

Idaho Milk Production Up 7.2 Percent

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Idaho milk production during December 2001 totaled 656 million pounds, a 7.2 percent increase from the same month last year, and 1.9 percent more than November 2001. Revised production for November 2001 totaled 644 million pounds, up 9.0 percent from November 2000 and 1.4 percent above the preliminary estimate. Average milk production per cow in December 2001 was 1,750 pounds, 20 pounds more than both December 2000 and November 2001. The average number of milk cows in December was 375,000 head, an increase of 3,000 head from November 2001 and 21,000 head more than last year.

Nationally, December milk production in the 20 major States totaled 12.0 billion pounds, up 1.0 percent from production in these same States in December 2000.

November revised production, at 11.5 billion pounds, was up 0.8 percent from November 2000. Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,547 pounds for December, 28 pounds above December 2000. The number of cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.74 million head, 62,000 head less than December 2000, but 10,000 head more than November 2001.

Milk Production, Average Number of Cows, Selected States, December 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	1,735	1,730	243	242	100
California	1,556	1,615	1,735	1,730	2,700	2,794	103
Florida	156	152	1,325	1,330	207	202	98
IDAHO	354	375	1,730	1,750	612	656	107
Illinois	118	115	1,460	1,490	172	171	99
Indiana	150	155	1,380	1,395	207	216	104
Iowa	215	206	1,495	1,550	321	319	99
Kentucky	131	125	1,045	1,105	137	138	101
Michigan	300	298	1,575	1,620	473	483	102
Minnesota	525	500	1,485	1,475	780	738	95
Missouri	151	141	1,180	1,145	178	161	90
New Mexico	261	288	1,670	1,700	436	490	112
New York	670	670	1,410	1,450	945	972	103
Ohio	265	258	1,400	1,430	371	369	99
Pennsylvania	613	592	1,470	1,540	901	912	101
Texas	345	312	1,305	1,375	450	429	95
Vermont	158	154	1,435	1,495	227	230	101
Virginia	119	118	1,330	1,345	158	159	101
Washington	246	247	1,820	1,845	448	456	102
Wisconsin	1,330	1,280	1,420	1,435	1,889	1,837	97
20 STATE TOTAL	7,803	7,741	1,519	1,547	11,855	11,974	101

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

Idaho Red Meat Production Up 8 Percent

Commercial red meat production at Idaho packing plants for December 2001 totaled 51.8 million pounds, up 8 percent from last year. December production was down 7 percent from November's 55.5 million pounds. Accumulated red meat production for the January-December 2001 period totaled 642 million pounds, up 9 percent from the comparable period a year earlier.

Red meat production for the United States totaled 3.81 billion pounds in December, up 5 percent from the 3.61 billion pounds produced in December 2000. Beef production, at 2.11 billion pounds, was 6 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.78 million head, up 2 percent from December 2000. The average live weight was 1,255 pounds,

up 31 pounds from the previous year. Pork production totaled 1.67 billion pounds, up 6 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.42 million head, 4 percent above December 2000. The average live weight was 3 pounds above the previous year, at 268 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 19 million pounds, was down 8 percent from December 2000 and a new record low for December. Sheep slaughter totaled 279,100 head, 7 percent below last year. The average live weight was 138 pounds, down 2 pounds from December a year ago. January-December red meat production was 45.6 billion pounds, 1 percent below the previous year. Accumulated beef production was 3 percent lower than last year, pork was up 1 percent, and lamb & mutton was down 4 percent.

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

State	December 2000	November 2001	December 2001	December 2001 As Percent Of ^{2/}	
				December 2000	November 2001
	Million Pounds			Percent	
California	90.7	100.7	97.0	107	96
Colorado	155.4	172.1	157.7	102	92
IDAHO	48.0	55.5	51.8	108	93
Illinois	217.4	228.1	211.1	97	93
Iowa	470.4	553.6	531.1	113	96
Kansas	482.9	496.3	488.4	101	98
Minnesota	168.2	195.9	184.9	110	94
Montana	1.5	1.3	1.3	91	104
Nebraska	526.2	628.1	591.9	112	94
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	107	78
Oklahoma	79.9	87.7	83.9	105	96
Oregon	3.8	4.0	3.4	90	86
South Dakota	81.4	88.3	86.8	107	98
Texas	336.3	*372.0	372.0	111	100
Utah	38.6	44.9	39.8	103	89
Washington	52.5	53.7	53.0	101	99
Wyoming	0.4	0.5	0.4	117	95
UNITED STATES	3,614.7	*3,969.9	3,812.8	105	96

*Revised.

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

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Idaho Cattle on Feed Up 3 Percent

Cattle on feed for the slaughter market in Idaho from feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head on January 1, 2002 totaled 330,000 head, up 3 percent from the January 1, 2001 inventory. The inventory was down 3 percent from the number on hand as of December 1, 2001.

Placements of cattle into State feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during December totaled 51,000 head, down 7,000 head from December 2000 placements. Marketings during December totaled 59,000 head, down 1,000 head from December 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 11.6 million head on January 1, 2002. The inventory

was 2 percent below January 1, 2001 but 1 percent above January 1, 2000. Placements in feedlots during December totaled 1.58 million, 7 percent below 2000 and 4 percent below 1999. Net placements were 1.49 million

During December, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 418,000, 600-699 pounds were 475,000, 700-799 pounds were 413,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 272,000. Marketings of fed cattle during December totaled 1.81 million, 3 percent above 2000 but 2 percent below 1999. Other disappearance totaled 93,000 during December, 2 percent below 2000 but 3 percent above 1999.

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

State	Jan. 1, 2001	Dec. 1, 2001	Jan. 1, 2002		
			Number	As % of 2001	As % of Dec.
		<i>---1,000 Head---</i>			<i>---Percent---</i>
Arizona	301	303	305	101	101
California	450	490	480	107	98
Colorado	1,210	1,160	1,180	98	102
Idaho	320	340	330	103	97
Iowa	385	350	355	92	101
Kansas	2,400	2,640	2,480	103	94
Nebraska	2,400	2,270	2,230	93	98
New Mexico	115	108	108	94	100
Oklahoma	410	385	360	88	94
South Dakota	202	195	195	97	100
Texas	2,930	2,990	2,880	98	96
Washington	250	260	247	99	95
Other States	425	400	415	98	104
United States	11,798	11,891	11,565	98	97

^{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 6 Percent

Frozen stocks of french fries in the United States on December 31, 2001, totaled 1.03 billion pounds, up 7 percent from December 31, 2000. Other frozen potatoes, at 229 million pounds, decreased 1 percent from December 31, 2000 stocks and were down slightly from November 30, 2001.

United States stocks of butter on December 31, 2001, totaled 52.6 million pounds, down 2 percent from the end of the previous month, but up 118 percent from December 31, 2000. Of this 52.6 million pounds, the government owned 436,000 pounds. Stocks of total American cheese totaled 445 million pounds, up 2 percent from November 30, 2001, but down 15 percent from December 31, 2000. The government owned 760,000 pounds of the American cheese stocks.

Commodity	Dec 31,	Nov. 30,	Dec 31,	2001
	2000	2001	2001	2000
		<i>-----1,000 Pounds-----</i>		<i>Percent</i>
POTATOES:				
French Fries	959,035	1,067,240	1,026,999	107
Other Frozen	230,628	230,133	229,150	99
TOTAL	1,189,663	1,297,373	1,256,149	106
DAIRY PRODUCTS:				
Butter	24,115	53,916	52,590	218
(Gov't Owned)	142	341	436	307
Natural Cheese American, Total	522,625	437,519	444,773	85
(Gov't Owned)	1,494	207	760	51

Idaho Fruit Production Decreases

Idaho's apple, cherry, and prune and plum production in 2001 decreased, while peach production remains unchanged from the previous year. Apple production totaled 110 million pounds, down 30 million pounds from last year's production of 140 million pounds. Peach production was unchanged from 2000 at 13.0 million pounds. Prune and Plum production in 2001 was estimated to be 3,000 tons, 500 tons less than in 2000. Sweet cherry production was 1,400 tons, a decrease of 1,600 tons from last year.

Nationally, apple production at 9.44 billion pounds, is down 12 percent from the 2000 crop. Utilized production decreased 11 percent from 2000. Peach production totaled 2.44 billion pounds, down 6 percent from last year. Sweet cherry production increased 11 percent from a year ago, at 230,100 tons. Prune and plum production in Idaho, Michigan, Oregon, and Washington totaled 20,800 tons, a decrease of 13 percent from last year's crop.

Total Fruit Production, Selected States & U.S., 2000-2001^{1/}

State	Apples		Peaches		Prunes & Plums		Sweet Cherries	
	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001
	<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Tons</i>		<i>Tons</i>	
California	650.0	550.0	^{2/} 791.0	^{2/} 773.0	--	--	47,000	55,300
Georgia	14.0	9.0	115.0	140.0	--	--	--	--
Idaho	140.0	110.0	13.0	13.0	3,500	3,000	3,000	1,400
Michigan	800.0	900.0	47.5	42.0	3,600	3,600	19,600	23,000
New Jersey	50.0	60.0	65.0	75.0	--	--	--	--
New York	995.0	1,000.0	12.0	12.5	--	--	900	1,100
North Carolina	190.0	110.0	32.0	12.0	--	--	--	--
Oregon	167.0	135.0	8.0	6.5	10,000	9,000	37,000	40,000
Pennsylvania	475.0	480.0	60.0	75.0	--	--	500	580
South Carolina	20.0	6.0	150.0	100.0	--	--	--	--
Utah	49.0	20.0	11.0	9.0	--	--	2,400	700
Virginia	320.0	330.0	10.0	8.0	--	--	--	--
Washington	6,000.0	5,000.0	65.0	53.0	6,800	5,200	95,000	106,000
West Virginia	85.0	115.0	7.0	11.0	--	--	--	--
UNITED STATES	10,663.7	9,435.2	^{3/} 2,599.9	^{4/} 2,437.4	^{5/} 23,900	^{5/} 20,800	206,500	230,100

^{1/} Includes unharvested production and harvested production not utilized. ^{2/} Freestone only. ^{3/} Includes CA Clingstone production of 1,064.0 million pounds. ^{4/} Includes CA Clingstone production of 952.0 million pounds. ^{5/} Excludes California.