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Idaho Milk Production Up 15 Percent

Idaho milk production during December 1999 totaled 573 million pounds, up 15 percent from the same month last year and nearly 4 percent above November 1999. Average milk production per cow in December 1999 was 1,730 pounds, up 70 pounds from December 1998 and up 50 pounds from November 1999. The average number of milk cows in December was 331,000 head, 30,000 more than in December 1998 and 2,000 head more than November 1999.

Nationally, December milk production in the 20 major States totaled 11.9 billion pounds, up 3.8 percent from production in these same states in December 1998. November revised production, at 11.3 billion pounds, was up 4.5 percent from November 1998. Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,536 pounds for December, 47 pounds above December 1998. The number of cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.76 million head, 52,000 head more than December 1998 and 2,000 head more than November 1999.

Milk Production, Average Number of Cows, Selected States, December 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	1,795	1,830	237	247	104
California	1,439	1,486	1,650	1,775	2,374	2,638	111
Florida	157	156	1,320	1,315	207	205	99
IDAHO	301	331	1,660	1,730	500	573	115
Illinois	125	121	1,420	1,430	178	173	97
Indiana	137	138	1,390	1,355	190	187	98
Iowa	230	215	1,505	1,495	346	321	93
Kentucky	136	131	1,030	1,060	140	139	99
Michigan	299	295	1,525	1,595	456	471	103
Minnesota	545	540	1,475	1,500	804	810	101
Missouri	165	159	1,200	1,225	198	195	98
New Mexico	218	236	1,715	1,720	374	406	109
New York	702	700	1,400	1,440	983	1,008	103
Ohio	261	259	1,400	1,430	365	370	101
Pennsylvania	619	619	1,435	1,480	888	916	103
Texas	340	348	1,400	1,395	476	485	102
Vermont	162	161	1,420	1,440	230	232	101
Virginia	122	120	1,270	1,350	155	162	105
Washington	248	246	1,805	1,885	448	464	104
Wisconsin	1,370	1,364	1,410	1,405	1,932	1,916	99
20 STATE TOTAL	7,708	7,760	1,489	1,536	11,481	11,918	104

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

Idaho Red Meat Production Up 6 Percent

Commercial red meat production at Idaho packing plants for December 1999 totaled 50.1 million pounds, up 6 percent from last year. December production showed an 8 percent decrease from November's 54.3 million pounds. Accumulated red meat production for the January - December 1999 period totaled 581.6 million pounds, up 6 percent from the comparable period a year earlier.

Red meat production for the United States totaled 3.86 billion pounds in December, down 2 percent from the 3.94 billion pounds produced in December 1998. Beef production, at 2.11 billion pounds, was 1 percent above the previous year and slightly above the previous record high for December set in 1976. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.88 million head, down 1 percent

from 1998. The average live weight was up 11 pounds from the previous year, at 1,225 pounds. Pork production totaled 1.70 billion pounds, down 5 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.89 million head, 6 percent below 1998. The average live weight was 1 pound above the previous year, at 261 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 24 million pounds, was up 1 percent from December 1998. Sheep slaughter totaled 356 thousand head, slightly above last year. The average live weight was 135 pounds, up 3 pounds from December a year ago. January - December red meat production was 46.1 billion pounds, 2 percent higher than the comparable figure a year earlier. Accumulated beef production was 3 percent higher than last year, veal was down 10 percent, pork was up 2 percent, and lamb and mutton was down 2 percent.

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

State	December 1998	November 1999	December 1999	December 1999 As Percent Of ^{2/}	
				December 1998	November 1999
	Million Pounds			Percent	
California	91.6	88.9	91.7	100	103
Colorado	166.1	170.9	171.1	103	100
IDAHO	47.4	54.3	50.1	106	92
Illinois	234.2	231.9	221.2	94	95
Iowa	590.8	547.8	534.8	91	98
Kansas	469.2	483.9	503.6	107	104
Minnesota	181.8	181.3	182.5	100	101
Montana	2.0	1.5	1.5	76	103
Nebraska	560.4	564.8	552.5	99	98
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	75	106
Oklahoma	79.7	85.1	87.1	109	102
Oregon	3.7	4.0	3.5	96	87
South Dakota	101.3	84.8	90.9	90	107
Texas	377.7	377.5	370.3	98	98
Utah	37.1	41.0	37.6	102	92
Washington	52.6	63.9	56.3	107	88
Wyoming	0.7	0.6	0.5	76	91
UNITED STATES	3,943.7	3,893.8	3,862.5	98	99

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

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Idaho Cattle On Feed Up 9 Percent

Cattle on feed for the slaughter market in Idaho from feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head on January 1, 2000 totaled 310,000 head, up 9 percent from the January 1, 1999 inventory of 285,000 head. The inventory was down 3 percent from the number on hand as of December 1, 1999.

Placements of cattle into State feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during December totaled 50,000 head, down 5,000 head from December 1998 placements. Marketings during December totaled 59,000 head, up 9,000 head from December 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 11.46 million head on January 1, 2000, up 7 percent from January 1, 1999. Placements in feedlots during December totaled 1.65 million, 9 percent above 1998. Net placements were 1.56 million.

During December, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 465,000, 600-699 pounds were 498,000, 700-799 pounds were 422,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 261,000. Marketings of fed cattle during December totaled 1.84 million, 1 percent above 1998 and 5 percent above 1997. Other disappearance totaled 90,000 during December, 6 percent above 1998.

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

State	January 1, 1999	December 1, 1999	January 1, 2000		
			Number	As % of 1999	As % of December
	---1,000 Head---		---Percent---		
Arizona	206	265	272	132	103
California	400	405	415	104	102
Colorado	1,140	1,220	1,180	104	97
Idaho	285	320	310	109	97
Iowa	335	*370	375	112	101
Kansas	2,110	2,380	2,290	109	96
Nebraska	2,110	2,380	2,300	109	97
New Mexico	118	109	116	98	106
Oklahoma	410	440	430	105	98
South Dakota	184	186	194	105	104
Texas	2,720	2,980	2,900	107	97
Washington	199	241	228	115	95
Other States	450	445	445	99	100
United States	10,667	*11,741	11,455	107	98

^{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. *Revised.

Frozen Potato Stocks Up Slightly

Frozen stocks of french fries in the United States on December 31, 1999, totaled 931.7 million pounds, up 4 percent from December 31, 1998. Other frozen potatoes, at 220.3 million pounds, decreased 13 percent from December 31, 1998 stocks and 6 percent from November 30, 1999.

United States stocks of butter on December 31, 1999, totaled 26.0 million pounds, down 14 percent from the end of the previous month but up slightly percent from December 31, 1998. Of this 26.0 million pounds, the government owned 223,000. Stocks of total American cheese totaled 446.6 million pounds, up 10 percent from December 31, 1998 but down slightly from November 30, 1999. The government owned 18,000 pounds of the American cheese stocks.

Commodity	Dec 31,	Nov. 30,	Dec 31,	1999
	1998	1999	1999	1998
	-----1,000 Pounds-----			Percent
POTATOES:				
French Fries	897,256	1,019,535	931,735	104
Other Frozen	254,038	234,996	220,262	87
TOTAL	1,151,294	1,254,531	1,151,997	100
DAIRY PRODUCTS:				
Butter	25,910	30,184	25,965	100
(Gov't Owned)	4	313	223	
Natural Cheese American, Total	407,692	448,250	446,612	110
(Gov't Owned)	120	24	18	15

Idaho Fruit Production Decreases

Idaho fruit production decreased substantially from 1998. This decrease is the result of severe frost and hail damage. Apple production totaled 70 million pounds, down 55 percent from last year's 155 million pounds. Utilized production is expected to total 70 million pounds in 1999, while in 1998 utilized production totaled 115 million pounds. In 1998, 40 million pounds were either not harvested or were harvested but not sold due to poor prices. Peach production was 8.0 million pounds, down 11 percent from 1998. Prune and Plum production in 1999 was estimated to be 1,800 tons, down 60 percent from last

year's 4,500 tons. Sweet cherry production was 1,900 tons, down 14 percent from last year's 2,200 tons.

Nationally, apple production at 10.7 billion pounds, is down 8 percent from the 1998 crop. Utilized production decreased 2 percent from 1998. Peach production totaled 2.52 billion pounds, up 5 percent from last year. Sweet cherry production increased 6 percent from a year ago, at 224,670 tons. Prune and plum production in Idaho, Michigan, Oregon, and Washington totaled 22,900 tons, a decline of 11 percent from last year's crop.

Total Fruit Production, Selected States & U.S., 1998-1999^{1/}

State	Apples		Peaches		Prunes & Plums		Sweet Cherries	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
	<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Tons</i>		<i>Tons</i>	
California	860.0	825.0	^{2/} 681.0	^{2/} 755.0	--	--	15,200	73,000
Georgia	11.0	12.0	70.0	110.0	--	--	--	--
Idaho	155.0	70.0	9.0	8.0	4,500	1,800	2,200	1,900
Michigan	1,000.0	1,250.0	43.0	25.0	3,600	4,000	35,000	28,000
New Jersey	55.0	55.0	70.0	70.0	--	--	--	--
New York	1,070.0	1,260.0	10.0	14.0	--	--	700	1,050
North Carolina	185.0	180.0	25.0	28.0	--	--	--	--
Oregon	180.0	160.0	8.0	7.0	10,500	13,000	55,000	50,000
Pennsylvania	395.0	505.0	65.0	75.0	--	--	550	800
South Carolina	45.0	32.0	140.0	160.0	--	--	--	--
Utah	49.0	12.0	7.7	6.5	--	--	2,800	1,200
Virginia	280.0	360.0	14.0	15.0	--	--	--	--
Washington	6,600.0	5,100.0	52.0	52.0	7,000	4,100	98,000	68,000
West Virginia	110.0	145.0	13.0	13.0	--	--	--	--
UNITED STATES	11,648.4	10,741.3	^{3/} 2,401.3	^{4/} 2,521.4	^{5/} 25,600	^{5/} 22,900	211,500	224,670

^{1/} Includes unharvested production and harvested production not utilized. ^{2/} Freestone only. ^{3/} Includes CA Clingstone production of 1,045.0 million pounds. ^{4/} Includes CA Clingstone production of 1,059.0 million pounds. ^{5/} Excludes California.