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Idaho Milk Production Up 10.5 Percent

Idaho milk production during October 2000 totaled 632 million pounds, a 10.5 percent increase from the same month last year, and was up 3.3 percent from September 2000. The September total was unchanged from the preliminary estimate. Average milk production per cow in October 2000 was 1,770 pounds, 20 pounds more than October 1999, and 50 pounds more than September 2000. The average number of milk cows in October was 357,000 head, 30,000 more than in October 1999 and 1,000 more than September 2000.

Nationally, October milk production in the 20 major States totaled 11.9 billion pounds, up 2.9 percent from production in these same States in October 1999. September revised production at 11.5 billion pounds, was up 2.7 percent from September 1999. Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,514 pounds for October, 23 pounds above October 1999. The number of cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.85 million head, 105,000 head more than October 1999 and 2,000 head more than September 2000.

Milk Production, Average Number of Cows, Selected States, October 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	1,725	1,615	233	226	97
California	1,480	1,544	1,760	1,735	2,605	2,679	103
Florida	156	156	1,025	1,115	160	174	109
IDAHO	327	357	1,750	1,770	572	632	110
Illinois	121	119	1,340	1,400	162	167	103
Indiana	135	149	1,325	1,420	179	212	118
Iowa	215	215	1,455	1,490	313	320	102
Kentucky	131	131	1,015	1,060	133	139	105
Michigan	299	303	1,520	1,570	454	476	105
Minnesota	545	530	1,400	1,435	763	761	100
Missouri	158	152	1,130	1,180	179	179	100
New Mexico	235	261	1,685	1,710	396	446	113
New York	700	690	1,400	1,420	980	980	100
Ohio	259	264	1,400	1,450	363	383	106
Pennsylvania	617	618	1,450	1,470	895	908	101
Texas	346	345	1,255	1,295	434	447	103
Vermont	159	158	1,390	1,425	221	225	102
Virginia	121	119	1,315	1,275	159	152	96
Washington	245	248	1,885	1,890	462	469	102
Wisconsin	1,362	1,352	1,385	1,415	1,886	1,913	101
20 STATE TOTAL	7,746	7,851	1,491	1,514	11,549	11,888	103

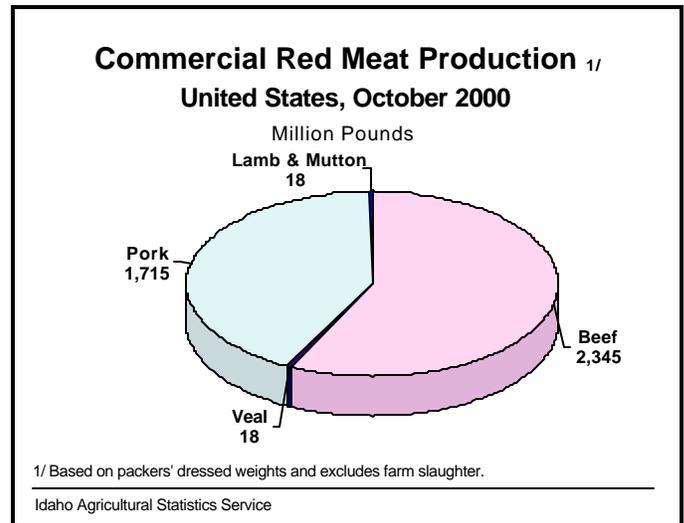
1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

IDAHO RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP 1 PERCENT

Commercial red meat production at Idaho packing plants for October 2000 totaled 53.3 million pounds, up 1 percent from last year. October production was up 11 percent from September's 48.1 million pounds. Accumulated red meat production for the January-October 2000 period totaled 487.9 million pounds, up 2 percent from the comparable period a year earlier.

Red meat production for the United States totaled 4.10 billion pounds in October, up 2 percent from the 4.00 billion pounds produced in October 1999 and up slightly less than 2 percent from the previous record high for October set in 1998. Beef production, at 2.35 billion pounds, was 4 percent above the previous year and 2 percent higher than the previous record high for October set in 1997. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.14 million head, up 2 percent from 1999. The average live weight was up 17 pounds from the previous year, at 1,231 pounds. Pork production totaled 1.72 billion pounds, up 1 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.88 million head, 1 percent below 1999. The average live weight was 3 pounds above the previous year, at 262 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 18 million pounds, was down 6 percent from the previous record low for October set in 1999. Sheep slaughter totaled 279 thousand head, 9 percent below last year. The average

live weight was 134 pounds, up 4 pounds from October a year ago. January-October red meat production was 38.6 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 4 percent.



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

State	October 1999	September 2000	October 2000	October 2000 As Percent Of ^{2/}	
				October 1999	September 2000
	<i>Million Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
California	89.1	88.8	97.1	109	109
Colorado	165.0	185.5	185.3	112	100
IDAHO	52.5	48.1	53.3	101	111
Illinois	231.1	228.6	253.4	110	111
Iowa	558.8	483.0	528.2	95	109
Kansas	539.9	538.1	552.8	102	103
Minnesota	186.3	161.7	181.9	98	113
Montana	1.8	1.8	2.1	114	116
Nebraska	596.1	609.2	640.2	107	105
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	121	112
Oklahoma	81.4	69.4	80.9	99	117
Oregon	3.6	3.6	4.0	111	112
South Dakota	84.9	76.3	91.8	108	120
Texas	411.1	430.9	409.3	100	95
Utah	41.5	43.4	44.2	107	102
Washington	64.6	55.3	57.8	89	104
Wyoming	0.3	0.5	0.2	86	47
UNITED STATES	4,000.7	*3,861.1	4,097.2	102	106

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 November 1, 2000 totaled 325,000 head, the same as the November 1, 1999 inventory. The inventory was up 5 percent from the number on hand as of October 1, 2000.

Placements of cattle into State feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during October totaled 79,000 head, up 3,000 head from October 1999 placements. Marketings during October totaled 60,000 head, up 2,000 head from October 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

11.9 million head on November 1, 2000. The inventory was 3 percent above November 1, 1999 and 10 percent above November 1, 1998. Placements in feedlots during October totaled 2.83 million, 9 percent below 1999 and slightly below 1998. Net placements were 2.76 million.

During October, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 1.07 million, 600-699 pounds were 755,000, 700-799 pounds were 531,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 477,000. Marketings of fed cattle during October totaled 1.92 million, 4 percent above 1999 and 8 percent above 1998. Other disappearance totaled 66,000 during October, 17 percent below 1999 but 27 percent above 1998.

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

State	November 1, 1999	October 1, 2000	November 1, 2000		
			Number	As % of 1999	As % of October
		---1,000 Head---		---Percent---	
Arizona	239	272	292	122	107
California	395	420	440	111	105
Colorado	1,220	1,170	1,250	102	107
Idaho	325	310	325	100	105
Iowa	345	340	380	110	112
Kansas	2,410	2,300	2,420	100	105
Nebraska	2,250	2,100	2,380	106	113
New Mexico	107	96	109	102	114
Oklahoma	435	400	410	94	103
South Dakota	157	145	180	115	124
Texas	2,930	2,900	3,030	103	104
Washington	257	228	243	95	107
Other States	405	335	405	100	121
United States	11,475	11,016	11,864	103	108

^{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 4 Percent From 1999

Frozen stocks of french fries in the United States on October 31, 2000, totaled 1.1 billion pounds, up 3 percent from October 31, 1999, and 6 percent from September 30, 2000. Other frozen potatoes, at 247.7 million pounds, increased 6 percent from last year but decreased 1 percent from September.

United States stocks of butter on October 31, 2000, totaled 57.6 million pounds, down 32 percent from the end of the previous month, and down 10 percent from October 31, 1999. Of this 57.6 million pounds, the government owned 330,000 pounds. Stocks of American cheese totaled 521.0 million pounds, down 7 percent from September 30, 2000, but up 13 percent from October 31, 1999. The government owned 505,000 pounds of the American cheese stocks.

Commodity	Oct. 31,	Sept. 30,	Oct. 31,	2000
	1999	2000	2000	1999
	----1,000 Pounds----			Percent
POTATOES:				
French Fries	1,073,381	1,040,837	1,106,573	103
Other Frozen	234,450	250,609	247,689	106
TOTAL	1,307,831	1,291,446	1,354,262	104
DAIRY				
Butter, Total	64,226	84,850	57,614	90
(Gov't Owned)	391	375	330	84
Natural Cheese				
American, Total	459,404	562,713	520,953	113
(Gov't Owned)	67	607	505	754

OCTOBER FARM LABOR

For the Mountain I Region of the U.S. (Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming), there were 34,000 hired workers on farms and ranches the week of October 8-14, 2000, up 13 percent from the 30,000 workers the week of October 10-16, 1999. Hired workers worked an average of 39.4 hours during the survey week at an average wage of \$7.80 per hour, up 44 cents from last year.

There were 1.24 million hired workers on the Nation's farm and ranches during the week of October 8-14, 2000, down 3 percent from a year ago. There were 952,000 workers hired directly by

farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 285,000 workers. Migrant workers accounted for 11.9 percent of the October hired workforce compared to 12.3 percent last year.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$8.29 per hour during the October 2000 survey week, up 46 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average wage of \$7.74 per hour, up 43 cents from last October. Livestock workers earned \$7.84 per hour compared with \$7.43 a year earlier.

