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**MINNESOTA'S APRIL MILK OUTPUT UP 1 PERCENT**

April 2006 milk production totaled 709 million pounds in Minnesota, up 1 percent from the 701 million pounds produced in April 2005, according to the USDA, NASS, Minnesota Field Office. Revised March milk output was 731 million pounds.

Minnesota production per cow averaged 1,575 pounds in April 2006, up 35 pounds from last April. The revised March rate was 1,625 pounds per cow. The average number of milk cows on farms in Minnesota during April 2006 was 450,000 head, the same as March, but down 5,000 from a year ago.

Accumulated Minnesota milk production for the first 4 months of 2006 was 2.82 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the same period a year ago.

**APRIL MILK PRODUCTION UP 4 PERCENT IN MAJOR STATES**

Milk production during April 2006 totaled 14.23 billion pounds, up 4 percent from April 2005 in the 23 major states. Revised March production for the 23 states was 14.60 billion pounds. Production per cow in the 23 states averaged 1,727 pounds during April 2006, up 37 pounds from April 2005. Revised March output per cow was 1,775 pounds. The number of milk cows in the 23 major states during April averaged 8.24 million head, up 124,000 from a year ago.

Accumulated milk production in the 23 major states for the first 4 months of 2006 was 55.9 billion pounds, up 5 percent from the same period a year ago.

**MILK PRODUCTION, MAJOR STATES**

State	MILK COWS			RATE PER COW			MILK PRODUCTION			
	Apr 2005	Mar 2006 Rev.	Apr 2006	Apr 2005	Mar 2006 Rev.	Apr 2006	Apr 2005	Mar 2006 Rev.	Apr 2006	2006 as % of 2005
	<u>Thousand Head</u>			<u>Pounds</u>			<u>Million Pounds</u>			<u>Percent</u>
CA	1,747	1,785	1,788	1,825	1,920	1,850	3,188	3,427	3,308	104
ID	443	476	478	1,850	1,880	1,850	820	895	884	108
<b>MN</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>1,540</b>	<b>1,625</b>	<b>1,575</b>	<b>701</b>	<b>731</b>	<b>709</b>	<b>101</b>
NY	646	649	649	1,565	1,630	1,590	1,011	1,058	1,032	102
PA	563	555	557	1,600	1,700	1,650	901	944	919	102
WI	1,234	1,241	1,241	1,540	1,620	1,580	1,900	2,010	1,961	103
23 States	8,117	8,228	8,241	1,690	1,775	1,727	13,717	14,604	14,230	104