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Idaho Milk Production Ranks Fifth in July

Idaho surpassed Minnesota to become the fifth largest milk-producing state for July 2002. Idaho has ranked sixth in monthly milk production since overtaking Texas for the final time in April 2000. Idaho milk production during July 2002 totaled 719 million pounds, up 5.6 percent from the same month last year, and 3.9 percent more than June 2002. Revised production for June 2002 totaled 692 million pounds, 5.3 percent above June 2001, although this was the smallest increase from the previous year since October 1993. Average milk production per cow in July 2002 was 1,830 pounds, 10 pounds less than July 2001, but 60 pounds above June 2002. The average number of milk cows in July was 393,000 head, 23,000 more than in July 2001 and 2,000 head more than last month.

Nationally, July milk production in the 20 major States totaled 12.3 billion pounds, up 2.3 percent from production in these same States in July 2001. June revised production, at 12.3 billion pounds, was up 2.2 percent from June 2001. Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,580 pounds for July, 28 pounds above July 2001. The number of milk cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.79 million head, 40,000 head more than July 2001, and 7,000 head more than June 2002.

Milk Production, Average Number of Cows, Selected States, July 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	145	1,740	1,690	244	245	100
California	1,592	1,650	1,770	1,815	2,818	2,995	106
Florida	153	149	1,235	1,250	189	186	98
IDAHO	370	393	1,840	1,830	681	719	106
Illinois	115	115	1,405	1,420	162	163	101
Indiana	154	151	1,395	1,435	215	217	101
Iowa	209	210	1,475	1,480	308	311	101
Kentucky	129	123	1,045	1,065	135	131	97
Michigan	303	301	1,645	1,665	498	501	101
Minnesota	510	485	1,415	1,400	722	679	94
Missouri	146	137	1,055	1,120	154	153	99
New Mexico	265	303	1,790	1,810	474	548	116
New York	673	680	1,520	1,570	1,023	1,068	104
Ohio	258	265	1,420	1,450	366	384	105
Pennsylvania	600	584	1,510	1,525	906	891	98
Texas	324	308	1,205	1,350	390	416	107
Vermont	152	154	1,505	1,480	229	228	100
Virginia	118	120	1,300	1,300	153	156	102
Washington	247	248	1,960	1,960	484	486	100
Wisconsin	1,288	1,265	1,455	1,445	1,874	1,828	98
20 STATE TOTAL	7,746	7,786	1,552	1,580	12,025	12,305	102

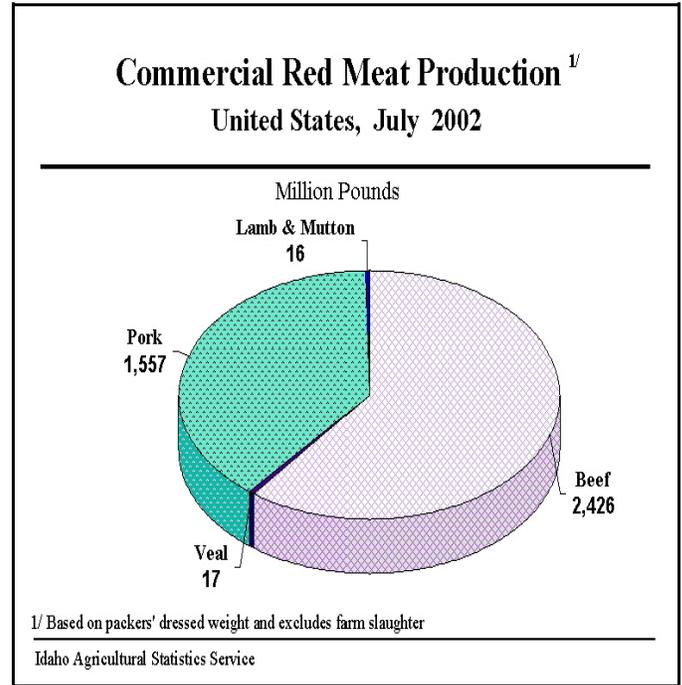
1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

IDAHO RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP 6 PERCENT

Commercial red meat production at Idaho packing plants for July 2002 totaled 56.4 million pounds, up 6 percent from last year. July production was up 13 percent from June's 50.1 million pounds. Accumulated red meat production for the January-July 2002 period totaled 351 million pounds, down 2 percent from the comparable period a year earlier.

Red meat production for the United States totaled 4.02 billion pounds in July, up 10 percent from the 3.64 billion pounds produced in July 2001. Beef production, at 2.43 billion pounds, was 11 percent above the previous year and a new record high for July. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.19 million head, up 8 percent from July 2001. The average live weight was 1,248 pounds, up 32 pounds from July a year ago. Pork production totaled 1.56 billion pounds, up 8 percent from the previous year and a new record high for July. Hog kill totaled 8.07 million head, 8 percent above July 2001. The average live weight was 260 pounds, unchanged from July a year ago. Lamb and mutton production, at 16.3 million pounds, was down 4 percent from July 2001. Sheep slaughter totaled 257,600 head, 6 percent above last year. The average live weight was 127 pounds, down 13 pounds from July a year ago.

January - July red meat production was 27.0 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 2 percent



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

State	July 2001	June 2002	July 2002	July 2002 As Percent Of ^{2/}	
				July 2001	June 2002
	<i>Million Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
California	91.4	*111.7	117.1	128	105
Colorado	179.3	199.4	201.5	112	101
IDAHO	53.1	50.1	56.4	106	113
Illinois	200.7	194.9	210.7	105	108
Iowa	444.4	474.1	486.6	109	103
Kansas	467.0	487.7	525.4	113	108
Minnesota	165.1	174.8	181.3	110	104
Montana	1.3	1.7	1.7	131	102
Nebraska	586.4	641.7	680.5	116	106
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	132	143
Oklahoma	72.6	72.5	79.6	110	110
Oregon	3.7	3.3	3.9	105	120
South Dakota	76.2	72.4	75.7	99	105
Texas	412.5	425.2	435.8	106	102
Utah	44.7	44.5	46.4	104	104
Washington	60.4	55.4	65.9	109	119
Wyoming	0.4	0.4	0.5	131	130
UNITED STATES	3,644.7	*3812.4	4,016.0	110	105

*Revised.

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

Idaho Cattle on Feed Down 8 Percent

Cattle on feed for the slaughter market in Idaho from feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head on August 1, 2002 totaled 285,000 head, down 8 percent from the August 1, 2001 inventory. The inventory was down 5 percent from the number on hand as of July 1, 2002. Placements of cattle into State feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during July totaled 52,000 head, down 8,000 head from July 2001 placements. Marketings during July totaled 66,000 head, down 3,000 from July 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

10.1 million head on August 1, 2002. The inventory was 7 percent below August 1, 2001 and 1 percent below August 1, 2000. Placements in feedlots during July totaled 1.84 million, 7 percent below 2001 and 4 percent below 2000. Net placements were 1.80 million. During July, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 369,000, 600-699 pounds were 365,000, 700-799 pounds were 591,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 515,000. Marketings of fed cattle during July totaled 2.19 million, 7 percent above 2001 and 5 percent above 2000. Other disappearance totaled 45,000 during July, 24 percent below 2001 but 2 percent above 2000.

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

State	Aug 1, 2001	Jul 1, 2002	Aug 1, 2002		
			Number	As % of 2001	As % of Jul
		<i>---1,000 Head---</i>		<i>---Percent---</i>	
Arizona	297	291	285	96	98
California	475	485	485	102	100
Colorado	1,060	1,030	990	93	96
Idaho	310	300	285	92	95
Iowa	325	350	320	98	91
Kansas	2,420	2,160	2,140	88	99
Nebraska	1,810	1,890	1,790	99	95
New Mexico	101	101	109	108	108
Oklahoma	390	325	310	79	95
South Dakota	154	175	160	104	91
Texas	3,000	2,850	2,740	91	96
Washington	229	180	165	72	92
Other States	320	350	310	97	89
United States	10,891	10,487	10,089	93	96

^{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 12 Percent

Frozen stocks of french fries in the United States on July 31, 2002, totaled 862 million pounds, a decrease of 8 percent from June 30, 2002, and down 15 percent from July 31, 2001. Other frozen potatoes, at 262 million pounds, decreased 8 percent from June stocks and declined 3 percent from stocks in July 31, 2001.

United States stocks of butter on July 31, 2002, totaled 238 million pounds, down 2 percent from the end of the previous month but up 58 percent from July 31, 2001. Of this 238 million pounds, the government owned 1.99 million pounds. Stocks of total American cheese totaled 568 million pounds, up 4 percent from June 30, 2002, and up 8 percent from July 31, 2001. The government owned 572,000 pounds of the American cheese stocks.

Commodity	July 31, 2001	June 30, 2002	July 31, 2002	2002	
				2001	
		<i>1,000 Pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>	
POTATOES:					
French Fries	1,012,479	937,933	861,787	85	
Other Frozen	270,109	285,605	262,480	97	
TOTAL	1,282,588	1,223,538	1,124,267	88	
DAIRY:					
Butter	151,123	242,999	238,047	158	
(Gov't Owned)	815	2,026	1,992	244	
Natural Cheese					
American, Total	527,916	545,710	567,523	108	
(Gov't Owned)	1,600	786	572	36	

Farm Labor in July

For the Mountain I Region of the U.S. (Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming), there were 30,000 hired workers on farms and ranches the week of July 7-13, 2002, down 12 percent from the 34,000 workers the week of July 8-14, 2001. Hired workers worked an average of 48.3 hours during the survey week at an average wage of \$7.62 per hour, up 1 cent from last year.

There were 1.21 million hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches the week of July 7-13, 2002, down 12 percent from a year ago. There were 966,000 workers hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches

made up the remaining 240,000 workers. Number of hours worked averaged 39.7 hours for hired workers during the survey week, down 0.2 hours from a year ago.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage rate of \$8.60 per hour during the July 2002 survey week, up 31 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$7.91 per hour, up 21 cents from last July. Livestock workers earned \$8.37 per hour compared with \$7.89 a year earlier. The Field and Livestock worker combined wage rate was up 27 cents from last year.

