 billion pounds. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,719 pounds for December, 29 pounds above December 2006. Revised November output per cow was 1,654. The number of milk cows in the 23 major States was 8.38 million head, 107,000 head more than December 2006, and 14,000 head more than November 2007.

Accumulated milk production in the 23 major states for all 12 months of 2007 was 170.7 billion pounds, up 2.4 percent from the same period a year ago.

**MILK PRODUCTION, MAJOR STATES**

State	MILK COWS			RATE PER COW			MILK PRODUCTION			
	Dec 2006	Nov 2007 Rev.	Dec 2007	Dec 2006	Nov 2007 Rev.	Dec 2007	Dec 2006	Nov 2007 Rev.	Dec 2007	2007 as % of 2006
	<u>Thousand Head</u>			<u>Pounds</u>			<u>Million Pounds</u>			<u>Percent</u>
CA	1,787	1,830	1,833	1,845	1,810	1,880	3,297	3,312	3,446	104.5
ID	500	525	527	1,820	1,810	1,870	910	950	985	108.2
<b>MN</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>463</b>	<b>463</b>	<b>1,575</b>	<b>1,500</b>	<b>1,590</b>	<b>717</b>	<b>695</b>	<b>736</b>	<b>102.6</b>
NY	628	626	627	1,580	1,575	1,615	992	986	1,013	102.1
PA	549	550	550	1,620	1,580	1,620	889	869	891	100.2
WI	1,245	1,249	1,250	1,590	1,545	1,605	1,980	1,930	2,006	101.3
23 States	8,276	8,369	8,383	1,690	1,654	1,719	13,983	13,846	14,414	103.1