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Idaho Milk Production Up 15 Percent

Idaho milk production during July 2000 totaled 655 million pounds, up 14.9 percent from the same month last year and 6.0 percent higher than June 2000. Revised production for June 2000 totaled 618 million pounds, up 15.3 percent from June 1999. Average milk production per cow in July 2000 was 1,830 pounds, 60 pounds more than July 1999 and up 70 pounds from June 2000. The average number of milk cows in July was 358,000 head, 36,000 more than in July 1999 and 7,000 more than June 2000.

Nationally, July milk production in the 20 major States totaled 12.2 billion pounds, up 5.0 percent from production in these same States in July 1999. June revised production, at 12.1 billion pounds, was up 2.9 percent from June 1999. Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,557 pounds for July, 59 pounds above July 1999. The number of cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.83 million head, 83,000 head more than July 1999 and 24,000 head more than June 2000.

Milk Production, Average Number of Cows, Selected States, July 1999-2000

State	Milk Cows 1/		Milk Per Cow 2/		Milk Production 2/		2000 As Percent of 1999
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	
	1,000 Head		Pounds		Million Pounds		
Arizona	135	140	1,620	1,735	219	243	111
California	1,467	1,527	1,715	1,825	2,516	2,787	111
Florida	159	157	1,190	1,245	189	195	103
IDAHO	322	358	1,770	1,830	570	655	115
Illinois	122	120	1,310	1,430	160	172	108
Indiana	136	151	1,325	1,450	180	219	122
Iowa	216	215	1,430	1,540	309	331	107
Kentucky	132	133	985	1,000	130	133	102
Michigan	307	298	1,555	1,630	477	486	102
Minnesota	545	535	1,420	1,455	774	778	101
Missouri	157	154	1,020	1,210	160	186	116
New Mexico	235	252	1,690	1,730	397	436	110
New York	702	690	1,460	1,460	1,025	1,007	98
Ohio	260	263	1,460	1,475	380	388	102
Pennsylvania	614	619	1,470	1,500	903	929	103
Texas	346	348	1,225	1,225	424	426	100
Vermont	159	160	1,440	1,465	229	234	102
Virginia	120	120	1,185	1,265	142	152	107
Washington	249	247	1,940	1,965	483	485	100
Wisconsin	1,368	1,347	1,420	1,450	1,943	1,953	101
20 STATE TOTAL	7,751	7,834	1,498	1,557	11,610	12,195	105

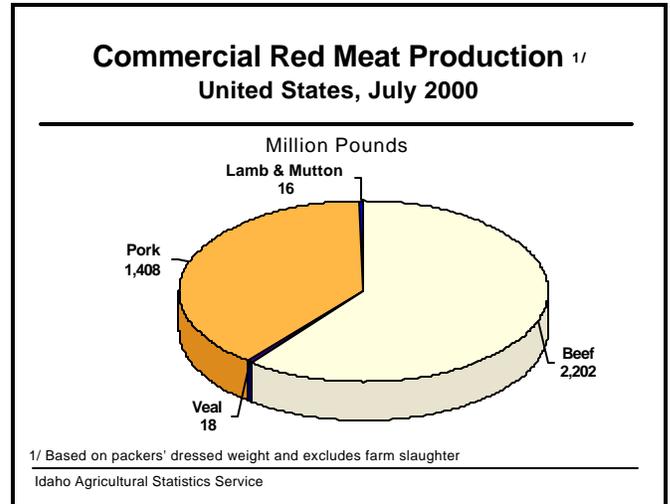
1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

Idaho Red Meat Production Down 4 Percent

Commercial red meat production at Idaho packing plants for July 2000 totaled 49.4 million pounds, down 4 percent from last year. July production was down 6 percent from June's 52.4 million pounds. Accumulated red meat production for the January-July 2000 period totaled 334.0 million pounds, up 4 percent from the comparable period a year earlier.

Red meat production for the United States totaled 3.64 billion pounds in July, down 4 percent from the 3.78 billion pounds produced in July 1999. Beef production, at 2.20 billion pounds, was 2 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.96 million head, down 4 percent from 1999. The average live weight was up 14 pounds from the previous year, at 1,220 pounds. Pork production totaled 1.41 billion pounds, down 5 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 7.36 million head, 7 percent below 1999. The average live weight was 3 pounds above the previous year, at 259 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 16 million pounds, was down 9 percent from the previous record low for July set in 1999. Sheep slaughter totaled 243 thousand head, 8 percent below last year. The average live weight was 130 pounds, down 2 pounds from

July a year ago. January-July red meat production was 26.5 billion pounds, just below the comparable figure a year earlier. Accumulated beef production was 2 percent higher than last year, pork was 3 percent lower, and lamb & mutton was down 2 percent.



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

State	July 1999	June 2000	July 2000	July 2000 As Percent Of ^{2/}	
				July 1999	June 2000
	<i>Million Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
California	85.4	90.8	83.1	97	91
Colorado	184.1	189.6	182.0	99	96
IDAHO	51.5	52.4	49.4	96	94
Illinois	213.6	*224.1	208.9	98	93
Iowa	487.2	485.8	436.3	90	90
Kansas	541.4	553.8	522.2	96	94
Minnesota	157.5	168.7	150.2	95	89
Montana	1.8	1.9	1.8	104	99
Nebraska	572.6	625.2	584.6	102	94
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	94	112
Oklahoma	71.8	82.4	74.5	104	91
Oregon	3.5	3.7	3.6	101	97
South Dakota	74.0	83.5	75.5	102	90
Texas	436.1	429.1	404.0	93	94
Utah	41.7	45.9	41.5	100	91
Washington	51.8	66.6	62.7	121	94
Wyoming	0.4	0.3	0.4	91	105
UNITED STATES	3,780.7	*3,940.6	3,643.3	96	92

1/ Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb and mutton. 2/ Percentages based on unrounded data. * Revised

Idaho Cattle on Feed Up 6 Percent

Cattle on feed for the slaughter market in Idaho from feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head on August 1, 2000 totaled 280,000 head, up 6 percent from the August 1, 1999 inventory of 265,000 head. The inventory was down 3 percent from the number on hand as of July 1, 2000.

Placements of cattle into State feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during July totaled 56,000 head, up 8,000 head from July 1999 placements. Marketings during July totaled 65,000 head, up 9,000 head from July 1999 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

10.18 million head on August 1, 2000. The inventory was 11 percent above August 1, 1999 and 13 percent above August 1, 1998. Placements in feedlots during July totaled 1.92 million, 6 percent above 1999 but 1 percent below 1998. Net placements were 1.87 million.

During July, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 424,000, 600-699 pounds were 366,000, 700-799 pounds were 597,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 530,000. Marketings of fed cattle during July totaled 2.08 million, 2 percent below 1999 but 1 percent above 1998. Other disappearance totaled 44,000 during July, 15 percent below 1999 and 12 percent below 1998.

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

State	Aug 1, 1999	Jul 1, 2000	Aug 1, 2000		
			Number	As % of 1999	As % of Jul
		---1,000 Head---		---Percent---	
Arizona	194	274	262	135	96
California	375	410	420	112	102
Colorado	960	1,090	1,050	109	96
Idaho	265	290	280	106	97
Iowa	290	345	330	114	96
Kansas	1,990	2,160	2,190	110	101
Nebraska	1,600	1,950	1,840	115	94
New Mexico	83	89	93	112	104
Oklahoma	325	355	355	109	100
South Dakota	125	144	126	101	88
Texas	2,480	2,730	2,720	110	100
Washington	202	202	194	96	96
Other States	320	350	320	100	91
United States	9,209	10,389	10,180	111	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.

Frozen Potato Stocks Up 3 Percent from 1999

Frozen stocks of french fries in the United States on July 31, 2000, totaled 927 million pounds, a slight decrease from June 30, 2000, but 3 percent above July 31, 1999. Other frozen potatoes, at 251.2 million pounds, decreased 2 percent from June stocks but increased 4 percent from last year.

United States stocks of butter on July 31, 2000, totaled 136.4 million pounds, down 6 percent from the end of the previous month, but up 10 percent from July 31, 1999. Of this 136.4 million pounds, the government owned 391 thousand pounds. Stocks of American cheese totaled 598.1 million pounds, up 5 percent from June 30, 2000. The government owned 60 thousand pounds.

Commodity	July 31, 1999	June 30, 2000	July 31, 2000	2000
				1999
		<i>1,000 Pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>
POTATOES:				
French Fries	900,347	929,810	927,044	103
Other Frozen	241,931	256,500	251,161	104
Total	1,142,278	1,186,310	1,178,205	103
DAIRY				
Butter, Total	123,552	144,861	136,357	110
(Gov't Owned)	334	420	391	117
Natural Cheese				
American, Total	543,642	570,290	598,098	110
(Gov't Owned)	48	46	60	125

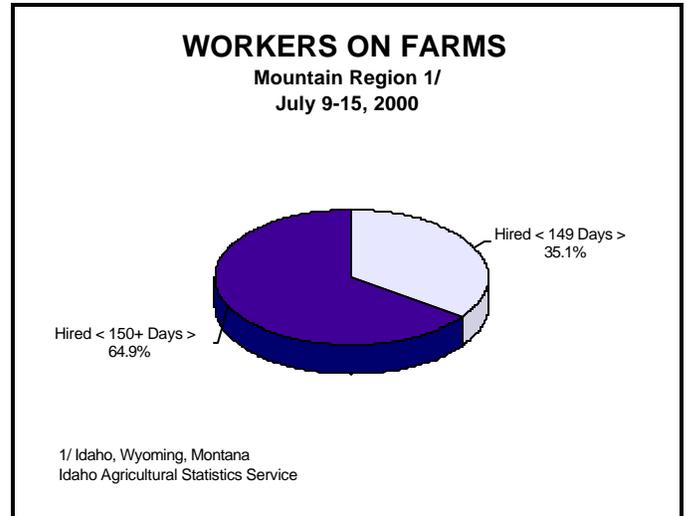
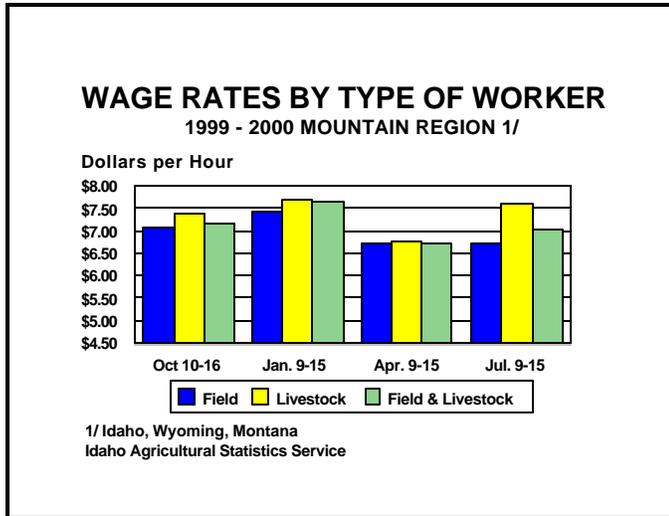
Farm Labor in July

For the Mountain I Region of the U.S. (Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming), there were 37,000 hired workers on farms and ranches the week of July 9-15, 2000, up 19 percent from the 31,000 workers the week of July 11-17, 1999. Hired workers worked an average of 44.1 hours during the survey week at an average wage of \$7.32 per hour, up 71 cents from last year.

There were 1.37 million hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of July 9-15, 2000, down 7 percent from a year ago. There were 1.08 million workers hired

directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 289,000 workers. Migrant workers accounted for 11.1 percent of the July hired workforce compared to 12.4 percent last year.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$7.89 per hour during the July 2000 survey week, up 31 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average wage of \$7.32 per hour, up 27 cents from last July. Livestock workers earned \$7.65 per hour compared with \$7.22 a year earlier.



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