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MINNESOTA'S OCTOBER MILK OUTPUT UP 2.4 PERCENT

October 2006 milk production totaled 680 million pounds in Minnesota, up 2.4 percent from the 664 million pounds produced in October 2005, according to the USDA, NASS, Minnesota Field Office. September milk output at 662 million pounds was not revised.

Minnesota production per cow averaged 1,510 pounds in October 2006, up 35 pounds from last October. The September rate, at 1,470 pounds per cow was not revised. The average number of milk cows on farms in Minnesota during October 2006 was 450,000 head, the same as September, and the same as a year ago.

Accumulated Minnesota milk production for the first 10 months of 2006 was 6.98 billion pounds, up 1.7 percent from the same period a year ago.

OCTOBER MILK PRODUCTION UP 2.1 PERCENT IN MAJOR STATES

Milk production during October 2006 totaled 13.7 billion pounds, up 2.1 percent from October 2005 in the 23 major states. Revised September production for the 23 states was 13.3 billion pounds. Production per cow in the 23 states averaged 1,656 pounds during October 2006, up 19 pounds from October 2005. September output per cow at 1,615 pounds was not revised. The number of milk cows in the 23 major states during October averaged 8.25 million head, up 78,000 from a year ago.

Accumulated milk production in the 23 major states for the first 10 months of 2006 was 139 billion pounds, up 3.2 percent from the same period a year ago.

MILK PRODUCTION, MAJOR STATES

State	MILK COWS			RATE PER COW			MILK PRODUCTION			
	Oct 2005	Sep 2006 Rev.	Oct 2006	Oct 2005	Sep 2006 Rev.	Oct 2006	Oct 2005	Sep 2006 Rev.	Oct 2006	Change from 2005
	<u>Thousand Head</u>			<u>Pounds</u>			<u>Million Pounds</u>			<u>Percent</u>
CA	1,765	1,772	1,776	1,785	1,775	1,815	3,151	3,145	3,223	+2.3
ID	470	497	497	1,870	1,860	1,880	879	924	934	+6.3
MN	450	450	450	1,475	1,470	1,510	664	662	680	+2.4
NY	650	640	638	1,550	1,530	1,575	1,008	979	1,005	-0.3
PA	558	553	552	1,550	1,560	1,600	865	863	883	+2.1
WI	1,238	1,245	1,246	1,535	1,510	1,535	1,900	1,880	1,913	+0.7
23 States	8,168	8,244	8,246	1,637	1,615	1,656	13,373	13,312	13,652	+2.1