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MINNESOTA'S JANUARY MILK OUTPUT UP 0.1 PERCENT

January 2008 milk production totaled 745 million pounds in Minnesota, up 0.1 percent from the 744 million pounds produced in January 2007, according to the USDA, NASS, Minnesota Field Office. December 2007 milk output was revised to 732 million pounds.

Minnesota's production per cow averaged 1,610 pounds in January 2008, down 25 pounds from last January. The revised December rate was 1,580 pounds per cow. The average number of milk cows on farms in Minnesota during January 2008 was 463,000 head, unchanged from December and up 8,000 from a year ago.

JANUARY MILK PRODUCTION UP 2.4 PERCENT IN MAJOR STATES

Milk production during January 2008 totaled 14.6 billion pounds, up 2.4 percent from January 2007 in the 23 major States. December's unrevised production was at 14.4 billion pounds. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,743 pounds for January, 17 pounds above January 2007. Revised December output per cow was 1,718. The number of milk cows in the 23 major States was 8.40 million head, 120,000 head more than January 2007, and 15,000 head more than December 2007.

MILK PRODUCTION, MAJOR STATES

State	MILK COWS			RATE PER COW			MILK PRODUCTION			
	Jan 2007	Dec 2007 Rev.	Jan 2008	Jan 2007	Dec 2007 Rev.	Jan 2008	Jan 2007	Dec 2007 Rev.	Jan 2008	2008 as % of 2007
	<u>Thousand Head</u>			<u>Pounds</u>			<u>Million Pounds</u>			<u>Percent</u>
CA	1,792	1,835	1,837	1,880	1,885	1,900	3,369	3,459	3,490	103.6
ID	502	530	533	1,850	1,870	1,870	929	991	997	107.3
MN	455	463	463	1,635	1,580	1,610	744	732	745	100.1
NY	628	626	626	1,610	1,620	1,650	1,011	1,014	1,033	102.2
PA	549	550	552	1,640	1,620	1,630	900	891	900	100.0
WI	1,245	1,250	1,250	1,630	1,600	1,640	2,029	2,000	2,050	101.0
23 States	8,284	8,389	8,404	1,726	1,718	1,743	14,302	14,414	14,648	102.4

MINNESOTA'S 2007 MILK PRODUCTION RISES 3.4 PERCENT; MILK PER COW RECORD HIGH

Minnesota's dairy cows produced a record annual average of 18,817 pounds per cow in the year 2007, 217 pounds more than the 18,600 pounds per cow in 2006. The 2007 estimate of milk production is now set at 8,656 million pounds. This was a rise of 3.4 percent from the 2006 total of 8,370 million pounds.