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## Idaho Milk Production Up 11 Percent

Idaho milk production during September 2000 totaled 612 million pounds, a 10.7 percent increase from the same month last year, but down 3.6 percent from August 2000. Revised production for August 2000 totaled 635 million pounds, up 10.8 percent from August 1999. Average milk production per cow in September 2000 was 1,720 pounds, 20 pounds more than September 1999, but 70 pounds less than August 2000. The average number of milk cows in September was 356,000 head, 31,000 more than in September 1999 and 1,000 more than August 2000.

Nationally, September milk production in the 20 major States totaled 11.5 billion pounds, up 2.8 percent from production in these same States in September 1999. August revised production, at 12.0 billion pounds, was up 3.7 percent from August 1999. Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,467 pounds for September, 22 pounds above September 1999. The number of cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.85 million head, 98,000 head more than September 1999 and 11,000 head more than August 2000.

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

State	Milk Cows 1/		Milk Per Cow 2/		Milk Production 2/		2000 As Percent of 1999
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		
Arizona	135	140	1,550	1,520	209	213	102
California	1,476	1,539	1,710	1,685	2,524	2,593	103
Florida	157	157	1,020	1,070	160	168	105
<b>IDAHO</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>1,700</b>	<b>1,720</b>	<b>553</b>	<b>612</b>	<b>111</b>
Illinois	121	120	1,300	1,350	157	162	103
Indiana	135	150	1,275	1,350	172	203	118
Iowa	216	215	1,395	1,450	301	312	104
Kentucky	132	132	960	985	127	130	102
Michigan	299	303	1,485	1,525	444	462	104
Minnesota	550	530	1,335	1,380	734	731	100
Missouri	157	153	1,030	1,080	162	165	102
New Mexico	235	258	1,605	1,660	377	428	114
New York	702	690	1,380	1,400	969	966	100
Ohio	259	264	1,400	1,420	363	375	103
Pennsylvania	616	619	1,415	1,420	872	879	101
Texas	346	346	1,125	1,130	389	391	101
Vermont	160	160	1,380	1,410	221	226	102
Virginia	121	120	1,265	1,240	153	149	97
Washington	247	247	1,855	1,850	458	457	100
Wisconsin	1,364	1,352	1,360	1,400	1,855	1,893	102
<b>20 STATE TOTAL</b>	<b>7,753</b>	<b>7,851</b>	<b>1,445</b>	<b>1,467</b>	<b>11,200</b>	<b>11,515</b>	<b>103</b>

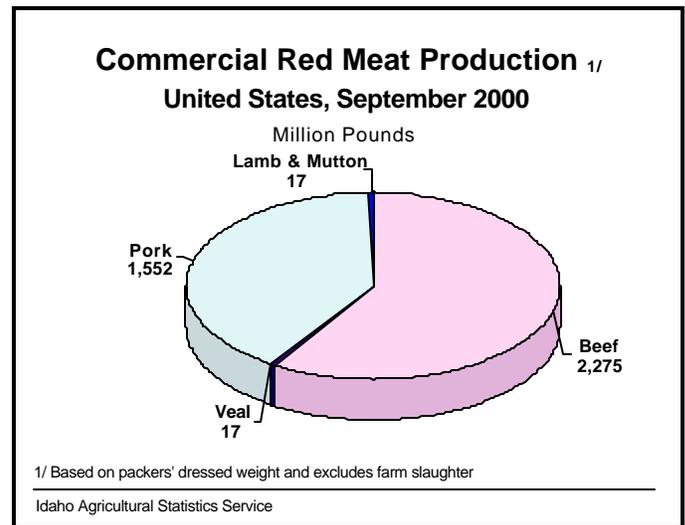
1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

## IDAHO RED MEAT PRODUCTION DOWN 7 PERCENT

Commercial red meat production at Idaho packing plants for September 2000 totaled 48.1 million pounds, down 7 percent from last year. September production was down 8 percent from August's 52.5 million pounds. Accumulated red meat production for the January-September 2000 period totaled 434.6 million pounds, up 2 percent from the comparable period a year earlier.

Red meat production for the United States totaled 3.86 billion pounds in September, down 2 percent from the 3.93 billion pounds produced in September 1999. Beef production, at 2.28 billion pounds, equaled the previous record high for September set last year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.03 million head, down 2 percent from 1999. The average live weight was up 21 pounds from the previous year, at 1,231 pounds. Pork production totaled 1.55 billion pounds, down 4 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.12 million head, 6 percent below 1999. The average live weight was 4 pounds above the previous year, at 259 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 17 million pounds, was down 10 percent from September 1999 and down 9 percent from the previous record low for September set in 1998. Sheep slaughter totaled 269 thousand head, 13 percent below last year. The average live weight was 130 pounds, up 3 pounds from September a year

ago. January-September red meat production was 34.5 billion pounds, just above 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 <sup>1/</sup>

State	September 1999	August 2000	September 2000	September 2000 As Percent Of <sup>2/</sup>	
				September 1999	August 2000
	<i>Million Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
California	88.0	95.1	88.8	101	93
Colorado	176.7	189.8	185.5	105	98
<b>IDAHO</b>	<b>51.7</b>	<b>52.5</b>	<b>48.1</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>92</b>
Illinois	226.7	238.0	228.6	101	96
Iowa	541.6	510.9	483.0	89	95
Kansas	538.3	584.5	538.1	100	92
Minnesota	173.3	170.0	161.7	93	95
Montana	1.6	2.1	1.8	109	86
Nebraska	589.5	652.2	609.2	103	93
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	84	78
Oklahoma	74.1	77.9	69.4	94	89
Oregon	3.9	4.1	3.6	91	87
South Dakota	82.0	85.2	76.3	93	90
Texas	431.4	447.8	430.9	100	96
Utah	43.4	46.3	43.4	100	94
Washington	67.9	64.0	55.3	81	86
Wyoming	0.5	0.7	0.5	98	69
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>3,932.5</b>	<b>* 4,114.0</b>	<b>3,861.0</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>94</b>

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

## Idaho Cattle on Feed Unchanged

Cattle on feed for the slaughter market in Idaho from feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head on October 1, 2000 totaled 310,000 head, the same as the October 1, 1999 inventory. The inventory was up 7 percent from the number on hand as of September 1, 2000.

Placements of cattle into State feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during September totaled 75,000 head, down 5,000 head from September 1999 placements. Marketings during September totaled 53,000 head, down 1,000 head from September 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

11.0 million head on October 1, 2000. The inventory was 7 percent above October 1, 1999 and 13 percent above October 1, 1998. Placements in feedlots during September totaled 2.69 million, 3 percent below 1999 but 1 percent above 1998. Net placements were 2.63 million.

During September, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 775,000, 600-699 pounds were 612,000, 700-799 pounds were 681,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 618,000. Marketings of fed cattle during September totaled 1.99 million, 2 percent above 1999 and 7 percent above 1998. Other disappearance totaled 54,000 during September, 13 percent below 1999 and 11 percent below 1998.

### Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots<sup>1/</sup>

State	Oct. 1, 1999	Sept. 1, 2000	Oct. 1, 2000		
			Number	As % of 1999	As % of Sept.
		---1,000 Head---		---Percent---	
Arizona	208	257	272	131	106
California	380	415	420	111	101
Colorado	1,070	*1,070	1,170	109	109
<b>Idaho</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>107</b>
Iowa	315	330	340	108	103
Kansas	2,250	2,220	2,300	102	104
Nebraska	1,900	1,920	2,100	111	109
New Mexico	91	90	96	105	107
Oklahoma	380	375	400	105	107
South Dakota	111	128	145	131	113
Texas	2,670	2,760	2,900	109	105
Washington	246	204	228	93	112
Other States	345	315	335	97	106
<b>United States</b>	<b>10,276</b>	<b>*10,374</b>	<b>11,016</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>106</b>

<sup>1/</sup>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 4 Percent From 1999

Frozen stocks of french fries in the United States on September 30, 2000, totaled 1.04 billion pounds, an increase of 12 percent from August 31, 2000 and up 3 percent from September 30, 1999. Other frozen potatoes, at 249.4 million pounds, decreased 5 percent from August stocks, but increased 7 percent from last year.

United States stocks of butter on September 30, 2000, totaled 84.8 million pounds, down 16 percent from the end of the previous month, but up 19 percent from September 30, 1999. Of this 84.8 million pounds, the government owned 375,000 pounds. Stocks of American cheese totaled 557.6 million pounds, down 6 percent from August 31, but up 18 percent from last year. The government owned 607,000 pounds, a small percentage of the total stocks.

Commodity	Sept. 30,	Aug. 31,	Sept. 30,	2000
	1999	2000	2000	1999
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>
POTATOES				
French Fries	1,002,245	923,400	1,037,218	103
Other Frozen	233,301	262,303	249,432	107
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,235,546</b>	<b>1,185,703</b>	<b>1,286,650</b>	<b>104</b>
DAIRY PRODUCTS:				
Butter	71,473	101,180	84,812	119
(Gov't Owned)	214	388	375	175
Natural Cheese				
American, Total	473,639	592,836	557,617	118
(Gov't Owned)	9	402	607	

## Selected Crops: Area Harvested, Yield, and Production, Idaho & U.S., 1999-00

State	Area Harvested <sup>1/</sup>		Unit	Yield		Production	
	1999	2000		1999	2000	1999	2000
	<i>Thousand Acres</i>					<i>Thousands</i>	
<b>IDAHO</b>							
All Hay	1,430	1,390	Tons	3.59	3.84	5,132	5,344
Alfalfa Hay	1,150	1,130	Tons	4.00	4.20	4,600	4,746
Sugarbeets	210	195	Tons	24.3	27.9	5,103	5,441
Dry Beans <sup>2/</sup>	103	88	Cwt.	2,050	1,900	2,112	1,672
<b>UNITED STATES</b>							
All Hay	63,160	61,591	Tons	2.52	2.48	159,077	152,651
Alfalfa Hay	23,985	23,317	Tons	3.50	3.43	83,924	79,971
Sugarbeets	1,527.3	1,402.4	Tons	21.9	23.0	33,420	32,269
Dry Beans <sup>2/</sup>	1,877.0	1,579.4	Cwt.	1,770	1,621	33,230	25,603

1/ Harvested for principal use of each crop, i.e., beans, dry hay, etc. 2/ Yield in pounds.

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