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On: TEXAS MILK PRODUCTION
UP 11 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

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AUSTIN Texas milk production totaled 536 million pounds during September, up 11 percent from last year's production of 485 million pounds. August 2006 production totaled 558 million pounds.

The number of milk cows during September averaged 338,000 head, up 18,000 head from last year and up 1,000 head from the August 2006 number. Production per cow averaged 1,585 pounds during September, up 5 percent from last year.

Milk production in the 23 states participating in the monthly survey totaled 13.3 billion pounds, up 2 percent from production in these same states in September 2005. August unrevised production, at 13.9 billion pounds, was up 1.6 percent from August 2005.

Production per cow during September averaged 1,615 pounds, 16 pounds above a year ago. The average number of milk cows in the 23 states was 8.25 million head, 79,000 head more than last year, but 6,000 head less than August 2006.