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Idaho Milk Production Up 6.5 Percent

Idaho milk production during October 2001 totaled 668 million pounds, a 6.5 percent increase from the same month last year and 2.3 percent above September 2001. Revised production for September 2001 totaled 653 million pounds, up 6.7 percent from September 2000, but down 0.8 percent from the preliminary estimate. Average milk production per cow in October 2001 was 1,810 pounds, 50 pounds more than October 2000 and 40 pounds more than September 2001. The average number of milk cows in October was 369,000 head, unchanged from last month, but 13,000 more than in October 2000.

Nationally, October milk production in the 20 major States totaled 11.8 billion pounds, down 0.2 percent from production in these same States in October 2000. September revised production, at 11.4 billion pounds, was down 0.6 percent from September 2000. Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,526 pounds for October, 15 pounds above October 2000. The number of cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.72 million head, 95,000 head less than October 2000 and 1,000 head less than September 2001.

Milk Production, Average Number of Cows, Selected States, October 2000-2001

State	Milk Cows 1/		Milk Per Cow 2/		Milk Production 2/		2001 As Percent of 2000
	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		
Arizona	140	140	1,620	1,680	227	235	104
California	1,545	1,605	1,735	1,755	2,681	2,817	105
Florida	156	152	1,120	1,130	175	172	98
IDAHO	356	369	1,760	1,810	627	668	107
Illinois	119	114	1,400	1,390	167	158	95
Indiana	148	154	1,345	1,390	199	214	108
Iowa	215	206	1,490	1,480	320	305	95
Kentucky	131	126	1,040	1,030	136	130	96
Michigan	302	300	1,580	1,560	477	468	98
Minnesota	530	505	1,435	1,400	761	707	93
Missouri	152	141	1,180	1,085	179	153	85
New Mexico	261	273	1,690	1,750	441	478	108
New York	674	670	1,430	1,460	964	978	101
Ohio	264	256	1,360	1,375	359	352	98
Pennsylvania	618	596	1,470	1,500	908	894	98
Texas	345	317	1,275	1,235	440	391	89
Vermont	158	152	1,445	1,445	228	220	96
Virginia	119	118	1,285	1,290	153	152	99
Washington	248	247	1,860	1,865	461	461	100
Wisconsin	1,336	1,281	1,430	1,430	1,910	1,832	96
20 STATE TOTAL	7,817	7,722	1,511	1,526	11,813	11,785	100

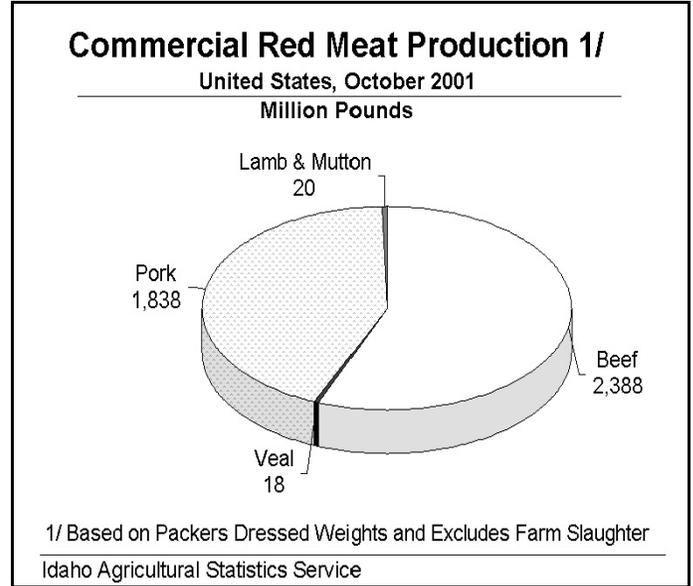
1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

IDAHO RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP 11 PERCENT

Commercial red meat production at Idaho packing plants for October 2001 totaled 59.3 million pounds, up 11 percent from last year. October production was up 6 percent from September's 56.0 million pounds. Accumulated red meat production for the January-October 2001 period totaled 535 million pounds, up 10 percent from the comparable period a year earlier.

Red meat production for the United States totaled a record 4.26 billion pounds in October, up 4 percent from the 4.10 billion pounds produced in October 2000 and 164 million pounds above the previous record high set in 2000. Beef production, at 2.39 billion pounds, was 2 percent above the previous year and 43 million pounds above the previous record high set in 2000. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.16 million head, up 1 percent from October 2000. The average live weight was 1,247 pounds, up 16 pounds from the previous year. Pork production totaled 1.84 billion pounds, up 7 percent from the previous year and also 121 million pounds above the previous record high set in 2000. Hog kill totaled 9.33 million head, 5 percent above October 2000. The average live weight was 5 pounds above the previous year, at 267 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 20 million pounds, was up 6 percent from October 2000. Sheep slaughter totaled 288,500 head, 3 percent above last year. The average live weight was 137 pounds, up 3 pounds from October a year

ago. January-October red meat production was 37.9 billion pounds, 2 percent below the previous year. Accumulated beef production was 4 percent lower than last year, pork was up 1 percent, and lamb & mutton was down 3 percent



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

State	October 2000	September 2001	October 2001	October 2001 As Percent Of ^{2/}	
				October 2000	September 2001
	<i>Million Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
California	97.2	88.8	107.0	110	120
Colorado	185.3	179.7	191.6	103	107
IDAHO	53.3	56.0	59.3	111	106
Illinois	253.9	219.6	255.4	101	116
Iowa	528.1	481.1	576.9	109	120
Kansas	552.8	445.7	527.5	95	118
Minnesota	181.9	170.4	207.7	114	122
Montana	1.8	1.2	1.5	81	124
Nebraska	640.2	614.1	676.7	106	110
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	113	89
Oklahoma	80.9	75.3	91.3	113	121
Oregon	4.0	3.4	4.0	100	116
South Dakota	91.3	83.3	95.9	105	115
Texas	409.3	372.8	414.1	101	111
Utah	44.2	42.6	48.9	111	115
Washington	57.8	48.3	51.3	89	106
Wyoming	0.2	0.3	0.2	98	67
UNITED STATES	4,099.2	3,664.4	4,263.3	104	116

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

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 November 1, 2001 totaled 330,000 head, up 2 percent from the November 1, 2000 inventory. The inventory was up 6 percent from the number on hand as of October 1, 2001.

Placements of cattle into State feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during October totaled 79,000 head, the same as October 2000 placements. Marketings during October totaled 58,000 head, down 2,000 head from October 2000 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, 2001. The inventory

was only 1,000 head below November 1, 2000 but 3 percent above November 1, 1999. Placements in feedlots during October totaled 2.69 million, 5 percent below 2000 and 14 percent below 1999. Net placements were 2.62 million.

During October, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 889,000, 600-699 pounds were 755,000, 700-799 pounds were 589,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 459,000. Marketings of fed cattle during October totaled 1.89 million, 2 percent below 2000 but 3 percent above 1999. Other disappearance totaled 68,000 during October, 3 percent above 2000 but 15 percent below 1999.

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

State	November 1, 2000	October 1, 2001	November 1, 2001		
			Number	As % of 2000	As % of October
		---1,000 Head---		---Percent---	
Arizona	292	298	301	103	101
California	440	465	470	107	101
Colorado	1,250	1,060	1,170	94	110
Idaho	325	310	330	102	106
Iowa	380	310	340	89	110
Kansas	2,420	2,540	2,670	110	105
Nebraska	2,380	1,950	2,200	92	113
New Mexico	109	97	108	99	111
Oklahoma	410	390	395	96	101
South Dakota	180	136	171	95	126
Texas	3,030	2,990	3,080	102	103
Washington	243	244	258	106	106
Other States	405	335	370	91	110
United States	11,864	11,125	11,863	100	107

^{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 Down 2 Percent From 2000

Frozen stocks of french fries in the United States on October 31, 2001, totaled 1.10 billion pounds, down 1 percent from October 31, 2000, and up 2 percent from September 30, 2001. Other frozen potatoes, at 232 million pounds, decreased 6 percent from last year, and 8 percent from September.

United States stocks of butter on October 31, 2001, totaled 95.0 million pounds, down 10 percent from the end of the previous month, but up 63 percent from October 31, 2000. Of this 95.0 million pounds, the government owned 344,000 pounds. Stocks of American cheese totaled 459 million pounds, down 6 percent from September 30, 2001, and down 16 percent from October 31, 2000. The government owned 992,000 pounds of the American cheese stocks.

Commodity	Oct. 31,	Sept. 30,	Oct. 31,	2001
	2000	2001	2001	2000
	----1,000 Pounds----			Percent
POTATOES:				
French Fries	1,104,302	1,071,789	1,095,867	99
Other Frozen	247,172	251,450	232,484	94
TOTAL	1,351,474	1,323,239	1,328,351	98
DAIRY PRODUCTS:				
Butter, Total	58,326	105,857	95,019	163
(Gov't Owned)	330	331	344	104
Natural Cheese				
American, Total	546,708	487,559	458,540	84
(Gov't Owned)	711	1,229	992	140

OCTOBER FARM LABOR

For the Mountain I Region of the U.S. (Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming), there were 27,000 hired workers on farms and ranches the week of October 7-13, 2001, down 21 percent from the 34,000 workers the week of October 8-14, 2000. Hired workers worked an average of 42.4 hours during the survey week at an average wage of \$7.72 per hour, down 8 cents from last year.

There were 1.22 million hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of October 7-13, 2001, 2 percent fewer than a year ago. There were 959,000 workers hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and

ranches made up the remaining 262,000 workers. Migrant workers accounted for 12.1 percent of the October hired workforce compared to 11.3 percent in October 2000.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$8.58 per hour during the October 2001 survey week, up 29 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average wage of \$8.01 per hour, up 27 cents from last October. Livestock workers earned \$8.36 per hour compared with \$7.84 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate at \$8.08 was up 32 cents from last year.

