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On: TEXAS MILK PRODUCTION INCREASED
15 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

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AUSTIN Texas milk production totaled 658 million pounds during August, up 15 percent from last year's production of 571 million pounds. August 2008 production totaled 681 million pounds.

The number of milk cows during September averaged 385,000 head, up 37,000 head from last year and unchanged from August 2008. Production per cow averaged 1,710 pounds during September, 70 pounds more than last year.

Milk production in the 23 states participating in the monthly survey totaled 14.0 billion pounds, up 1.9 percent from production in these same states in September 2007. August revised production, at 14.6 billion pounds, was up 1.7 percent from August 2007.

Production per cow during September averaged 1,652 pounds, up 7 pounds from a year ago. The average number of milk cows in the 23 states was 8.46 million head, 118,000 head more than last year but 8,000 head less than August 2008.