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MINNESOTA'S MAY MILK OUTPUT UP SLIGHTLY

May 2006 milk production totaled 736 million pounds in Minnesota, up less than half of 1 percent from the 733 million pounds produced in May 2005, according to the USDA, NASS, Minnesota Field Office. April milk output at 709 million pounds was not revised.

Minnesota production per cow averaged 1,635 pounds in May 2006, up 25 pounds from last May. The April rate at 1,575 pounds per cow was not revised. The average number of milk cows on farms in Minnesota during May 2006 was 450,000 head, the same as April, but down 5,000 from a year ago.

Accumulated Minnesota milk production for the first 5 months of 2006 was 3.56 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the same period a year ago.

MAY MILK PRODUCTION UP 3 PERCENT IN MAJOR STATES

Milk production during May 2006 totaled 14.7 billion pounds, up 3 percent from May 2005 in the 23 major states. Revised April production for the 23 states was 14.2 billion pounds. Production per cow in the 23 states averaged 1,782 pounds during May 2006, up 22 pounds from May 2005. Revised April output per cow was 1,727 pounds. The number of milk cows in the 23 major states during May averaged 8.26 million head, up 128,000 from a year ago.

Accumulated milk production in the 23 major states for the first 5 months of 2006 was 70.6 billion pounds, up 5 percent from the same period a year ago.

MILK PRODUCTION, MAJOR STATES

State	MILK COWS			RATE PER COW			MILK PRODUCTION			
	May 2005	Apr 2006 Rev.	May 2006	May 2005	Apr 2006 Rev.	May 2006	May 2005	Apr 2006 Rev.	May 2006	2006 as % of 2005
	<u>Thousand Head</u>			<u>Pounds</u>			<u>Million Pounds</u>			<u>Percent</u>
CA	1,751	1,785	1,785	1,880	1,855	1,890	3,292	3,311	3,374	102
ID	445	478	485	1,930	1,850	1,930	859	884	936	109
MN	455	450	450	1,610	1,575	1,635	733	709	736	100
NY	646	649	648	1,665	1,590	1,660	1,076	1,032	1,076	100
PA	565	557	556	1,675	1,650	1,700	946	919	945	100
WI	1,234	1,241	1,242	1,630	1,580	1,655	2,011	1,961	2,056	102
23 States	8,131	8,240	8,259	1,760	1,727	1,782	14,311	14,228	14,714	103