

Idaho Milk Production Up 6.1 Percent

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Idaho milk production during September 2002 totaled 693 million pounds, a 6.1 percent increase from the same month last year, but down 4.1 percent from August 2002. Revised production for August 2002 totaled 723 million pounds, up 1.4 percent from the preliminary estimate and 6.2 percent above August 2001. Average milk production per cow in September 2002 was 1,750 pounds, 20 pounds less than September 2001 and 80 pounds below August 2002. The average number of milk cows during September was 396,000 head, 27,000 head more than September 2001 and 1,000 head more than last month.

Nationally, September milk production in the 20 major States totaled 11.8 billion pounds, up 3.3 percent from production in these same States in September 2001. August revised production, at 12.2 billion pounds, was up 4.1 percent from August 2001. Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,510 pounds for September 2002, 38 pounds above September 2001. The number of milk cows on farms in the major States was 7.79 million head, 56,000 head more than September 2001, but 4,000 head less than August 2002.

Milk Production, Average Number of Cows, Selected States, September 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>		<i>Percent</i>
Arizona	140	150	1,545	1,665	216	250	116
California	1,604	1,655	1,690	1,735	2,711	2,871	106
Florida	152	148	1,030	1,060	157	157	100
IDAHO	369	396	1,770	1,750	653	693	106
Illinois	115	115	1,345	1,365	155	157	101
Indiana	154	149	1,310	1,370	202	204	101
Iowa	206	209	1,430	1,425	295	298	101
Kentucky	127	120	975	1,000	124	120	97
Michigan	303	300	1,570	1,605	476	482	101
Minnesota	505	480	1,330	1,330	672	638	95
Missouri	142	136	985	1,050	140	143	102
New Mexico	270	305	1,700	1,700	459	519	113
New York	673	676	1,430	1,470	962	994	103
Ohio	257	264	1,340	1,350	344	356	103
Pennsylvania	596	587	1,450	1,460	864	857	99
Texas	318	309	1,120	1,260	356	389	109
Vermont	152	153	1,420	1,400	216	214	99
Virginia	118	119	1,230	1,235	145	147	101
Washington	247	247	1,835	1,855	453	458	101
Wisconsin	1,282	1,268	1,385	1,425	1,776	1,807	102
20 STATE TOTAL	7,730	7,786	1,472	1,510	11,376	11,754	103

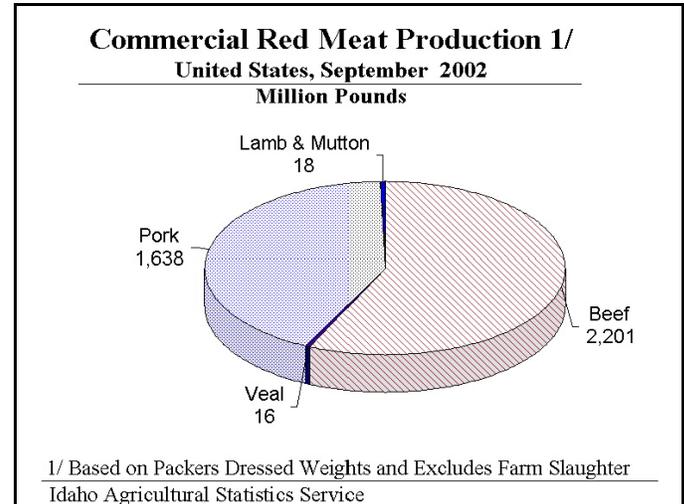
1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

Idaho Red Meat Production Down 8 Percent

Commercial red meat production at Idaho packing plants for September 2002 totaled 51.3 million pounds, down 8 percent from last year. September production was down 8 percent from August's 55.9 million pounds. Accumulated red meat production for the January-September 2002 period totaled 459 million pounds, down 4 percent from the comparable period a year earlier.

Red meat production for the United States totaled 3.87 billion pounds in September, up 6 percent from the 3.67 billion pounds produced in September 2001. Beef production, at 2.20 billion pounds, was 4 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.86 million head, up 2 percent from September 2001. The average live weight was 1,264 pounds, up 24 pounds from the previous year. Pork production totaled 1.64 billion pounds, up 8 percent from the previous year and a monthly record high. Hog kill totaled 8.51 million head, 9 percent above September 2001. The average live weight was 2 pounds below the previous year, at 260 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 17.6 million pounds, was up 8 percent from September 2001. Sheep slaughter totaled 276,200 head, 13 percent above last year.

The average live weight was 128 pounds, down 7 pounds from September a year ago. January-September red meat production was 35.0 billion pounds, 4 percent above the previous year. Accumulated beef production was 5 percent higher than last year, pork was up 4 percent, and lamb & mutton was down 2 percent.



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

State	September 2001	August 2002	September 2002	September 2002 As Percent Of ^{2/}	
				September 2001	August 2002
	<i>Million Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
California	89.1	117.4	113.3	127	97
Colorado	179.7	202.8	182.8	102	90
IDAHO	56.0	55.9	51.3	92	92
Illinois	219.6	221.0	218.0	99	99
Iowa	482.2	521.7	515.7	107	99
Kansas	445.7	522.4	460.3	103	88
Minnesota	170.5	188.0	188.8	111	100
Montana	1.2	1.8	1.6	135	89
Nebraska	614.1	694.9	625.1	102	90
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	78	100
Oklahoma	75.3	82.3	76.9	102	93
Oregon	3.4	3.9	3.5	102	90
South Dakota	83.3	83.1	83.3	100	100
Texas	372.8	461.4	399.5	107	87
Utah	42.6	46.5	42.7	100	92
Washington	48.3	63.7	55.2	114	87
Wyoming	0.3	0.9	0.4	125	50
UNITED STATES	3,665.7	4,139.9	3,873.2	106	94

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

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 October 1, 2002 totaled 280,000 head, down 10 percent from the October 1, 2001 inventory. The inventory was up 2 percent from the number on hand as of September 1, 2002.

Placements of cattle into State feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during September totaled 69,000 head, down 3,000 head from September 2001 placements. Marketings during September totaled 63,000 head, down 3,000 head from September 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 10.4 million head on October 1, 2002. The inventory was 6

percent below October 1, 2001 and 5 percent below October 1, 2000. Placements in feedlots during September totaled 2.19 million, 2 percent above 2001 but 19 percent below 2000. Net placements were 2.14 million.

During September, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 614,000, 600-699 pounds were 487,000, 700-799 pounds were 582,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 505,000. Marketings of fed cattle during September totaled 1.85 million, 1 percent above 2001 but 7 percent below 2000. Other disappearance totaled 53,000 during September, 15 percent above 2001 but 2 percent below 2000.

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

State	October 1, 2001	September 1, 2002	October 1, 2002		
			Number	As % of 2001	As % of September
	<i>---1,000 Head---</i>		<i>---Percent---</i>		
Arizona	298	285	288	97	101
California	465	490	495	106	101
Colorado	1,060	1,000	1,030	97	103
Idaho	310	275	280	90	102
Iowa	310	310	315	102	102
Kansas	2,540	2,230	2,280	90	102
Nebraska	1,950	1,850	1,960	101	106
New Mexico	97	114	113	116	99
Oklahoma	390	305	330	85	108
South Dakota	136	145	150	110	103
Texas	2,990	2,680	2,720	91	101
Washington	244	155	170	70	110
Other States	335	290	285	85	98
United States	11,125	10,129	10,416	94	103

^{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 From Last Year

Frozen stocks of french fries in the United States on September 30, 2002, totaled 895 million pounds, an increase of 12 percent from August 31, 2002 but down 16 percent from September 30, 2001. Other frozen potatoes, at 254 million pounds, increased 5 percent from August stocks, and increased 1 percent from last year.

United States stocks of butter on September 30, 2002, totaled 211 million pounds, down 8 percent from the end of the previous month, but up 91 percent from September 30, 2001. Of this 211 million pounds, the government owned 1.87 million pounds. Stocks of American cheese totaled 515 million pounds, down 9 percent from August 31, but up 6 percent from last year. The government owned 887,000 pounds, a small percentage of the total stocks.

Commodity	Sept. 30,	Aug. 31,	Sept. 30,	2002
	2001	2002	2002	2001
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>
POTATOES				
French Fries	1,071,789	797,929	895,161	84
Other Frozen	251,973	242,662	254,002	101
Total	1,323,762	1,040,591	1,149,163	87
DAIRY				
Butter	110,857	229,469	211,402	191
(Gov't Owned)	331	2,449	1,873	566
Natural Cheese				
American, Total	487,559	563,844	514,651	106
(Gov't Owned)	1,229	420	887	72

Selected Crops: Area Harvested, Yield, and Production, Idaho & U.S. 2001-2002

	Area Harvested ^{1/}		Unit	Yield		Production	
	2001	2002		2001	2002	2001	2002
IDAHO	<i>Thousand Acres</i>					<i>Thousands</i>	
Alfalfa Hay	1,120	1,250	Tons	3.90	3.90	4,368	4,875
Other Hay	300	300	Tons	1.90	2.00	570	600
Sugarbeets	179	210	Tons	25.9	25.6	4,636	5,376
Dry Beans ^{2/}	73	93	Cwt	1,950	2,000	1,424	1,860
UNITED STATES							
Alfalfa Hay	23,812	24,134	Tons	3.37	3.09	80,266	74,655
Other Hay	39,699	40,575	Tons	1.93	1.87	76,437	75,792
Sugarbeets	1,243.6	1,370.8	Tons	20.7	20.9	25,787	28,619
Dry Beans ^{2/}	1,243.0	1,690.6	Cwt	1,572	1,632	19,541	27,594

^{1/}Harvested for principal use of each crop, i.e. beans, dry hay, etc. ^{2/}Yield in pounds.