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Idaho Red Meat Production Down 6 Percent

Commercial red meat production at Idaho packing plants for August 2002 totaled 55.9 million pounds, down 6 percent from last year. August production was down 1 percent from July's 56.4 million pounds. Accumulated red meat production for the January-August 2002 period totaled 407 million pounds, down 3 percent from the comparable period a year earlier.

Red meat production for the United States totaled 4.14 billion pounds in August, up 2 percent from the 4.06 billion pounds produced in August 2001. Beef production, at 2.47 billion pounds, was 2 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.21 million head, down 1 percent from August 2001. The average live weight was 1,259 pounds, up 31 pounds from August a year ago. Pork production totaled 1.64 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.54 million head, 2 percent above August 2001. The average live weight was 1 pound above the previous year, at 259 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 16.6 million pounds, was down 11 percent from August 2001. Sheep slaughter totaled 264,600 head, 3 percent below last year. The average live weight was 126 pounds, down 11 pounds from August a year ago.

January - August red meat production was 31.1 billion pounds, up 4 percent from the previous year. Accumulated beef production was up 5 percent from last year, pork was up 3 percent, and lamb and mutton production was down 3 percent.

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

State	August 2001	July 2002	August 2002	August 2002 As Percent Of ^{2/}	
				August 2001	July 2002
	<i>Million Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
California	101.2	117.1	117.4	116	100
Colorado	202.9	201.5	202.8	100	101
IDAHO	59.3	56.4	55.9	94	99
Illinois	228.6	210.7	221.0	97	105
Iowa	506.1	486.6	521.7	103	107
Kansas	521.1	525.4	522.4	100	99
Minnesota	178.2	181.3	188.0	106	104
Montana	1.5	1.7	1.8	119	106
Nebraska	653.9	680.5	694.9	106	102
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	99	73
Oklahoma	81.9	79.6	82.3	100	103
Oregon	4.0	3.9	3.9	99	101
South Dakota	86.8	75.7	83.1	96	110
Texas	458.4	435.8	461.4	101	106
Utah	49.9	46.4	46.5	93	100
Washington	68.3	65.9	63.7	93	97
Wyoming	0.6	0.5	0.9	142	163
UNITED STATES	4060.5	4,016.0	4,139.9	102	103

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

2001 Idaho Potato Crop Valued at \$739 Million

The final value of Idaho's 2001 potato crop was \$739 million, \$130 million above 2000's value of \$609 million. The market year average price received by growers, of \$6.15 per cwt, was above the 2000 level of \$4.00 per cwt.

Idaho's growers sold 111 million cwt from their 2001 crop while using 1.23 million cwt on the farm for seed, feed and household consumption. The remaining 8.26 million cwt was lost to shrinkage, decay and dumping. Fresh market sales accounted for 34.4 million cwt of the 2001 crop, down from the 2000 crop,

while processing accounted for 65.7 million cwt, compared to 82.6 million cwt in 2000.

Processors in Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon used a total of 73.4 million cwt of 2001 crop potatoes compared to 93.5 million cwt used in 2000. Of the total processed, 65.7 million cwt (89.5 percent) were Idaho potatoes. In 2000, Idaho potatoes made up 88.4 percent of the total processed.

Idaho Milk Production Up 4.7 Percent

Idaho milk production during August 2002 totaled 713 million pounds, up 4.7 percent from the same month last year, and 0.4 percent more than July 2002. Revised production for July 2002 totaled 710 million pounds, 4.3 percent above July 2001. July 2002's increase from the previous year was the smallest increase since September 1993. Average milk production per cow in August 2002 was 1,820 pounds, 20 pounds less than August 2001, but 10 pounds above July 2002. The average number of milk cows during August was 392,000 head, 22,000 more than in August 2001, but unchanged from last month.

Nationally, August milk production in the 20 major States totaled 12.2 billion pounds, up 3.8 percent from production in these same States in August 2001. July revised production, at 12.3 billion pounds, was up 2.3 percent from July 2001. Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,568 pounds for August, 48 pounds above August 2001. The number of milk cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.79 million head, 51,000 head more than August 2001, and 3,000 head more than July 2002.

Milk Production, Average Number of Cows, Selected States, August 2001-2002

State	Milk Cows 1/		Milk Per Cow 2/		Milk Production 2/		2002 As Percent of 2001
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		
Arizona	140	150	1,520	1,775	213	266	125
California	1,598	1,652	1,765	1,815	2,820	2,998	106
Florida	153	149	1,115	1,145	171	171	100
IDAHO	370	392	1,840	1,820	681	713	105
Illinois	115	115	1,370	1,395	158	160	101
Indiana	154	150	1,345	1,410	207	212	102
Iowa	207	210	1,475	1,480	305	311	102
Kentucky	128	122	1,000	1,025	128	125	98
Michigan	303	301	1,615	1,680	489	506	103
Minnesota	505	485	1,385	1,410	699	684	98
Missouri	144	136	975	1,090	140	148	106
New Mexico	268	305	1,770	1,765	474	538	114
New York	673	677	1,480	1,520	996	1,029	103
Ohio	258	264	1,380	1,390	356	367	103
Pennsylvania	598	585	1,480	1,515	885	886	100
Texas	322	308	1,140	1,290	367	397	108
Vermont	152	154	1,460	1,450	222	223	100
Virginia	118	120	1,260	1,275	149	153	103
Washington	247	248	1,945	1,965	480	487	101
Wisconsin	1,282	1,263	1,415	1,450	1,814	1,831	101
20 STATE TOTAL	7,735	7,786	1,520	1,568	11,754	12,205	104

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

Idaho Cattle on Feed Down 10 Percent

Cattle on feed for the slaughter market in Idaho from feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head on September 1, 2002 totaled 275,000 head, down 10 percent from the September 1, 2001 inventory. The inventory was down 4 percent from the number on hand as of August 1, 2002. Placements of cattle into State feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during August totaled 58,000 head, down 12,000 head from August 2001 placements. Marketings during August totaled 67,000 head, down 7,000 from August 2001 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 10.13 million head on September 1, 2002. The inventory was 7

percent below September 1, 2001 and 2 percent below September 1, 2000. Placements in feedlots during August totaled 2.22 million, 1 percent above 2001 but 9 percent below 2000. Net placements were 2.18 million. During August, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 525,000, 600-699 pounds were 483,000, 700-799 pounds were 625,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 585,000. Marketings of fed cattle during August totaled 2.14 million, 2 percent below 2001 and 3 percent below 2000. Other disappearance totaled 43,000 during August, 20 percent below 2001 and 12 percent below 2000.

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

State	Sept. 1, 2001	Aug. 1, 2002	Sept. 1, 2002		
			Number	As % of 2001	As % of Aug
		<i>---1,000 Head---</i>			<i>---Percent---</i>
Arizona	293	285	285	97	100
California	470	485	490	104	101
Colorado	1,010	990	1,000	99	101
Idaho	305	285	275	90	96
Iowa	310	320	310	100	97
Kansas	2,490	2,140	2,230	90	104
Nebraska	1,820	1,790	1,850	102	103
New Mexico	96	109	114	119	105
Oklahoma	395	310	305	77	98
South Dakota	140	160	145	104	91
Texas	2,990	2,740	2,680	90	98
Washington	231	165	155	67	94
Other States	305	310	290	95	94
United States	10,855	10,089	10,129	93	100

^{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 13 Percent From 2001

Frozen stocks of french fries in the United States on August 31, 2002, totaled 798 million pounds, a decrease of 6 percent from July 31, 2002 and down 16 percent from August 31, 2001. Other frozen potatoes, at 243 million pounds, decreased 6 percent from July stocks and decreased slightly from a year ago.

United States stocks of butter on August 31, 2002, totaled 230 million pounds, down 6 percent from the end of the previous month, but doubled from August 31, 2001. Of this 230 million pounds, the government owned 2.45 million pounds. Stocks of American cheese totaled 566 million pounds, down 1 percent from July 31, but up 13 percent from last year. The government owned 420,000 pounds, a small percentage of the total stocks.

Commodity	Aug. 31,	July 31,	Aug. 31,	2002
	2001	2002	2002	2001
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>
POTATOES				
French Fries	953,767	848,204	797,909	84
Other Frozen	243,701	258,381	242,706	100
Total	1,197,468	1,106,585	1,040,615	87
DAIRY				
Butter	118,049	245,298	229,856	195
(Gov't Owned)	1,065	1,991	2,449	230
Natural Cheese				
American, Total	499,044	571,116	565,576	113
(Gov't Owned)	1,575	572	420	27

September 1 Hop Stocks Up Over a Year Ago

The inventory of hops held by growers, dealers, and brewers on September 1, 2002, totaled 65.0 million pounds, 20 percent above September 1, 2001, and 35 percent greater than September 1, 2000.

Stocks held by brewers, at 35.0 million pounds, were 8 percent less than September 1, 2001, and 7 percent below September 1, 2000. Stock held by growers and dealers on September 1, 2002, were 30.0 million pounds, nearly double the stocks on hand last year, and nearly triple the hop stocks held two years ago.

