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**MINNESOTA'S MARCH MILK OUTPUT UP 2.7 PERCENT**

March 2007 milk production totaled 751 million pounds in Minnesota, up 2.7 percent from the 731 million pounds produced in March 2006, according to the USDA, NASS, Minnesota Field Office. Revised February milk output was 676 million pounds.

Minnesota production per cow averaged 1,650 pounds in March 2007, up 25 pounds from last March. The revised February rate was 1,485 pounds per cow. The average number of milk cows on farms in Minnesota during March 2007 was 455,000 head, the same as February, but up 5,000 from a year ago.

Accumulated Minnesota milk production for the first 3 months of 2007 was 2.17 billion pounds, up 3.3 percent from the same period a year ago.

**MARCH MILK PRODUCTION UP 1.1 PERCENT IN MAJOR STATES**

Milk production during March 2007 totaled 14.8 billion pounds, up 1.1 percent from March 2006 in the 23 major states. Revised February production for the 23 states was 13.1 billion pounds. Production per cow in the 23 states averaged 1,782 pounds during March 2007, up 7 pounds from March 2006. Revised February output per cow was 1,582 pounds. The number of milk cows in the 23 major states during March averaged 8.28 million head, up 58,000 from a year ago and up 5,000 from February 2007.

Accumulated milk production in the 23 major states for the first 3 months of 2007 was 42.1 billion pounds, up 1.2 percent from the same period a year ago.

**MILK PRODUCTION, MAJOR STATES**

State	MILK COWS			RATE PER COW			MILK PRODUCTION			
	Mar 2006	Feb 2007 Rev.	Mar 2007	Mar 2006	Feb 2007 Rev.	Mar 2007	Mar 2006	Feb 2007 Rev.	Mar 2007	2007 as % of 2006
	<u>Thousand Head</u>			<u>Pounds</u>			<u>Million Pounds</u>			<u>Percent</u>
CA	1,781	1,793	1,796	1,925	1,755	1,975	3,428	3,147	3,547	103.5
ID	476	504	504	1,880	1,680	1,890	895	847	953	106.5
<b>MN</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>1,625</b>	<b>1,485</b>	<b>1,650</b>	<b>731</b>	<b>676</b>	<b>751</b>	<b>102.7</b>
NY	645	628	628	1,630	1,480	1,630	1,051	929	1,024	97.4
PA	555	548	550	1,700	1,500	1,710	944	822	941	99.7
WI	1,241	1,246	1,246	1,620	1,470	1,640	2,010	1,832	2,043	101.6
23 States	8,224	8,277	8,282	1,775	1,582	1,782	14,599	13,098	14,760	101.1