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MINNESOTA'S FEBRUARY MILK OUTPUT UP 4 PERCENT

February 2006 milk production totaled 666 million pounds in Minnesota, up 4 percent from the 639 million pounds produced in February 2005, according to the USDA, NASS, Minnesota Field Office. January milk output at 714 million pounds was not revised.

Minnesota production per cow averaged 1,480 pounds in February 2006, up 75 pounds from last February. The January rate at 1,605 pounds per cow was not revised. The average number of milk cows on farms in Minnesota during February 2006 was 450,000 head, up 5,000 from January, but down 5,000 from a year ago.

Accumulated Minnesota milk production for the first 2 months of 2006 was 1.38 billion pounds, up 3 percent from the same period a year ago.

FEBRUARY MILK PRODUCTION UP 6 PERCENT IN MAJOR STATES

Milk production during February 2006 totaled 13.0 billion pounds, up 6 percent from February 2005 in the 23 major states. Revised January production for the 23 states was 14.0 billion pounds. Production per cow in the 23 states averaged 1,588 pounds during February 2006, up 66 pounds from February 2005. Revised January output per cow was 1,710 pounds. The number of milk cows in the 23 major states during February averaged 8.21 million head, up 121,000 head from a year ago.

Accumulated milk production in the 23 major states for the first 2 months of 2006 was 27.0 billion pounds, up 6 percent from the same period a year ago.

MILK PRODUCTION, MAJOR STATES

State	MILK COWS			RATE PER COW			MILK PRODUCTION			
	Feb 2005	Jan 2005 Rev.	Feb 2006	Feb 2005	Jan 2005 Rev.	Feb 2006	Feb 2005	Jan 2005 Rev.	Feb 2006	2006 as % of 2005
	Thousand Head			Pounds			Million Pounds			Percent
CA	1,742	1776	1781	1,635	1,825	1,705	2,848	3,241	3,037	107
ID	437	473	473	1,680	1,830	1,608	734	866	795	108
MN	455	445	450	1,405	1,605	1,480	639	714	666	104
NY	650	651	649	1,415	1,595	1,485	920	1,038	964	105
PA	560	557	555	1,420	1,650	1,550	795	919	860	108
WI	1,234	1,240	1,240	1,400	1,585	1,455	1,728	1,965	1,804	104
23 States	8,084	8,195	8,205	1,522	1,710	1,588	12,301	14,014	13,029	106