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WYOMING MILK COWS UNCHANGED FROM PREVIOUS QUARTER

WYOMING: The number of milk cows in **Wyoming** during July - September 2008 averaged 7,000 head, according to Sofiya Cherni with the Wyoming Field Office of USDA NASS. The number was unchanged from the previous quarter or the same quarter one year ago. Milk production during the third quarter of 2008 was 36.6 million pounds, up 0.5 million pounds from the previous quarter and up 1.6 million from the same quarter last year.

UNITED STATES: Milk production in the U.S. during the July - September quarter totaled 46.8 billion pounds, down 3.9 percent from the previous quarter but up 1.6 percent from the same time last year. The average number of milk cows in the U.S. during the quarter was 9.27 million head, 118,000 head more than the same period last year.

**MILK COWS AND PRODUCTION,
SELECTED STATES AND U.S., JUL - SEPT, 2007 AND 2008**

State	Milk Cows 1/		Milk Production 2/		08/07
	2007	2008	2007	2008	
	1,000 Head		Million Pounds		Percent
WY	7.0	7.0	35	36.6	106
CA	1,819	1,843	10,158	10,092	99
CO	119	130	702	744	106
ID	519	555	3,020	3,219	107
MT	17	17	82	81	99
NE	58	59	260	272	105
SD	85	91	410	458	112
UT	85	85	448	447	100
WI	1,248	1,252	6,109	6,143	101
US	9,159	9,277	46,110	46,841	102

1/Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

2/Excludes milk sucked by calves.