

IN THIS ISSUE:

- Milk Production
- Cattle on Feed
- Cold Storage
- Livestock Slaughter
- Hops Production

Milk Production Up 15 Percent

Idaho milk production during November 1999 totaled 549 million pounds, up 15 percent from the same month last year but down 4 percent from October 1999. Average milk production per cow in November 1999 was 1,670 pounds, up 70 pounds from November 1998 but down 80 pounds from October 1999. The average number of milk cows in November was 329,000 head, 30,000 more than in November 1998 and up 2,000 head from October 1999.

Nationally, November milk production in the 20 major States totaled 11.3 billion pounds, up 4.4 percent from production in these same States in November 1998. October revised production, at 11.6 billion pounds was up 4.0 percent from October 1998. Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,458 pounds for November, 51 pounds above November 1998. The number of cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.76 million head, 58,000 head more than November 1998 and 7,000 head more than October 1999.

Milk Production, Average Number of Cows, Selected States, November 1998-1999

| State | Milk Cows 1/ | | Milk Per Cow 2/ | | Milk Production 2/ | | 1999 as Percent of 1998 |
|-----------------------|-------------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|
| | 1998 | 1999 | 1998 | 1999 | 1998 | 1999 | |
| | <i>1,000 Head</i> | | <i>Pounds</i> | | <i>Million Pounds</i> | | |
| Arizona | 132 | 135 | 1,675 | 1,755 | 221 | 237 | 107 |
| California | 1,436 | 1,484 | 1,590 | 1,725 | 2,283 | 2,560 | 112 |
| Florida | 158 | 156 | 1,115 | 1,095 | 176 | 171 | 97 |
| IDAHO | 299 | 329 | 1,600 | 1,670 | 478 | 549 | 115 |
| Illinois | 126 | 121 | 1,350 | 1,330 | 170 | 161 | 95 |
| Indiana | 138 | 136 | 1,300 | 1,275 | 179 | 173 | 97 |
| Iowa | 221 | 215 | 1,410 | 1,420 | 312 | 305 | 98 |
| Kentucky | 136 | 131 | 965 | 1,000 | 131 | 131 | 100 |
| Michigan | 298 | 294 | 1,460 | 1,495 | 435 | 440 | 101 |
| Minnesota | 545 | 545 | 1,355 | 1,380 | 738 | 752 | 102 |
| Missouri | 166 | 160 | 1,125 | 1,140 | 187 | 182 | 97 |
| New Mexico | 218 | 235 | 1,610 | 1,670 | 351 | 392 | 112 |
| New York | 702 | 700 | 1,320 | 1,360 | 927 | 952 | 103 |
| Ohio | 262 | 259 | 1,310 | 1,380 | 343 | 357 | 104 |
| Pennsylvania | 620 | 618 | 1,380 | 1,420 | 856 | 878 | 103 |
| Texas | 341 | 348 | 1,285 | 1,290 | 438 | 449 | 103 |
| Vermont | 161 | 160 | 1,335 | 1,345 | 215 | 215 | 100 |
| Virginia | 123 | 121 | 1,185 | 1,290 | 146 | 156 | 107 |
| Washington | 247 | 244 | 1,740 | 1,800 | 430 | 439 | 102 |
| Wisconsin | 1,368 | 1,364 | 1,325 | 1,325 | 1,813 | 1,807 | 100 |
| 20 STATE TOTAL | 7,697 | 7,755 | 1,407 | 1,458 | 10,829 | 11,306 | 104 |

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

Idaho Cattle on Feed Up 12 Percent

Cattle on feed for the slaughter market in Idaho from feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head on December 1, 1999 totaled 320,000 head, up 12 percent from the December 1, 1998 inventory of 285,000 head. The inventory was down 2 percent from the number on hand as of November 1, 1999.

Placements of cattle into State feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during November totaled 66,000 head, down 4,000 head from November 1998 placements. Marketings during November totaled 67,000 head, up 17,000 head from November 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 11.75 million head on December 1, 1999, up 6 percent from December 1, 1998. Placements in feedlots during November totaled 2.17 million, 5 percent above 1998. Net placements were 2.09 million.

During November, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 766,000, 600-699 pounds were 657,000, 700-799 pounds were 416,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 331,000. Marketings of fed cattle during November totaled 1.80 million, 5 percent above 1998 and 7 percent above 1997. Other disappearance totaled 83,000 during November, 6 percent above 1998.

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

| State | December 1, 1998 | November 1, 1999 | December 1, 1999 | | |
|----------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------|------------------|
| | | | Number | As % of 1998 | As % of November |
| | ---1,000 Head--- | | ---Percent--- | | |
| Arizona | 214 | 239 | 265 | 124 | 111 |
| California | 410 | 395 | 405 | 99 | 103 |
| Colorado | 1,190 | 1,220 | 1,220 | 103 | 100 |
| Idaho | 285 | 325 | 320 | 112 | 98 |
| Iowa | 320 | 345 | 375 | 117 | 109 |
| Kansas | 2,250 | 2,390 | 2,380 | 106 | 100 |
| Nebraska | 2,160 | 2,250 | 2,380 | 110 | 106 |
| New Mexico | 110 | 107 | 109 | 99 | 102 |
| Oklahoma | 430 | 435 | 440 | 102 | 101 |
| South Dakota | 179 | 157 | 186 | 104 | 118 |
| Texas | 2,860 | 2,930 | 2,980 | 104 | 102 |
| Washington | 210 | 257 | 241 | 115 | 94 |
| Other States | 445 | 405 | 445 | 100 | 110 |
| United States | 11,063 | 11,455 | 11,746 | 106 | 103 |

^{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.

United States Frozen Potato Stocks Down 4 Percent

Frozen stocks of french fries in the United States on November 30, 1999, totaled 1.02 billion pounds, down 5 percent from October 31, 1999, and down 1 percent from November 30, 1998. Other frozen potatoes, at 237 million pounds, were up 1 percent from October stocks but were down 9 percent from last year.

United States stocks of butter on November 30, 1999, totaled 27 million pounds, down 58 percent from the end of the previous month and down 6 percent November 30, 1998. Of this 27 million pounds, the government owned 319 thousand pounds. Stocks of total American cheese totaled 455 million pounds, down 1 percent from October 31, 1999, and up 17 percent from November 30, 1998. The government owned 47 thousand pounds of the American cheese stocks.

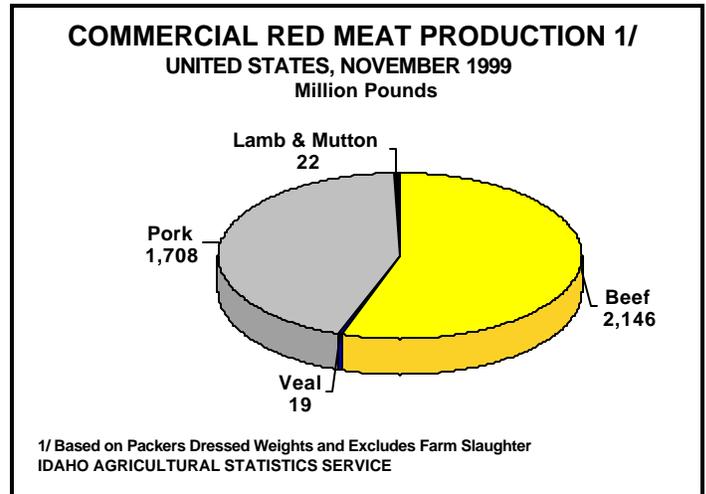
| Commodity | Nov. 30, 1998 | Oct. 31, 1999 | Nov. 30, 1999 | 1999 |
|------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------|
| | 1,000 Pounds | | | Percent |
| POTATOES: | | | | |
| French Fries | 1,030,985 | 1,073,381 | 1,021,519 | 99 |
| Other Frozen | 259,495 | 234,450 | 236,945 | 91 |
| TOTAL | 1,290,480 | 1,307,831 | 1,258,464 | 98 |
| DAIRY PRODUCTS: | | | | |
| Butter | 28,698 | 64,449 | 27,032 | 94 |
| (Gov't. Owned) | 8 | 391 | 319 | |
| American Cheese | 388,529 | 458,569 | 455,014 | 117 |
| (Gov't. Owned) | 26 | 67 | 47 | 181 |

Idaho Red Meat Production Up 21 Percent

Commercial red meat production at Idaho packing plants for November 1999 totaled 54.3 million pounds, up 21 percent from last year. November production showed a 3 percent increase from October's 52.5 million pounds. Accumulated red meat production for the January - November 1999 period totaled 531.5 million pounds, up 6 percent from the comparable period a year earlier.

Red meat production for the United States totaled 3.89 billion pounds in November, up 4 percent from the previous record high for November set in 1995 and up 5 percent from the 3.72 billion pounds produced in November 1998. Beef production, at 2.15 billion pounds, was 2 percent above the previous record high for November set in 1995 and 7 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.94 million head, up 6 percent from 1998. The average live weight was up 5 pounds from the previous year, at 1,216 pounds. Pork production totaled 1.71 billion pounds, up 1 percent from the previous record high for November set last year. Hog kill totaled 8.90 million head, 1 percent above 1998. The average live weight was 1 pound above the previous year, at 262 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 22 million pounds, was up 12 percent from November 1998. Sheep slaughter totaled 329 thousand head, 10 percent above last year. The average live weight was 132

pounds, up 2 pounds from November a year ago. January - November red meat production was 42.3 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 11 percent, pork was up 2 percent, and lamb and mutton was down 3 percent.



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

| State | November 1998 | October 1999 | November 1999 | November 1999 As Percent Of ^{2/} | |
|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|---|--------------|
| | | | | November 1998 | October 1999 |
| | <i>Million Pounds</i> | | | <i>Percent</i> | |
| Arizona | 27.2 | 29.4 | 29.1 | 107 | 99 |
| California | 87.5 | 89.2 | 88.9 | 102 | 100 |
| Colorado | 153.3 | 165.0 | 170.9 | 111 | 104 |
| IDAHO | 45.0 | 52.5 | 54.3 | 121 | 103 |
| Illinois | 226.8 | 230.0 | 231.9 | 102 | 101 |
| Iowa | 559.1 | 558.8 | 547.8 | 98 | 98 |
| Kansas | 428.1 | 539.9 | 483.9 | 113 | 90 |
| Minnesota | 172.5 | 186.1 | 181.3 | 105 | 97 |
| Montana | 1.9 | 1.6 | 1.5 | 79 | 93 |
| Nebraska | 524.4 | 596.2 | 564.8 | 108 | 95 |
| Nevada | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 92 | 101 |
| Oklahoma | 74.2 | 81.4 | 85.1 | 115 | 105 |
| Oregon | 3.6 | 3.6 | 4.0 | 110 | 111 |
| South Dakota | 91.2 | 85.7 | 84.8 | 93 | 99 |
| Texas | 368.7 | 411.1 | 377.5 | 102 | 92 |
| Utah | 38.1 | 41.5 | 41.0 | 108 | 99 |
| Washington | 57.0 | 64.6 | 63.9 | 112 | 99 |
| Wyoming | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.6 | 108 | 203 |
| UNITED STATES | 3,724.7 | 4,001.0 | 3,893.8 | 105 | 97 |

^{1/} Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb, and mutton. ^{2/} Percentages based on unrounded data.

1999 Hops Production

Production of hops in 1999 in Idaho, Oregon, and Washington was 64.5 million pounds, up 8 percent from 1998 but 14 percent below the 1997 output of 74.9 million pounds. Washington and Idaho growers indicated production gains of 11 and 5 percent, respectively, over last year while Oregon producers showed a production decrease of 2 percent. Area harvested for the 1999 crop at 34,260 acres was 7 percent less than last year and the lowest level since 1988 when 33,400 acres were harvested. All

three states showed declines in harvested acres accounting for a 2,383 acres decline from 1998. All three states had improved yields during 1999 with Washington growers leading the way at 1,980 pounds per acre, 294 pounds more than last year. Idaho growers averaged 1,408 pounds per acre, 249 pounds more than 1998 which was the lowest yield since 1948. Oregon producers averaged 1,730 pounds per acre, 70 pounds more than the 1998 yield.

Hops: Acreage, Yield, Production, Price and Value, 1997-99

| Year | Harvested | Yield per Harvest Acre | Production | Marketing Year Average Price | Value of Production | Value per Harvested Acre |
|----------------------|--------------|------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| | <i>Acres</i> | <i>Pounds</i> | <i>1,000 Pounds</i> | <i>\$ per Pound</i> | <i>1,000 Dollars</i> | <i>Dollars</i> |
| Idaho | | | | | | |
| 1997 | 3,870 | 1,417 | 5,484.1 | 1.41 | 7,733 | 1,998 |
| 1998 | 3,909 | 1,159 | 4,529.4 | 1.55 | 7,021 | 1,796 |
| 1999 | 3,362 | 1,408 | 4,734.0 | 1.62 | 7,669 | 2,281 |
| Oregon | | | | | | |
| 1997 | 8,352 | 1,625 | 13,572.0 | 1.68 | 22,801 | 2,730 |
| 1998 | 6,161 | 1,660 | 10,227.4 | 1.98 | 20,250 | 3,287 |
| 1999 | 5,822 | 1,730 | 10,072.0 | 2.04 | 20,547 | 3,529 |
| Washington | | | | | | |
| 1997 | 31,080 | 1,796 | 55,816.0 | 1.60 | 89,306 | 2,873 |
| 1998 | 26,573 | 1,686 | 44,791.0 | 1.64 | 73,457 | 2,764 |
| 1999 | 25,076 | 1,980 | 49,650.0 | 1.61 | 79,937 | 3,188 |
| United States | | | | | | |
| 1997 | 43,302 | 1,729 | 74,872.1 | 1.60 | 119,840 | 2,768 |
| 1998 | 36,643 | 1,625 | 59,547.8 | 1.69 | 100,728 | 2,749 |
| 1999 | 34,260 | 1,881 | 64,456.0 | 1.68 | 108,153 | 3,157 |