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On: TEXAS MILK PRODUCTION
DOWN SLIGHTLY FROM LAST YEAR

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AUSTIN Texas milk production totaled 649 million pounds during May, down slightly from last year's production of 651 million pounds. April 2007 production totaled 645 million pounds.

The number of milk cows during May averaged 347,000 head, up 14,000 head from last year and the same as the April 2007 number. Production per cow averaged 1,870 pounds during May, 85 pounds less than last year.

Milk production in the 23 states participating in the monthly survey totaled 14.9 billion pounds, up 1.1 percent from production in these same states in May 2006. April revised production, at 14.5 billion pounds, was up 1.7 percent from April 2006.

Production per cow during May averaged 1,795 pounds, 13 pounds above a year ago. The average number of milk cows in the 23 states was 8.28 million head, 26,000 head more than last year and 3,000 head more than April 2007.

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MILK PRODUCTION: TEXAS AND TWENTY-THREE STATES

Item	Texas			23 States ^{2/}		
	May 2006	April 2007	May 2007	May 2006	April 2007*	May 2007
Milk production Million pounds	651	645	649	14,712	14,457	14,867
Production per cow ^{1/} Pounds	1,955	1,860	1,870	1,782	1,746	1,795
Number of milk cows Thousand head	333	347	347	8,257	8,280	8,283

^{1/} Monthly rate based on all milk cows on farms (in milk or dry). ^{2/} 23 States: AZ, CA, CO, FL, ID, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, MI, MN, MO, NM, NY, OH, OR, PA, TX, VT, VA, WA and WI. * Revised.