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MINNESOTA'S MARCH MILK OUTPUT UP 0.1 PERCENT

March 2008 milk production totaled 752 million pounds in Minnesota, up 0.1 percent from the 751 million pounds produced in March 2007, according to the USDA, NASS, Minnesota Field Office. February milk output was revised to 704 million pounds.

Minnesota's production per cow averaged 1,625 pounds in March 2008, down 25 pounds from last March. The revised February rate was 1,520 pounds per cow. The average number of milk cows on farms in Minnesota during March 2008 was 463,000 head, unchanged from February but up 8,000 from a year ago.

Accumulated Minnesota milk production for the first 3 months of 2008 was 2.20 billion pounds, up 1.4 percent from the same period a year ago.

MARCH MILK PRODUCTION UP 2.4 PERCENT IN MAJOR STATES

Milk production during March 2008 totaled 15.1 billion pounds, up 2.4 percent from March 2007 in the 23 major States. February's revised production was at 13.9 billion pounds, up 6.2 percent from February 2007. The February revision represented an increase of 23 million pounds or 0.2 percent from last month's preliminary estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,795 pounds for March, 12 pounds above March 2007. The number of milk cows in the 23 major States was 8.44 million head, 141,000 head more than March 2007, and 9,000 head more than February 2008.

Accumulated milk production in the 23 major states for the first 3 months of 2008 was 43.8 billion pounds, up 3.7 percent from the same period a year ago.

MILK PRODUCTION, MAJOR STATES

State	MILK COWS			RATE PER COW			MILK PRODUCTION			
	Mar 2007	Feb 2008 Rev.	Mar 2008	Mar 2007	Feb 2008 Rev.	Mar 2008	Mar 2007	Feb 2008 Rev.	Mar 2008	2008 as % of 2007
	<u>Thousand Head</u>			<u>Pounds</u>			<u>Million Pounds</u>			<u>Percent</u>
CA	1,799	1,843	1,846	1,975	1,805	1,970	3,553	3,327	3,637	102.4
ID	504	537	540	1,880	1,750	1,900	948	940	1,026	108.2
MN	455	463	463	1,650	1,520	1,625	751	704	752	100.1
NY	628	626	626	1,630	1,590	1,680	1,024	995	1,052	102.7
PA	550	551	549	1,710	1,540	1,680	941	849	922	98.0
WI	1,246	1,250	1,251	1,640	1,540	1,660	2,043	1,925	2,077	101.7
23 States	8,295	8,427	8,436	1,783	1,654	1,795	14,787	13,942	15,144	102.4