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MINNESOTA'S FEBRUARY MILK OUTPUT UP 2.1 PERCENT

February 2007 milk production totaled 671 million pounds in Minnesota, up 2.1 percent from the 657 million pounds produced in February 2006, according to the USDA, NASS, Minnesota Field Office. Revised January milk output was 744 million pounds.

Minnesota production per cow averaged 1,475 pounds in February 2007, up 15 pounds from last February. The revised January rate was 1,635 pounds per cow. The average number of milk cows on farms in Minnesota during February 2007 was 455,000 head, the same as January, but up 5,000 from a year ago.

Accumulated Minnesota milk production for the first 2 months of 2007 was 1.42 billion pounds, up 3.2 percent from the same period a year ago.

FEBRUARY MILK PRODUCTION UP 0.9 PERCENT IN MAJOR STATES

Milk production during February 2007 totaled 13.1 billion pounds, up 0.9 percent from February 2006 in the 23 major states. Revised January production for the 23 states was 14.3 billion pounds. Production per cow in the 23 states averaged 1,586 pounds during February 2007, unchanged from February 2006. January output per cow at 1,724 pounds was not revised. The number of milk cows in the 23 major states during February averaged 8.28 million head, up 71,000 from a year ago.

Accumulated milk production in the 23 major states for the first 2 months of 2007 was 27.4 billion pounds, up 1.3 percent from the same period a year ago.

MILK PRODUCTION, MAJOR STATES

| State | MILK COWS | | | RATE PER COW | | | MILK PRODUCTION | | | |
|-----------|----------------------|---------------|------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------------|---------------|------------|-------------------|
| | Feb 2006 | Jan 2007 Rev. | Feb 2007 | Feb 2006 | Jan 2007 Rev. | Feb 2007 | Feb 2006 | Jan 2007 Rev. | Feb 2007 | 2007 as % of 2006 |
| | <u>Thousand Head</u> | | | <u>Pounds</u> | | | <u>Million Pounds</u> | | | <u>Percent</u> |
| CA | 1,779 | 1,791 | 1,793 | 1,710 | 1,880 | 1,755 | 3,042 | 3,367 | 3,147 | 103.5 |
| ID | 473 | 502 | 503 | 1,670 | 1,850 | 1,680 | 790 | 929 | 845 | 107.0 |
| MN | 450 | 455 | 455 | 1,460 | 1,635 | 1,475 | 657 | 744 | 671 | 102.1 |
| NY | 645 | 628 | 628 | 1,475 | 1,610 | 1,485 | 951 | 1,011 | 933 | 98.1 |
| PA | 555 | 549 | 548 | 1,550 | 1,640 | 1,500 | 860 | 900 | 822 | 95.6 |
| WI | 1,240 | 1,245 | 1,246 | 1,455 | 1,630 | 1,490 | 1,804 | 2,029 | 1,857 | 102.9 |
| 23 States | 8,206 | 8,280 | 8,277 | 1,586 | 1,724 | 1,586 | 13,018 | 14,276 | 13,129 | 100.9 |