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Milk Production in Pennsylvania Up 1.2 Percent in April

HARRISBURG, PA, May 18, 2007 -- Milk production in Pennsylvania during April 2007 totaled 930 million pounds, 1.2 percent above last April's production of 919 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 550,000 head, unchanged from March 2007 but down 7,000 from April 2006.

Production per cow averaged 1,690 pounds in April, 20 pounds less than March's production per cow of 1,710 pounds but 40 pounds per cow more than April 2006.

Milk production in the 23 major states during April 2007 totaled 14.4 billion pounds, up 1.6 percent from April 2006. March revised production, at 14.8 billion pounds, was up 1.2 percent from March 2006. The March revision represented an increase of 11 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major states averaged 1,745 pounds for April, 19 pounds above April 2006.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major states was 8.28 million head, 39,000 head more than April 2006 but 6,000 head less than March 2007.

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