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Idaho Red Meat Production Down Slightly

Commercial red meat production at Idaho packing plants for August 2000 totaled 52.5 million pounds, down slightly from last year. August production was up 6 percent from July's 49.4 million pounds. Accumulated red meat production for the January-August 2000 period totaled 386.5 million pounds, up 4 percent from the comparable period a year earlier.

Red meat production for the United States totaled 4.11 billion pounds in August, up 5 percent from the previous record high for August of 3.91 billion pounds produced in 1999. Beef production, at 2.44 billion pounds, was 6 percent above the previous year and 5 percent above the previous record high for August set in 1995. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.26 million head, up 3 percent from 1999. The average live weight was up 20 pounds from the previous year, at 1,226 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.64 billion pounds, up 5 percent from the previous record high for August set last year. Hog kill totaled 8.62 million head, 3 percent above 1999. The average live weight was 4 pounds above the previous year, at 258 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 18 million pounds, was down 3 percent from August 1999. Sheep slaughter totaled 283 thousand head, 4 percent below last year. The average live weight was 128 pounds, up 1 pound from August a year ago. January-August red meat production was 30.6 billion pounds, 1 percent higher than the comparable figure a year earlier. Accumulated beef production was 2 percent higher than last year, pork was 2 percent lower and lamb & mutton was down 3 percent.

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

State	August 1999	July 2000	August 2000	August 2000 as a percent of ^{2/}	
				August 1999	July 2000
	----- Million Pounds -----			----- Percent -----	
California	89.2	83.1	95.1	107	115
Colorado	190.0	182.0	189.8	100	104
IDAHO	52.8	49.4	52.5	100	106
Illinois	216.4	208.9	238.0	110	114
Iowa	510.3	436.3	510.9	100	117
Kansas	546.5	522.2	584.5	107	112
Minnesota	166.7	150.2	170.0	102	113
Montana	2.0	1.8	2.1	105	113
Nebraska	593.8	584.6	652.2	110	112
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	92	108
Oklahoma	76.1	74.5	77.9	102	104
Oregon	4.1	3.6	4.1	100	115
South Dakota	79.8	75.5	85.2	107	113
Texas	426.5	*404.1	447.8	105	111
Utah	46.1	* 41.6	46.3	100	111
Washington	65.1	62.7	64.0	98	102
Wyoming	0.7	0.4	0.7	98	202
UNITED STATES	3,910.2	* 3,643.4	4,113.9	105	113

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

^{2/} Percentages based on unrounded data.

* Revised

1999 Idaho Potato Crop Valued at \$660 Million

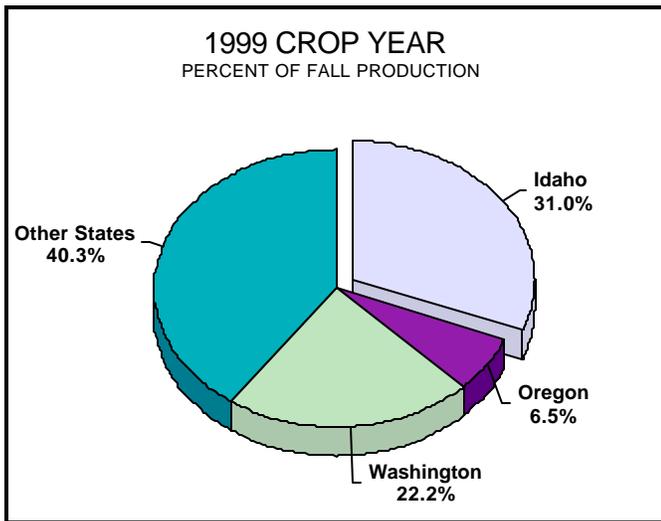
The final value of Idaho's 1999 potato crop was \$660 million, \$32 million above 1998's value of \$628 million. The market year average price received by growers, of \$4.95 per cwt., was above the 1998 level of \$4.55 per cwt.

Idaho's growers sold 122.9 million cwt. from their 1999 crop while using 1.2 million cwt. on the farm for seed, feed and household consumption. The remaining 9.3 million cwt. was lost to shrinkage, decay and dumping. Fresh market sales accounted

for 34.2 million cwt. of the 1999 crop, up slightly from the 1998 crop, while processing accounted for 78.4 million cwt., compared to 83.4 million cwt. in 1998.

Processors in Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon used a total of 88.2 million cwt. of 1999 crop potatoes compared to 92.9 million cwt. used in 1998. Of the total processed, 78.4 million cwt. (88.9 percent) were Idaho potatoes. In 1998, Idaho potatoes made up 89.8 percent of the total processed.

Fall Potato Production U.S. and Selected Areas



Idaho's 1999 production of 133.3 million cwt. accounted for 31.0 percent of the entire U.S. Fall production of 429.8 million cwt. The Pacific Northwest; Idaho, Washington and Oregon, collectively, totaled 256.6 million cwt. or 59.7 percent of the U.S. Fall production.

Disposition of Idaho Potato Production, Crop Years 1992-1999

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.								
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
1999	133,330	122,880	34,150	78,390	10,340	10,450	1,150	9,300

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.

Idaho Cattle on Feed Up 2 Percent

Cattle on feed for the slaughter market in Idaho from feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head on September 1, 2000 totaled 290,000 head, up 2 percent from the September 1, 1999 inventory of 285,000 head. The inventory was up 4 percent from the number on hand as of August 1, 2000.

Placements of cattle into State feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during August totaled 73,000 head, down 6,000 head from August 1999 placements. Marketings during August totaled 60,000 head, up 2,000 head from August 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

10.38 million head on September 1, 2000. The inventory was 9 percent above September 1, 1999 and 15 percent above September 1, 1998. Placements in feedlots during August totaled 2.44 million, slightly above 1999 and 18 percent above 1998. Net placements were 2.39 million.

During August, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 573,000, 600-699 pounds were 504,000, 700-799 pounds were 691,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 672,000. Marketings of fed cattle during August totaled 2.19 million, 7 percent above 1999 and 11 percent above 1998. Other disappearance totaled 49,000 during August, 11 percent below 1999 and 6 percent below 1998.

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

State	Sept. 1, 1999	Aug. 1, 2000	Sept. 1, 2000		
			Number	As % of 1999	As % of Aug.
		---1,000 Head---			---Percent---
Arizona	200	262	257	129	98
California	375	420	415	111	99
Colorado	960	1,050	1,080	113	103
Idaho	285	280	290	102	104
Iowa	300	330	330	110	100
Kansas	2,090	2,190	2,220	106	101
Nebraska	1,700	1,840	1,920	113	104
New Mexico	81	93	90	111	97
Oklahoma	350	355	375	107	106
South Dakota	110	126	128	116	102
Texas	2,560	2,720	2,760	108	101
Washington	215	194	204	95	105
Other States	310	320	315	102	98
United States	9,536	10,180	10,384	109	102

^{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 Increase 2 Percent From 1999

Frozen stocks of french fries in the United States on August 31, 2000, totaled 926.6 million pounds, decreasing slightly from July 31, 2000, and decreasing slightly from August 31, 1999. Other frozen potatoes, at 264.5 million pounds, increased 4 percent from July stocks, and increased 9 percent from last year.

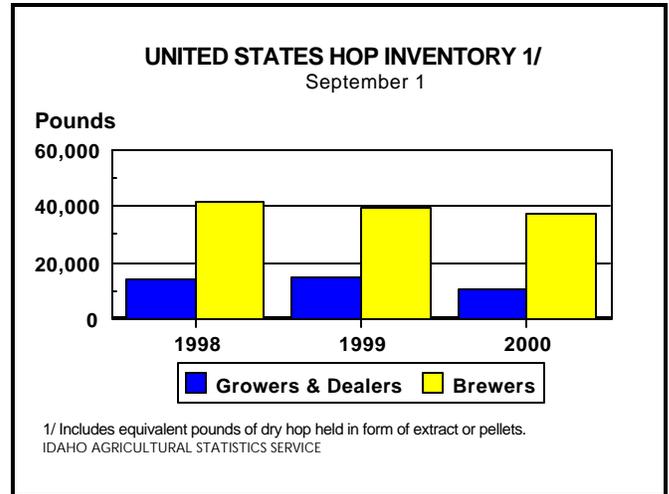
United States stocks of butter on August 31, 2000, totaled 100.8 million pounds, down 26 percent from the end of the previous month but up 11 percent from August 31, 1999. Of this 100.8 million pounds, the government owned 388 thousand pounds. Stocks of American cheese totaled 595.1 million pounds, down 3 percent from July 31, 2000. The government owned 402 thousand pounds.

Commodity	Aug. 31, 1999	July 31, 2000	Aug. 31, 2000	2000
				1999
		1,000 Pounds		Percent
POTATOES:				
French Fries	928,193	926,993	926,556	100
Other Frozen	241,619	253,307	264,491	109
Total	1,169,812	1,180,300	1,191,047	102
DAIRY PRODUCTS:				
Butter, Total	90,728	136,849	100,836	111
(Gov't Owned)	258	391	388	150
Natural Cheese				
American, Total	508,305	613,243	595,122	117
(Gov't Owned)	50	163	402	804

September 1 Hop Stocks Lowest Level Since 1982

The inventory of hops held by growers, dealers, and brewers on September 1, 2000, totaled 48.0 million pounds, 11 percent below September 1, 1999 and 13 percent below two years ago. This represents the lowest September 1 inventory since 1982 when stocks were 47.0 million pounds.

Stocks held by brewers, at 37.5 million pounds, were 5 percent less than last year and 9 percent less than September 1, 1998. Stocks held by growers and dealers on September 1, 2000, were 10.5 million pounds, down 28 percent from the stocks on hand for September 1, 1999, and 25 percent less than the September 1, 1998 level.



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