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Milk Production in Pennsylvania Down 1.4 Percent in April

HARRISBURG, PA, May 19, 2008 -- Milk production in Pennsylvania during April 2008 totaled 917 million pounds, 1.4 percent below last April's production of 930 million pounds, according to the Pennsylvania Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service (USDA/NASS). The number of milk cows in the state during the month averaged 549,000 head, unchanged from March 2008 but down 1,000 from April 2007.

Production per cow averaged 1,670 pounds in April, 10 pounds less than March's production per cow of 1,680 pounds, and 20 pounds per cow less than April 2007.

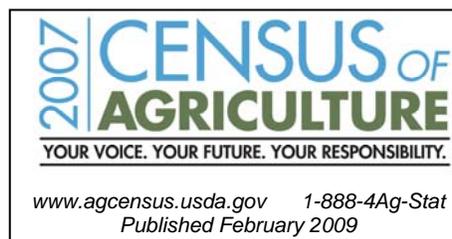
Milk production in the 23 major states during April 2008 totaled 14.8 billion pounds, up 2.5 percent from April 2007. March revised production, at 15.1 billion pounds, was up 2.3 percent from March 2007. The March revision represented a decrease of 10 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major states averaged 1,757 pounds for April, 12 pounds above April 2007.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major states was 8.44 million head, 152,000 head more than April 2007, and 8,000 head more than March 2008.

MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION

Item	Unit	Pennsylvania			23 States		
		April 2007	March 2008	April 2008	April 2007	March 2008	April 2008
Milk Cows	Thous.	550	549	549	8292	8436	8444
Milk Per Cow	Lbs.	1,690	1,680	1,670	1,745	1,794	1,757
Milk Production.....	Mil. Lbs.	930	922	917	14,470	15,134	14,833



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