

Idaho Red Meat Production Up 17 Percent

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Commercial red meat production at Idaho packing plants for August 1999 totaled 52.8 million pounds, up 17 percent from last year. August production showed a 2 percent increase from July's 51.5 million pounds. Accumulated red meat production for the January - August 1999 period totaled 373.0 million pounds, up 3 percent from the comparable period a year earlier.

Red meat production for the United States totaled 3.91 billion pounds in August, up 4 percent from the 3.77 billion pounds produced in August 1998. Beef production, at 2.31 billion pounds, was 4 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.15 million head, up 4 percent from 1998. The average live weight was down 4 pounds from the previous year, at 1,206 pounds. Pork production totaled 1.56 billion pounds, up 4 percent from the previous record high for August set last year. Hog kill totaled 8.41 million head, 3 percent above 1998. The average live weight was 2 pounds above the previous year, at 254 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 19.0 million pounds, was up 10 percent from August 1998. Sheep slaughter totaled 296 thousand head, 8 percent above last year. The average live weight was 127 pounds, up 4 pounds from August a year ago. January - August red meat production was 30.4 billion pounds, 3 percent higher than the comparable figure a year earlier. Accumulated beef production was 3 percent higher than last year, veal was down 12 percent, pork was up 3 percent, and lamb and mutton was down 5 percent.

Commercial Red Meat Production: Selected States and United States ^{1/}

State	August 1998	July 1999	August 1999	August 1999 as a percent of ^{2/}	
				August 1998	July 1999
	----- <i>Million Pounds</i> -----			----- <i>Percent</i> -----	
California	88.6	85.3	89.3	101	105
Colorado	171.7	184.0	190.0	111	103
IDAHO	45.2	51.5	52.8	117	102
Illinois	215.2	213.6	216.4	101	101
Iowa	502.1	486.8	510.3	102	105
Kansas	505.6	541.4	546.5	108	101
Minnesota	151.5	157.4	166.7	110	106
Montana	1.9	2.1	2.4	124	114
Nebraska	573.5	572.9	593.9	104	104
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	125	110
Oklahoma	64.3	71.8	76.1	118	106
Oregon	3.5	3.5	4.1	116	115
South Dakota	81.1	74.2	80.1	99	108
Texas	433.3	436.1	426.5	98	98
Utah	42.0	41.7	46.1	110	111
Washington	60.9	51.8	65.1	107	126
Wyoming	0.7	0.4	0.7	108	188
UNITED STATES	3,769.5	3,781.4	3,912.1	104	103

^{1/} Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb, and mutton.

^{2/} Percentages based on unrounded data.

1998 Idaho Potato Crop Valued at \$628 Million

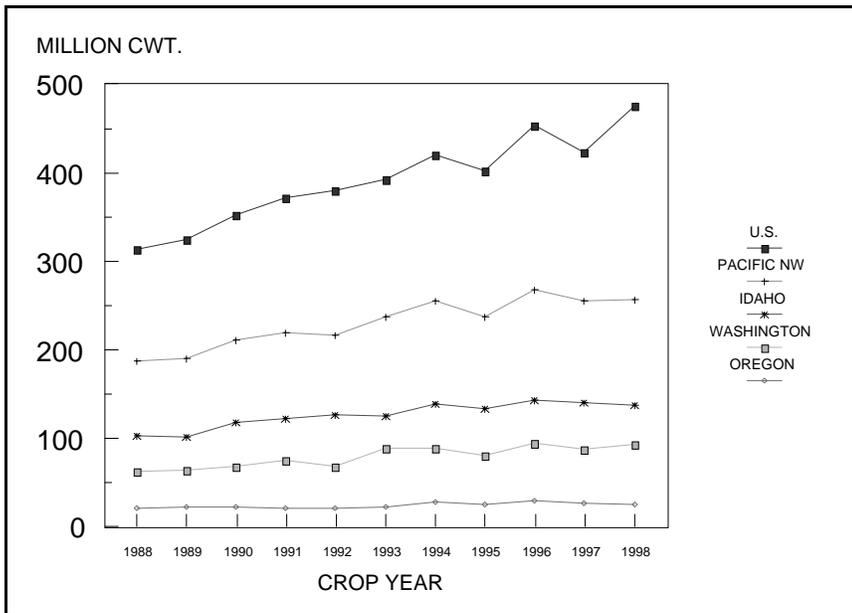
The final value of Idaho's 1998 potato crop was \$628 million, \$3 million below 1997's value of \$631 million. The market year average price received by growers, of \$4.55 per cwt., was above the 1997 level of \$4.50 per cwt.

Idaho's growers sold 127.0 million cwt. from their 1998 crop while using 1.3 million cwt. on the farm for seed, feed and household consumption. The remaining 9.8 million cwt. were lost to shrinkage, decay and dumping. Fresh market sales

accounted for 34.0 million cwt. of the 1998 crop, down 13 percent from the 1997 crop, while processing accounted for 83.4 million cwt., compared to 82.6 million cwt. in 1997.

Processors in Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon used a total of 92.9 million cwt. of 1998 crop potatoes compared to 91.5 million cwt. used in 1997. Of the total processed, 83.4 million cwt. (89.8 percent) were Idaho potatoes. In 1997, Idaho potatoes made up 90.3 percent of the total processed.

Fall Potato Production, U.S. and Selected Areas



Idaho's 1998 production of 138.0 million cwt. accounted for 31.9 percent of the entire U.S. Fall production of 432.7 million cwt. The Pacific Northwest; Idaho, Washington and Oregon, collectively, totaled 257.5 million cwt. or 59.5 percent of the U.S. Fall production.

Disposition of Idaho Potato Production, Crop Years 1991-1998

CROP YEAR	PRODUCTION	SALES				USED ON FARM WHERE GROWN		
		TOTAL	FRESH SALES 1/	PROCESSED 2/	OTHER 3/	TOTAL	SEED, FEED AND HOUSEHOLD USE	SHRINK & LOSS
1,000 Cwt.								
1991	122,175	111,162	33,019	69,200	8,943	11,013	1,800	9,213
1992	127,050	116,398	32,900	73,590	9,908	10,652	1,415	9,237
1993	126,192	115,456	29,500	76,680	9,276	10,736	1,575	9,161
1994	138,801	127,607	36,700	81,450	9,457	11,194	1,535	9,659
1995	132,657	121,952	33,100	79,970	8,882	10,705	1,785	8,920
1996	142,800	131,200	36,000	83,850	11,350	11,600	1,500	10,100
1997	140,314	129,926	38,950	82,620	8,356	10,388	1,130	9,258
1998	138,000	126,964	34,050	83,390	9,524	11,036	1,280	9,756

1/ Federal State Inspection less certified seed (August-July). 2/ Idaho potatoes processed in Idaho and Malheur County. 3/ Potatoes sold for seed, livestock feed and shipped under certificate of privilege.

Cattle On Feed Up 30 Percent

Cattle on feed for the slaughter market in Idaho from feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head on September 1, 1999 totaled 285,000 head, up 30 percent from the September 1, 1998 inventory of 220,000 head. The inventory was up 8 percent from the number on hand as of August 1, 1999.

Placements of cattle into State feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during August totaled 79,000 head, up 28,000 head from August 1998 placements. Marketings during August totaled 58,000 head, up 14,000 head from August 1998 marketings. Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in the United States from feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or

more head totaled 9.53 million head on September 1, 1999, up 5 percent from September 1, 1998. Placements in feedlots during August totaled 2.41 million, 17 percent above 1998. Net placements were 2.36 million.

During August, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 492,000, 600-699 pounds were 480,000, 700-799 pounds were 731,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 710,000. Marketings of fed cattle during August totaled 2.03 million, 4 percent above 1998 but slightly below 1997. Other disappearance totaled 55,000 during August, 6 percent above 1998.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots ^{1/}

State	September 1, 1998	August 1, 1999	September 1, 1999		
			Number	As % of 1998	As % of August
		<i>---1,000 Head---</i>		<i>---Percent---</i>	
Arizona	200	194	200	100	103
California	395	375	375	95	100
Colorado	840	960	960	114	100
Idaho	220	265	285	130	108
Iowa	235	290	300	128	103
Kansas	1,950	1,980	2,080	107	105
Nebraska	1,520	1,600	1,700	112	106
New Mexico	90	83	81	90	98
Oklahoma	380	325	350	92	108
South Dakota	124	125	110	89	88
Texas	2,610	2,480	2,560	98	103
Washington	161	202	215	134	106
Other States	320	320	310	97	97
United States	9,045	9,199	9,526	105	104

^{1/}Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

Frozen Potato Stocks Decrease Slightly From 1998

Frozen stocks of french fries in the United States on August 31, 1999, totaled 929.7 million pounds, an increase of 3 percent from July 31, 1999, but a decrease of 1 percent from August 31, 1998. Other frozen potatoes, at 242.7 million pounds, increased slightly from July stocks, but decreased 9 percent from last year.

United States stocks of butter on August 31, 1999, totaled 95.4 million pounds, down 23 percent from the end of the previous month but up 132 percent from August 31, 1998. Of this 95.4 million pounds, the government owned 257 thousand pounds. Stocks of American cheese totaled 508.8 million pounds, down 7 percent from July 31, 1999. The government owned 31 thousand pounds.

Commodity	Aug. 31 1998	July 31 1999	Aug. 31 1999	1999 1998
		<i>1,000 Pounds</i>		
POTATOES:				
French Fries	938,463	900,347	929,679	99
Other Frozen	265,998	241,931	242,740	91
Total	1,204,461	1,142,278	1,172,419	97
DAIRY PRODUCTS:				
Butter	41,070	123,552	95,384	232
(Gov't Owned)	216	334	257	119
American Cheese	441,605	545,023	508,752	115
(Gov't Owned)	209	48	31	15

U.S. September 1 Hop Stocks Inventory Lowest Level Since 1990

The United States' inventory of hops held by growers, dealers, and brewers on September 1, 1999, totaled 54.0 million pounds, 2 percent below last year's 55.0 million pounds, and 13 percent below two years ago. U.S. hop production in 1999 is forecasted to be 62.1 million pounds, up 4 percent from last year's production but 17 percent below the 1997 production of 74.9 million pounds.

Brewers' stocks accounted for 39.5 million pounds, down 4 percent from last year and 11 percent below September 1, 1997. Dealers and growers stored 14.5 million pounds this year, compared with 14.0 million pounds a year ago.

