

Idaho Milk Production Up 7.3 Percent

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Idaho milk production during March 2002 totaled 680 million pounds, up 7.3 percent from the same month last year and 12.6 percent above February 2002. Revised production for February 2002 totaled 604 million pounds, down slightly from the preliminary estimate and 7.1 percent above February 2001. Average milk production per cow in March 2002 was 1,780 pounds, 10 pounds more than March 2001 and 200 pounds more than February 2002. The average number of milk cows in March was 382,000 head, 24,000 more than in March 2001, but unchanged from last month.

Nationally, March milk production in the 20 major States totaled 12.8 billion pounds, up 3.2 percent from production in these same States in March 2001. February revised production, at 11.4 billion pounds, was up 2.3 percent from February 2001. Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,650 pounds for March, 51 pounds above March 2001. The number of cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.75 million head, 2,000 head more than March 2001 and 1,000 head more than February 2002.

Milk Production, Average Number of Cows, Selected States, March 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	1,855	2,055	260	288	111
California	1,572	1,631	1,790	1,825	2,814	2,977	106
Florida	154	152	1,580	1,540	243	234	96
IDAHO	358	382	1,770	1,780	634	680	107
Illinois	117	115	1,580	1,620	185	186	101
Indiana	151	152	1,455	1,470	220	223	101
Iowa	213	209	1,570	1,615	334	338	101
Kentucky	127	123	1,180	1,245	150	153	102
Michigan	304	295	1,660	1,730	505	510	101
Minnesota	515	490	1,545	1,565	796	767	96
Missouri	148	138	1,200	1,335	178	184	103
New Mexico	261	293	1,760	1,830	459	536	117
New York	670	678	1,490	1,550	998	1,051	105
Ohio	262	260	1,410	1,540	369	400	108
Pennsylvania	600	581	1,580	1,630	948	947	100
Texas	335	310	1,460	1,600	489	496	101
Vermont	152	153	1,490	1,525	226	233	103
Virginia	118	120	1,425	1,440	168	173	103
Washington	246	247	1,885	1,925	464	475	102
Wisconsin	1,300	1,276	1,495	1,510	1,944	1,927	99
20 STATE TOTAL	7,743	7,745	1,599	1,650	12,384	12,778	103

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

April Potato Stocks

Potato stocks held by growers, dealers and processors in Idaho on April 1 totaled 53.0 million cwt, 8.50 million cwt less than on hand April 1, 2001. Disappearance, at 75.0 million cwt, is down from last year's 90.8 million cwt and below 2000's 83.3 million cwt. Stocks in the 10 Southwest Counties totaled 2.40 million cwt, below last year's 5.10 million cwt. The Other Counties' stocks, at 50.6 million cwt, was 5.80 million cwt below the amount stored on April 1, 2001.

April 1, 2002 potato stocks, in the 15 major potato states, totaled 129 million cwt, down 16 percent from 2001 but less than 1 percent above two years ago. Potatoes in storage account for 33 percent of the fall storage States' production, unchanged from a year ago. Disappearance from the start of harvest to April 1, at 265 million cwt, is down 13 percent from the 2000 crop and 9 percent below two years ago. This is the lowest disappearance since 1993.

FALL POTATOES: PRODUCTION & STOCKS 1996-2001 IDAHO & 15 FALL STATES

CROP YEAR	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS					
		DEC 1	FOLLOWING YEAR				
			JAN 1	FEB 1	MAR 1	APR 1	MAY 1
<u>1,000 Cwt</u>							
IDAHO							
1996	142,800	102,000	92,000	82,000	70,000	56,000	41,000
1997	140,314	102,000	91,500	81,000	69,500	56,000	41,500
1998	138,000	99,500	89,000	77,500	66,000	52,000	37,000
1999	133,330	96,000	86,000	76,500	65,000	50,000	36,000
2000	152,320	111,000	101,000	87,500	76,500	61,500	47,000
2001	127,980	95,000	86,000	76,000	66,000	53,000	
15 STATES 1/							
1996	443,704	295,100	261,320	226,080	189,210	147,635	103,210
1997	413,513	278,830	246,550	212,562	175,870	134,190	92,840
1998	423,170	280,910	246,230	209,640	173,650	131,220	87,895
1999	420,567	275,100	239,910	207,150	169,620	128,410	86,915
2000	458,827	310,300	275,270	234,260	197,670	153,520	109,160
2001	394,161	266,520	233,420	201,750	167,870	128,930	61,240

1/ See table below for listing of 15 states. 2/ Stocks not available prior to 1998.

PRODUCTION AND TOTAL STOCKS OF FALL POTATOES HELD BY GROWERS, PROCESSORS AND LOCAL DEALERS ON APRIL 1, 2001 AND APRIL 1, 2002 1/

STATE	CROP OF 2000			CROP OF 2001		
	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS APRIL 1, 2001	APRIL 1 STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS APRIL 1, 2002	APRIL 1 STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION
	<u>1,000 Cwt</u>		<u>Percent</u>	<u>1,000 Cwt</u>		<u>Percent</u>
California	3,741	1,100	29	1,113	170	15
Colorado	27,972	10,300	37	21,357	7,300	34
Idaho	152,320	61,500	40	127,980	53,000	41
Maine	17,920	6,600	37	16,120	5,100	32
Michigan	14,963	1,500	10	14,030	1,500	11
Minnesota	21,240	8,100	38	18,425	6,100	33
Montana	3,503	2,200	63	3,040	1,900	63
Nebraska 2/	10,127			8,512		
New York	5,964	400	7	5,942	250	4
N. Dakota	26,950	9,500	35	26,400	10,400	39
Ohio 2/	1,134			984		
Oregon	30,683	13,600	44	20,730	8,500	41
Pennsylvania	3,510	300	9	3,173	260	8
Washington	105,000	29,500	28	94,400	25,000	26
Wisconsin	33,800	6,900	20	31,955	7,800	24
Other States		2,020			1,650	
15 STATES TOTAL	458,827	153,520	33	394,161	128,930	33

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".

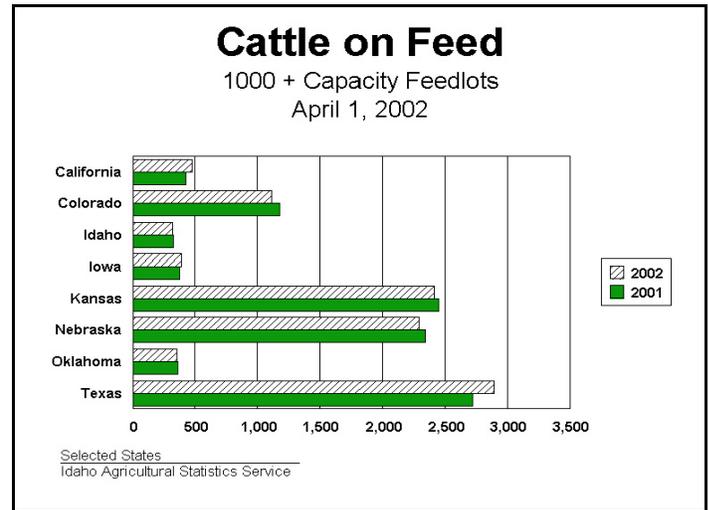
Idaho Cattle on Feed Down 2 Percent

Cattle on feed for the slaughter market in Idaho from feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head on April 1, 2002 totaled 325,000 head, down 2 percent from the April 1, 2001 inventory. The inventory was up 3 percent from the number on hand as of March 1, 2002. Placements of cattle into State feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during March totaled 70,000 head, down 2,000 head from March 2001 placements. Marketings during March totaled 59,000 head, down 2,000 from March 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 11.58 million head on April 1, 2002. The inventory was almost one-half percent above April 1, 2001 and 3 percent above April 1, 2000. Placements in feedlots during March totaled 1.95 million, 6 percent above 2001 but 4 percent below 2000. Net placements were 1.88 million.

During March, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 314,000, 600-699 pounds were 372,000, 700-799 pounds were 702,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 565,000. Marketings of fed cattle during March totaled 1.83 million, 5 percent below 2001 and 11 percent below 2000. Other

disappearance totaled 69,000 during March, 30 percent below 2001 and 33 percent below 2000.



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

State	April 1, 2001	March 1, 2002	April 1, 2002		
			Number	As % of 2001	As % of March
		---1,000 Head---			---Percent---
Arizona	309	310	314	102	101
California	435	475	485	111	102
Colorado	1,190	1,150	1,120	94	97
Idaho	330	315	325	98	103
Iowa	385	400	395	103	99
Kansas	2,460	2,420	2,420	98	100
Nebraska	2,350	2,300	2,300	98	100
New Mexico	97	109	113	116	104
Oklahoma	370	345	360	97	104
South Dakota	215	210	220	102	105
Texas	2,730	2,850	2,900	106	102
Washington	257	229	230	89	100
Other States	395	405	395	100	98
United States	11,523	11,518	11,577	100	101

^{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.

Idaho Trout Sales Down 7 Percent

Idaho foodsize trout sales during January 1, 2001 through December 31, 2001 totaled \$34.4 million, down 7 percent from the \$36.9 million in 2000. The number of foodsize fish sold was 40.0 million, down 12 percent from the previous year's 45.5 million. Total pounds sold were 39.5 million pounds, compared to 44.5 million pounds in 2000.

The total sales for all foodsize trout, in the 19 selected States reached \$64.5 million dollars during 2001, a 1 percent increase from the \$63.7 million received in 2000. The number of foodsize

trout sold during 2001 totaled 54.6 million fish, down 7 percent from the previous year. A total of 56.9 million pounds were sold in 2001, compared to the 59.2 million pounds in 2000. Based on the dollar value, 68.0 percent of the foodsize trout in the 19 selected States were sold to processors. In Idaho, 98 percent of the foodsize trout were sold to processors.

Idaho Red Meat Production Down 6 Percent

Commercial red meat production at Idaho packing plants for March 2002 totaled 47.3 million pounds, down 6 percent from last year. March production was up 7 percent from February's 44.1 million pounds. Accumulated red meat production for the January-March 2002 period totaled 145.5 million pounds, down 2 percent from the comparable period a year earlier.

Red meat production for the United States totaled 3.68 billion pounds in March, down 2 percent from the 3.76 billion pounds produced in March 2001. Beef production, at 2.06 billion pounds, was 2 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.74 million head, down 6 percent from March 2001. The average live weight was 1,241 pounds, up 42 pounds from the previous year. Pork production totaled 1.58 billion pounds, down 3 percent

from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 7.98 million head, 4 percent below March 2001. The average live weight was 3 pounds above the previous year, at 267 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 22.3 million pounds, was down 5 percent from March 2001. Sheep slaughter totaled 324,500 head, 1 percent below last year. The average live weight was 138 pounds, down 5 pounds from March a year ago.

January - March red meat production was 11.26 billion pounds, up 1 percent from the previous year. Accumulated beef production was up 3 percent from last year, pork was down 1 percent, and lamb and mutton production was down 4 percent.

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

State	March 2001	February 2002	March 2002	March 2002 As Percent Of ^{2/}	
				March 2001	February 2002
	<i>Million Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
California	93.8	94.3*	104.1	111	110
Colorado	168.1	174.7	164.9	98	94
IDAHO	50.2	44.1	47.3	94	107
Illinois	217.8	198.5	208.3	96	105
Iowa	500.5	466.7	503.1	101	108
Kansas	444.2	448.3	470.3	106	105
Minnesota	186.6	171.5	180.9	97	106
Montana	1.2	1.2	1.1	92	94
Nebraska	550.7	557.6	565.1	103	101
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	85	111
Oklahoma	80.8	69.7	78.4	97	113
Oregon	3.7	3.4	3.4	94	102
South Dakota	91.0	68.4	73.6	81	108
Texas	404.7	320.6	367.0	91	114
Utah	41.4	39.7	36.5	88	92
Washington	51.7	45.0	43.4	84	96
Wyoming	0.3	0.4	0.4	137	94
UNITED STATES	3,762.3	*3,501.2	3,676.8	98	105

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

*Revised