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Idaho Milk Production Up 7.6 Percent

Idaho milk production during February 2002 totaled 607 million pounds, a 7.6 percent increase from the same month last year. February 2002 production decreased 8.7 percent from January 2002. Revised production for January 2002 totaled 665 million pounds, up 7.4 percent from January 2001. Average milk production per cow in February 2002 was 1,590 pounds, 10 pounds more than last year, but down 160 pounds from January 2002. The average number of milk cows in February was 382,000 head, an increase of 2,000 head from January 2002 and 25,000 more than in February 2001.

Nationally, February milk production in the 20 major States totaled 11.4 billion pounds, up 2.8 percent from production in these same States in February 2001.

January revised production, at 12.3 billion pounds, was up 1.8 percent from January 2001. Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,474 pounds for February, 43 pounds above February 2001. The number of milk cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.75 million head, 18,000 head less than February 2001, but 1,000 head more than January 2002.

Milk Production, Average Number of Cows, Selected States, February 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 | 140 | 1,690 | 1,795 | 237 | 251 | 106 |
| California | 1,568 | 1,628 | 1,615 | 1,630 | 2,532 | 2,654 | 105 |
| Florida | 155 | 152 | 1,380 | 1,360 | 214 | 207 | 97 |
| IDAHO | 357 | 382 | 1,580 | 1,590 | 564 | 607 | 108 |
| Illinois | 117 | 115 | 1,380 | 1,440 | 161 | 166 | 103 |
| Indiana | 151 | 152 | 1,295 | 1,320 | 196 | 201 | 103 |
| Iowa | 215 | 208 | 1,410 | 1,430 | 303 | 297 | 98 |
| Kentucky | 128 | 123 | 1,040 | 1,100 | 133 | 135 | 102 |
| Michigan | 303 | 294 | 1,475 | 1,550 | 447 | 456 | 102 |
| Minnesota | 520 | 495 | 1,385 | 1,385 | 720 | 686 | 95 |
| Missouri | 148 | 139 | 1,070 | 1,150 | 158 | 160 | 101 |
| New Mexico | 261 | 290 | 1,550 | 1,610 | 405 | 467 | 115 |
| New York | 670 | 675 | 1,320 | 1,390 | 884 | 938 | 106 |
| Ohio | 263 | 261 | 1,320 | 1,380 | 347 | 360 | 104 |
| Pennsylvania | 602 | 583 | 1,420 | 1,460 | 855 | 851 | 100 |
| Texas | 338 | 310 | 1,285 | 1,395 | 434 | 432 | 100 |
| Vermont | 153 | 154 | 1,330 | 1,375 | 203 | 212 | 104 |
| Virginia | 118 | 120 | 1,280 | 1,290 | 151 | 155 | 103 |
| Washington | 247 | 247 | 1,680 | 1,735 | 415 | 429 | 103 |
| Wisconsin | 1,310 | 1,278 | 1,335 | 1,375 | 1,749 | 1,757 | 100 |
| 20 STATE TOTAL | 7,764 | 7,746 | 1,431 | 1,474 | 11,108 | 11,421 | 103 |

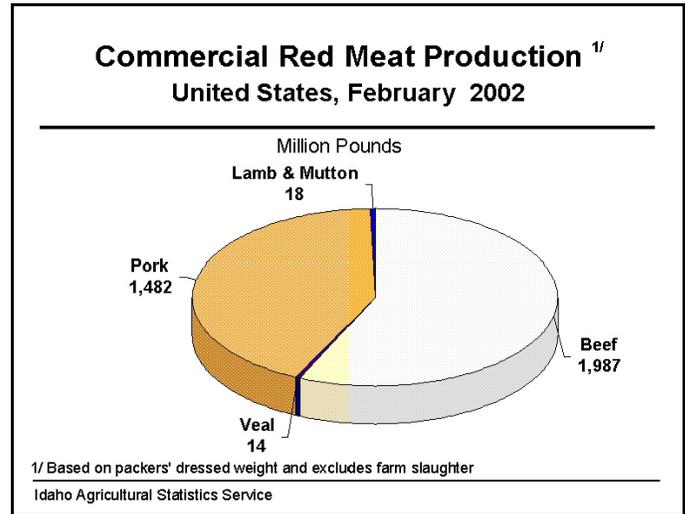
1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

Idaho Red Meat Production Down 2 Percent

Commercial red meat production at Idaho packing plants for February 2002 totaled 44.1 million pounds, down 2 percent from last year. February production was down 19 percent from January's 54.1 million pounds. Accumulated red meat production for the January-February 2002 period totaled 98.2 million pounds, virtually unchanged from the comparable period a year earlier.

Red meat production for the United States totaled 3.50 billion pounds in February, up 3 percent from the 3.40 billion pounds produced in February 2001. Beef production, at 1.99 billion pounds, was 6 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.61 million head, up 1 percent from February 2001. The average live weight was 1,255 pounds, up 38 pounds from the previous year. Pork production totaled 1.48 billion pounds, virtually unchanged from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 7.50 million head, 1 percent below February 2001. The average live weight was 3 pounds above the previous year, at 267 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 18 million pounds, was up 1 percent from February 2001. Sheep slaughter totaled 256,100 head, 4 percent above last year. The average live weight was 138 pounds, down 5 pounds from February a year ago.

January - February red meat production was 7.58 billion pounds, up 3 percent from the previous year. Accumulated beef production was up 6 percent from last year, pork was up 1 percent, and lamb and mutton production was down 3 percent.



Commercial Red Meat Production, Selected States and United States 1/

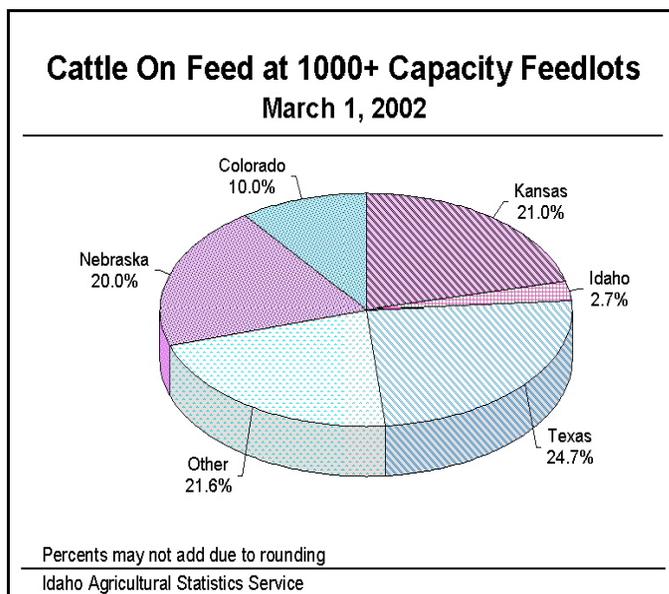
| State | February 2001 | January 2002 | February 2002 | February 2002 As Percent Of ^{2/} | |
|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|--|--------------|
| | | | | February 2001 | January 2002 |
| | <i>Million Pounds</i> | | | <i>Percent</i> | |
| California | 81.0 | 107.2 | 94.2 | 116 | 88 |
| Colorado | 153.6 | 186.7 | 174.7 | 114 | 94 |
| IDAHO | 45.0 | 54.1 | 44.1 | 98 | 81 |
| Illinois | 207.1 | 227.5 | 198.5 | 96 | 87 |
| Iowa | 457.0 | 555.6 | 466.7 | 102 | 84 |
| Kansas | 401.2 | 534.6 | 448.3 | 112 | 84 |
| Minnesota | 164.3 | 198.1 | 171.5 | 104 | 87 |
| Montana | 1.2 | 1.4 | 1.2 | 98 | 88 |
| Nebraska | 518.1 | 647.4 | 557.6 | 108 | 86 |
| Nevada | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 77 | 83 |
| Oklahoma | 73.0 | 89.5 | 69.7 | 95 | 78 |
| Oregon | 3.4 | 3.8 | 3.4 | 98 | 89 |
| South Dakota | 78.7 | 89.7 | 68.4 | 87 | 76 |
| Texas | 342.5 | 405.8 | 320.6 | 94 | 79 |
| Utah | 37.9 | 39.5 | 39.7 | 105 | 101 |
| Washington | 47.9 | 55.1 | 45.0 | 94 | 82 |
| Wyoming | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 126 | 88 |
| UNITED STATES | 3,399.9 | 4,081.0 | 3,501.1 | 103 | 86 |

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

Idaho Cattle On Feed Down 2 Percent

Cattle on feed for the slaughter market in Idaho from feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head on March 1, 2002 totaled 315,000 head, down 2 percent from the March 1, 2001 inventory. The inventory was down 2 percent from the number on hand as of February 1, 2002. Placements of cattle into State feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during February totaled 58,000 head, down 1,000 head from February 2001 placements. Marketings during February totaled 61,000 head, down 1,000 from February 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 11.5 million head on March 1, 2002. The inventory was down 2 percent from the 11.7 million head on March 1, 2001 but 2 percent above March 1, 2000. Placements in feedlots during February totaled 1.81 million, 14 percent above 2001 but 4 percent below 2000. Net placements were 1.74 million. During February, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 260,000, 600-699 pounds were 410,000, 700-799 pounds were 662,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 473,000. Marketings of fed cattle during February totaled 1.80 million, 3 percent above 2001 but 12 percent below 2000. Other disappearance totaled 63,000 during February, 22 percent below 2001 and 19 percent below 2000.



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

| State | March 1, 2001 | February 1, 2002 | March 1, 2002 | | |
|----------------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| | | | Number | As % of 2001 | As % of February |
| | | ---1,000 Head--- | | ---Percent--- | |
| Arizona | 307 | 311 | 310 | 101 | 100 |
| California | 440 | 475 | 475 | 108 | 100 |
| Colorado | 1,190 | 1,180 | 1,150 | 97 | 97 |
| Idaho | 320 | 320 | 315 | 98 | 98 |
| Iowa | 385 | *395 | 400 | 104 | 101 |
| Kansas | 2,470 | 2,450 | 2,420 | 98 | 99 |
| Nebraska | 2,380 | 2,290 | 2,300 | 97 | 100 |
| New Mexico | 111 | *109 | 109 | 98 | 100 |
| Oklahoma | 390 | *350 | 345 | 88 | 99 |
| South Dakota | 207 | 200 | 210 | 101 | 105 |
| Texas | 2,840 | 2,850 | 2,850 | 100 | 100 |
| Washington | 245 | 237 | 229 | 93 | 97 |
| Other States | 410 | 405 | 405 | 99 | 100 |
| United States | 11,695 | *11,572 | 11,518 | 98 | 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. *Revised.

Frozen Potato Stocks Up 1 Percent

Frozen stocks of french fries in the United States on February 28, 2002, totaled 1.03 billion pounds, a decrease of 1% from January 31, 2002, but up 3% from February 28, 2001. Other frozen potatoes, at 240 million pounds, increased 6 percent from January stocks but were down 7 percent from last year.

United States stocks of butter on February 28, 2002, totaled 132 million pounds, up 32% percent from the end of the previous month and up 53 percent from February 28, 2001. Of this 132 million pounds, the government owned 1.20 million pounds. Stocks of total American cheese totaled 475 million pounds, up 5 percent from January 31, 2002 and down 6 percent from February 28, 2001. The government owned 753,000 pounds of the American cheese stocks.

| Commodity | Feb. 28, 2001 | Jan. 31, 2002 | Feb. 28, 2002 | 2002 |
|------------------|---------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|
| | | | | 2001 |
| | <i>1,000 Pounds</i> | | | <i>Percent</i> |
| POTATOES: | | | | |
| French Fries | 998,227 | 1,043,893 | 1,028,834 | 103 |
| Other Frozen | 256,493 | 226,695 | 239,701 | 93 |
| TOTAL | 1,254,720 | 1,270,588 | 1,268,535 | 101 |
| DAIRY: | | | | |
| Butter | 86,078 | 100,176 | 132,039 | 153 |
| (Gov't Owned) | 279 | 260 | 1,200 | 430 |
| Natural Cheese | | | | |
| American, Total | 505,951 | 453,701 | 475,048 | 94 |
| (Gov't Owned) | 1,806 | 794 | 753 | 42 |

Potato Stocks

Potato stocks held by growers, dealers and processors in Idaho on March 1 totaled 66.0 million cwt, 10.5 million cwt less than on hand March 1, 2001. Disappearance, at 62.0 million cwt, is down from last year's 75.8 million cwt and below 2000's 68.3 million cwt. Stocks in the 10 Southwest Counties totaled 3.10 million cwt, below last year's 6.00 million cwt. The Other Counties' stocks, at 62.9 million cwt, was 7.60 million cwt below the amount stored on March 1, 2001.

In the 15 fall storage states March 1, 2002 potato stocks totaled 168 million cwt, down 15 percent from 2001 and 1 percent below two years ago. Potatoes in storage account for 43 percent of the fall storage States' production, the same percentage as a year ago. Disappearance from the start of harvest to March 1, at 226 million cwt, is down 13 percent from the 2000 crop and 10 percent below two years ago. This is the lowest disappearance since 1993.

Production and Total Stocks of Fall Potatoes Held by Growers, Processors and Local Dealers on March 1, 2001 and March 1, 2002 ^{1/}

| State | Crop of 2000 | | | Crop of 2001 | | |
|-----------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|---|----------------|-------------------------------|---|
| | Production | Total Stocks March 1, 2001 | March 1 Stocks as % of Production | Production | Total Stocks March 1, 2002 | March 1 Stocks as % of Production |
| | 1,000 Cwt. | | Percent | 1,000 Cwt. | | Percent |
| California | 3,741 | 1,300 | 35 | 1,113 | 200 | 18 |
| Colorado | 27,972 | 13,000 | 46 | 21,357 | 9,400 | 44 |
| Idaho | 152,320 | 76,500 | 50 | 127,980 | 66,000 | 52 |
| Maine | 17,920 | 8,700 | 49 | 16,120 | 7,000 | 43 |
| Michigan | 14,963 | 3,400 | 23 | 14,030 | 3,200 | 23 |
| Minnesota | 21,240 | 10,100 | 48 | 18,425 | 7,900 | 43 |
| Montana | 3,503 | 2,800 | 80 | 3,040 | 2,550 | 84 |
| Nebraska 2/ | 10,127 | | | 8,512 | | |
| New York | 5,964 | 1,000 | 17 | 5,942 | 650 | 11 |
| N. Dakota | 26,950 | 11,500 | 43 | 26,400 | 12,300 | 47 |
| Ohio 2/ | 1,134 | | | 984 | | |
| Oregon | 30,683 | 17,000 | 55 | 20,730 | 11,500 | 55 |
| Pennsylvania | 3,510 | 830 | 24 | 3,173 | 660 | 21 |
| Washington | 105,000 | 37,500 | 36 | 94,400 | 32,500 | 34 |
| Wisconsin | 33,800 | 10,500 | 31 | 31,955 | 11,500 | 36 |
| Other States | | 3,540 | | | 2,510 | |
| 15 STATE TOTAL | 458,827 | 197,670 | 43 | 394,161 | 167,870 | 43 |

1/ Stocks include processor holdings and seed to plant 2002 crop. Seed usage in 2001 totaled 27.4 million cwt. 2/ Combined into "Other States".