

Idaho Milk Production Up 2.3 Percent

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Idaho milk production during November 2002 totaled 659 million pounds, a 2.3 percent increase from the same month last year, but 4.2 percent less than October 2002. Revised production for October 2002 totaled 688 million pounds, down 0.9 percent from the preliminary estimate, but 2.4 percent above October 2001. Average milk production per cow in November 2002 was 1,690 pounds, 40 pounds less than November 2001, and 70 pounds below October 2002. The average number of milk cows during November was 390,000 head, 18,000 head more than November 2001, but down 1,000 from last month.

Nationally, November milk production in the 20 major States totaled 11.7 billion pounds, up 1.8 percent from production in these same States in November 2001. October revised production, at 12.0 billion pounds, was up 2.1 percent from October 2001. Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,501 pounds for November 2002, 16 pounds above November 2001. The number of milk cows on farms in the major States was 7.79 million head, 54,000 head more than November 2001, and 1,000 head more than October 2002.

Milk Production, Average Number of Cows, Selected States, November 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 3/	140	150	1,660	1,795	232	269	116
California	1,614	1,670	1,685	1,700	2,720	2,839	104
Florida	152	147	1,170	1,175	178	173	97
IDAHO	372	390	1,730	1,690	644	659	102
Illinois	115	115	1,375	1,420	158	163	103
Indiana	155	148	1,350	1,400	209	207	99
Iowa	206	208	1,485	1,470	306	306	100
Kentucky	125	120	1,050	1,000	131	120	92
Michigan	301	301	1,575	1,610	474	485	102
Minnesota	500	480	1,365	1,350	683	648	95
Missouri	141	135	1,080	1,110	152	150	99
New Mexico	280	305	1,665	1,650	466	503	108
New York	674	675	1,430	1,430	964	965	100
Ohio	256	264	1,370	1,370	351	362	103
Pennsylvania	596	591	1,460	1,460	870	863	99
Texas	312	309	1,275	1,350	398	417	105
Vermont	154	153	1,405	1,395	216	213	99
Virginia	119	119	1,285	1,260	153	150	98
Washington	247	247	1,780	1,800	440	445	101
Wisconsin	1,280	1,266	1,365	1,390	1,747	1,760	101
20 STATE TOTAL	7,739	7,793	1,485	1,501	11,492	11,697	102

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves. 3/ Preliminary revisions for Arizona indicate milk production at 250 million pounds for November 2001. This preliminary revision is not included in the 20-State total. Annual revisions will be published in February 2003.

Idaho Cattle on Feed Down 12 Percent

Cattle on feed for the slaughter market in Idaho from feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head on December 1, 2002 totaled 300,000 head, down 12 percent from the December 1, 2001 inventory. The inventory was up 2 percent from the number on hand as of November 1, 2002.

Placements of cattle into State feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during November totaled 60,000 head, down 14,000 head from November 2001 placements. Marketings during November totaled 53,000 head, down 8,000 head from November 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 10.9 million head on December 1, 2002. The inventory was 8

percent below December 1, 2001 and 9 percent below December 1, 2000. Placements in feedlots during November totaled 1.98 million, 4 percent above 2001 but 2 percent below 2000. Net placements were 1.89 million.

During November placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 589,000, 600-699 pounds were 660,000, 700-799 pounds were 417,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 311,000. Marketings of fed cattle during November totaled 1.73 million, 4 percent below 2001 and 5 percent below 2000. Other disappearance totaled 90,000 during November, 13 percent above 2001 but 14 percent above 2000.

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

State	December 1, 2001	November 1, 2002	December 1, 2002		
			Number	As % of 2001	As % of November
	<i>---1,000 Head---</i>		<i>---Percent---</i>		
Arizona	303	290	295	97	102
California	490	490	500	102	102
Colorado	1,160	1,060	1,070	92	101
Idaho	340	295	300	88	102
Iowa	350	335	350	100	104
Kansas	2,640	2,300	2,300	87	100
Nebraska	2,270	2,110	2,180	96	103
New Mexico	108	*117	123	114	105
Oklahoma	385	340	340	88	100
South Dakota	195	170	195	100	115
Texas	2,990	2,730	2,700	90	99
Washington	260	185	195	75	105
Other States	400	320	350	88	109
United States	11,891	*10,742	10,898	92	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. *Revised.

Frozen Potato and Dairy Products Stocks

Frozen stocks of french fries in the United States on November 30, 2002, totaled 957 million pounds, down 4 percent from October 31, 2002, and down 10 percent from November 30, 2001. Other frozen potatoes, at 257 million pounds, were slightly down from October stocks but up 12 percent from last year.

United States stocks of butter on November 30, 2002, totaled 136 million pounds, down 17 percent from the end of the previous month but up 135 percent from November 30, 2001. Of this 136 million pounds, the government owned 1.02 million pounds. Stocks of total American cheese totaled 474 million pounds, down 5 percent from October 31, 2002, but up 8 percent from November 30, 2001. The government owned 463,000 pounds of the American cheese stocks.

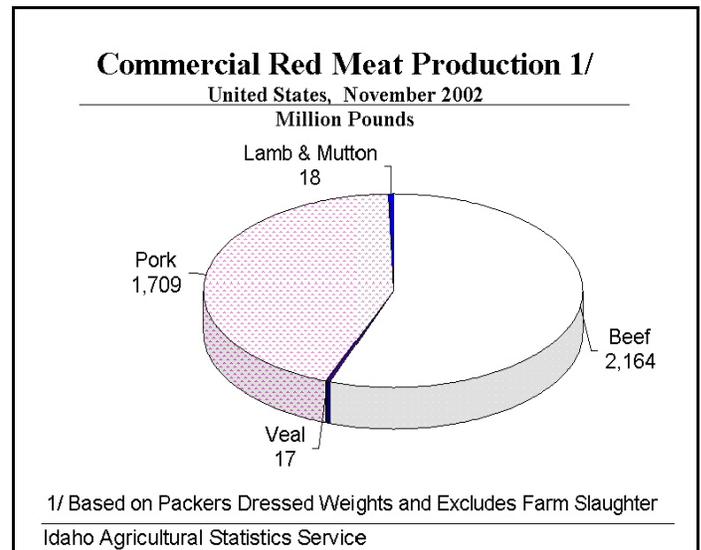
Commodity	Nov. 30,	Oct. 31,	Nov. 30,	2002
	2001	2002	2002	2001
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>	
POTATOES:				
French Fries	1,067,240	994,421	957,118	90
Other Frozen	230,137	257,736	257,431	112
TOTAL	1,297,377	1,252,157	1,214,549	94
DAIRY PRODUCTS:				
Butter	57,916	164,640	136,267	235
(Gov't. Owned)	341	1,844	1,021	299
Natural Cheese				
American, Total	438,140	501,401	474,450	108
(Gov't. Owned)	207	927	463	224

Idaho Red Meat Production Down 3 Percent

Commercial red meat production at Idaho packing plants for November 2002 totaled 53.6 million pounds, down 3 percent from last year. November production was down 10 percent from October's 59.5 million pounds. Accumulated red meat production for the January-November 2002 period totaled 572 million pounds, down 3 percent from the comparable period a year earlier.

Red meat production for the United States totaled 3.91 billion pounds in November, down 2 percent from the 3.97 billion pounds produced in November 2001. Beef production, at 2.16 billion pounds, was 2 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.86 million head, down 1 percent from November 2001. The average live weight was 1,260 pounds, up 5 pounds from November a year ago. Pork production totaled 1.71 billion pounds, down 1 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.66 million head, 1 percent below November 2001. The average live weight was 268 pounds, down 1 pound from November a year ago. Lamb and mutton production, at 17.8 million pounds, was down 9 percent from November 2001 and six percent below the previous record low set in 1998. Sheep slaughter totaled 271,300 head, 5 percent below last year.

The average live weight was 132 pounds, down 6 pounds from November a year ago. January-November red meat production was 43.3 billion pounds, 3 percent above the previous year. Accumulated beef production was 4 percent higher than last year, pork was up 3 percent, and lamb & mutton was down 3 percent.



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

State	November 2001	October 2002	November 2002	November 2002 As Percent Of ^{2/}	
				November 2001	October 2002
	<i>Million Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
Arizona	35.5	38.6	36.1	102	93
California	101.0	126.3	109.5	108	87
Colorado	172.1	197.2	153.4	89	78
IDAHO	55.5	59.5	53.6	97	90
Illinois	228.1	260.3	233.2	102	90
Iowa	554.6	579.0	541.6	98	94
Kansas	496.3	536.9	458.5	92	85
Minnesota	196.0	213.0	201.0	103	94
Montana	1.5	1.6	1.5	100	89
Nebraska	628.1	712.1	630.3	100	89
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	90	88
Oklahoma	87.6	90.8	86.9	99	96
Oregon	4.0	3.8	3.4	85	89
South Dakota	88.3	90.5	74.8	85	83
Texas	371.9	450.2	387.2	104	86
Utah	44.9	45.3	40.6	90	90
Washington	53.7	59.6	53.0	99	89
Wyoming	0.5	0.2	0.4	98	185
UNITED STATES	3,970.1	4,381.8	3,907.3	98	89

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2002 Hop Production

Hop production for Idaho, Oregon, and Washington in 2002 totaled 58.3 million pounds, down 13 percent from the 2001 crop of 66.8 million pounds, and 14 percent below the 2000 production of 67.6 million pounds. Whereas production in Washington and Oregon dropped 15 percent and 18 percent, respectively, Idaho's production increased nearly 20 percent from a year ago. All three states reduced their acreage in 2002, but the sizeable decrease was

mostly due to an acreage reduction program in Washington, where six thousand acres were removed from production. Yields in Washington and Idaho increased in 2002. Washington, with 2,133 pounds per acre, was up 205 pounds from last year. In Idaho, yields averaged 1,624 pounds per acre, 295 pounds more than a year ago. Oregon's average yield dropped 183 pounds, to 1,692 pounds per acre in 2002.

Hop: Acreage, Yield, Production, Price and Value, 2000-02

Year	Harvested	Yield per Harvest Acre	Production	Marketing Year Average Price	Value of Production	Value per Harvested Acre
	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>\$ per Pound</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
Idaho						
2000	3,321	1,484	4,929.8	1.78	8,775	2,642
2001	3,469	1,329	4,609.3	1.59	7,329	2,113
2002	3,399	1,624	5,519.6	1.58	8,721	2,566
Oregon						
2000	5,819	1,785	10,387.0	2.20	22,851	3,927
2001	6,103	1,875	11,443.2	2.15	24,603	4,031
2002	5,577	1,692	9,438.0	2.13	20,103	3,604
Washington						
2000	26,980	1,937	52,260.0	1.81	94,591	3,506
2001	26,339	1,928	50,779.6	1.81	91,911	3,490
2002	20,333	2,133	43,379.0	1.95	84,589	4,160
United States						
2000	36,120	1,871	67,576.8	1.87	126,217	3,494
2001	35,911	1,861	66,832.1	1.85	123,843	3,449
2002	29,309	1,990	58,336.6	1.94	113,413	3,870

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