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## Milk Production in Pennsylvania Down 0.1 Percent in May

HARRISBURG, PA, June 20, 2008 -- Milk production in Pennsylvania during May 2008 totaled 943 million pounds, 0.1 percent below last May's production of 944 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 548,000 head, down 1,000 head from both April of this year and May a year ago.

Production per cow averaged 1,720 pounds in May, 50 pounds more than April's production per cow of 1,670 pounds, and unchanged from May 2007.

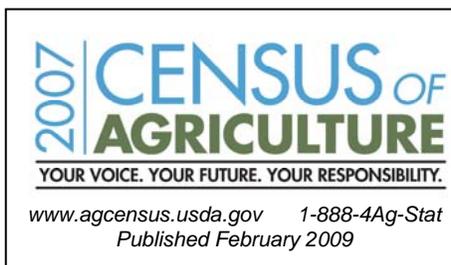
Milk production in the 23 major states during May 2008 totaled 15.4 billion pounds, up 3.4 percent from May 2007. April revised production, at 14.8 billion pounds, was up 2.6 percent from April 2007. The April revision represented an increase of 6 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major states averaged 1,816 pounds for May, 25 pounds above May 2007.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major states was 8.46 million head, 162,000 head more than May 2007, and 12,000 head more than April 2008.

### MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION

Item	Unit	Pennsylvania			23 States		
		May 2007	April 2008	May 2008	May 2007	April 2008	May 2008
Milk Cows .....	Thous.	549	549	548	8,298	8,448	8,460
Milk Per Cow .....	Lbs.	1,720	1,670	1,720	1,791	1,757	1,816
Milk Production.....	Mil. Lbs.	944	917	943	14,860	14,839	15,361



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