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MINNESOTA'S AUGUST MILK OUTPUT UP 0.9 PERCENT

August 2006 milk production totaled 686 million pounds in Minnesota, up 0.9 percent from the 680 million pounds produced in August 2005, according to the USDA, NASS, Minnesota Field Office. Revised July milk output was 702 million pounds.

Minnesota production per cow averaged 1,525 pounds in August 2006, up 15 pounds from last August. The revised July rate was 1,560 pounds per cow. The average number of milk cows on farms in Minnesota during August 2006 was 450,000 head, the same as July, and also the same as a year ago.

Accumulated Minnesota milk production for the first 8 months of 2006 was 5.64 billion pounds, up 1.7 percent from the same period a year ago.

AUGUST MILK PRODUCTION UP 1.6 PERCENT IN MAJOR STATES

Milk production during August 2006 totaled 13.9 billion pounds, up 1.6 percent from August 2005 in the 23 major states. Revised July production for the 23 states was 13.9 billion pounds. Production per cow in the 23 states averaged 1,680 pounds during August 2006, up 9 pounds from August 2005. Revised July output per cow was 1,686 pounds. The number of milk cows in the 23 major states during August averaged 8.25 million head, up 88,000 from a year ago.

Accumulated milk production in the 23 major states for the first 8 months of 2006 was 112 billion pounds, up 3.5 percent from the same period a year ago.

MILK PRODUCTION, MAJOR STATES

State	MILK COWS			RATE PER COW			MILK PRODUCTION				
	Aug 2005	July 2006 Rev.	Aug 2006	Aug 2005	July 2006 Rev.	Aug 2006	Aug 2005	July 2006 Rev.	Aug 2006	Change from 2005	
	Thousand Head			Pounds			Million Pounds				Percent
CA	1,759	1,772	1,768	1,795	1,760	1,860	3,157	3,119	3,288	+4.1	
ID	468	490	495	1,940	1,960	1,960	908	960	970	+6.8	
MN	450	450	450	1,510	1,560	1,525	680	702	686	+0.9	
NY	647	647	643	1,600	1,605	1,605	1,035	1,038	1,032	-0.3	
PA	562	555	554	1,575	1,600	1,580	885	888	875	-1.1	
WI	1,236	1,244	1,244	1,595	1,600	1,570	1,971	1,990	1,953	-0.9	
23 States	8,162	8,259	8,250	1,671	1,686	1,680	13,640	13,925	13,861	+1.6	