



## Idaho Milk Production Up 5.8 Percent

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Idaho milk production during February 2003 totaled 641 million pounds, a 5.8 percent increase from the same month last year, but 9.2 percent less than January 2003. Revised production for January 2003 totaled 706 million pounds, up 2.3 percent from the preliminary estimate and 6.2 percent above January 2002. Average milk production per cow in February 2003 was 1,630 pounds, 40 pounds more than February 2002, but 170 pounds below January 2003. The average number of milk cows during February was 393,000 head, an increase of 1,000 head from the previous month, and 12,000 head more than February 2002.

Nationally, February milk production in the 20 major States totaled 11.6 billion pounds, up 1.7 percent from production in these same States in February 2002. January revised production, at 12.5 billion pounds, was up 1.8 percent from January 2002. Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,485 pounds for February 2003, 13 pounds above February 2002. The number of milk cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.81 million head, 66,000 head more than February 2002, and 3,000 head more than January 2003.

### Milk Production, Average Number of Cows, Selected States, February 2002-2003

State	Milk Cows 1/		Milk Per Cow 2/		Milk Production 2/		2003 As Percent of 2002
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Arizona	142	150	1,970	1,915	280	287	103
California	1,626	1,686	1,620	1,635	2,634	2,757	105
Florida	152	147	1,335	1,345	203	198	98
<b>IDAHO</b>	<b>381</b>	<b>393</b>	<b>1,590</b>	<b>1,630</b>	<b>606</b>	<b>641</b>	<b>106</b>
Illinois	115	114	1,440	1,485	166	169	102
Indiana	154	146	1,340	1,400	206	204	99
Iowa	208	204	1,430	1,480	297	302	102
Kentucky	123	120	1,100	1,040	135	125	93
Michigan	295	299	1,545	1,560	456	466	102
Minnesota	495	480	1,385	1,385	686	665	97
Missouri	139	133	1,150	1,150	160	153	96
New Mexico	290	313	1,610	1,615	467	505	108
New York	672	682	1,405	1,390	944	948	100
Ohio	260	260	1,365	1,350	355	351	99
Pennsylvania	583	588	1,460	1,430	851	841	99
Texas	310	311	1,400	1,450	434	451	104
Vermont	154	153	1,375	1,360	212	208	98
Virginia	120	118	1,290	1,250	155	148	95
Washington	247	248	1,735	1,790	429	444	103
Wisconsin	1,278	1,265	1,350	1,370	1,725	1,733	100
<b>20 STATE TOTAL</b>	<b>7,744</b>	<b>7,810</b>	<b>1,472</b>	<b>1,485</b>	<b>11,401</b>	<b>11,596</b>	<b>102</b>

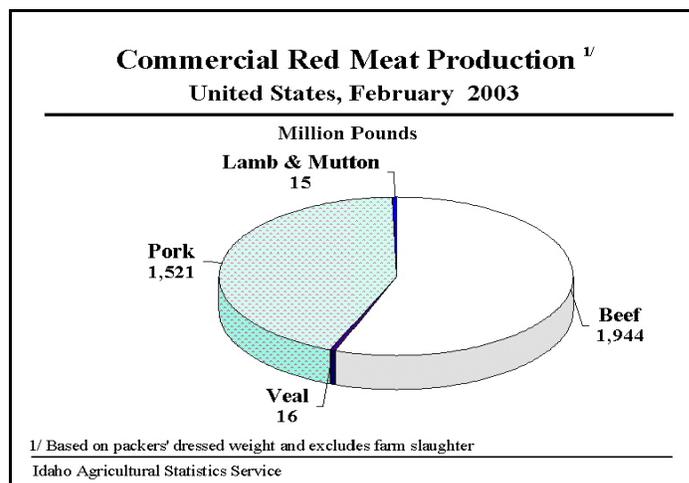
1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

## Idaho Red Meat Production Up 3 Percent

Commercial red meat production at Idaho packing plants for February 2003 totaled 45.8 million pounds, up 3 percent from last year. February production was down 17 percent from January's 55.5 million pounds. Accumulated red meat production for the January-February 2003 period totaled 101 million pounds, up 3 percent from the comparable period a year earlier.

Red meat production for the United States totaled 3.50 billion pounds in February, virtually unchanged from the 3.50 billion pounds produced in February 2002. Beef production, at 1.94 billion pounds, was 2 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.57 million head, down 2 percent from February 2002. The average live weight was 1,261 pounds, up 6 pounds from February a year ago. Pork production totaled 1.52 billion pounds, up 3 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 7.68 million head, 2 percent above February 2002. The average live weight was 267 pounds, unchanged from February a year ago. Lamb and mutton production, at 15.0 million pounds, was down 16 percent from February 2002. Sheep slaughter totaled 224,200 head, 14 percent below last year. The average live weight was 133 pounds, down 4 pounds from February a year ago.

January-February red meat production was 7.57 billion pounds, virtually unchanged from 2002. Accumulated beef production was down 2 percent from last year, pork was up 2 percent, and lamb & mutton production was down 13 percent.



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

State	February 2002	January 2003	February 2003	February 2003 As Percent Of <sup>2/</sup>	
				February 2002	January 2003
	<i>Million Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
California	94.9	123.7	106.5	112	86
Colorado	174.7	174.7	155.3	89	89
<b>IDAHO</b>	<b>44.4</b>	<b>55.5</b>	<b>45.8</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>83</b>
Illinois	198.5	214.8	188.4	95	88
Iowa	466.8	551.2	485.4	104	88
Kansas	448.4	498.3	429.1	96	86
Minnesota	171.6	207.4	180.5	105	87
Montana	1.4	1.4	1.3	98	94
Nebraska	557.5	646.3	538.5	97	83
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	136	90
Oklahoma	69.6	85.4	72.8	105	85
Oregon	3.4	3.6	3.4	102	97
South Dakota	68.4	89.9	76.4	112	85
Texas	320.4	398.2	335.5	105	84
Utah	39.7	43.5	38.7	97	89
Washington	45.0	52.6	41.2	91	78
Wyoming	0.4	0.7	0.5	105	69
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>3,502.1</b>	<b>4,075.5</b>	<b>3,496.5</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>86</b>

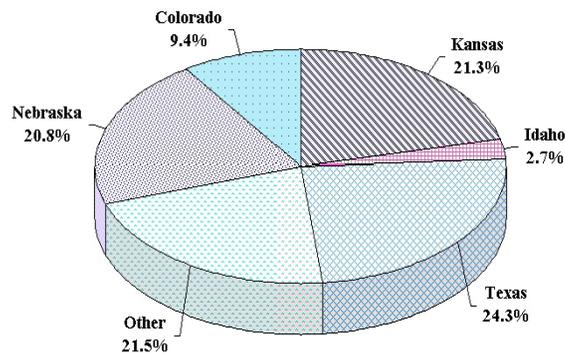
1/ Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb and mutton. 2/ Percentages based on unrounded data.

## Idaho Cattle On Feed Down 11 Percent

Cattle on feed for the slaughter market in Idaho from feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head on March 1, 2003 totaled 280,000 head, down 11 percent from the March 1, 2002 inventory. The inventory was down 2 percent from the number on hand as of February 1, 2003. Placements of cattle into State feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during February totaled 50,000 head, down 8,000 head from February 2002 placements. Marketings during February totaled 54,000 head, down 7,000 from the February 2002 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 10.52 million head on March 1, 2003. The inventory was 9 percent below March 1, 2002 and 10 percent below March 1, 2001. Placements in feedlots during February totaled 1.66 million, 8 percent below 2002 but 5 percent above 2001. Net placements were 1.59 million. During February, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 263,000, 600-699 pounds were 376,000, 700-799 pounds were 597,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 421,000. Marketings of fed cattle during February totaled 1.73 million, 4 percent below 2002 and 1 percent below 2001. Other disappearance totaled 71,000 during February, 13 percent above 2002 but 12 percent below 2001.

**Cattle On Feed at 1000+ Capacity Feedlots  
March 1, 2003**



Percents may not add due to rounding

Idaho Agricultural Statistics Service

## Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots<sup>1/</sup>

State	March 1, 2002	February 1, 2003	March 1, 2003		
			Number	As % of 2002	As % of February
		---1,000 Head---			---Percent---
Arizona	310	291	279	90	96
California	475	475	470	99	99
Colorado	1,150	1,030	990	86	96
<b>Idaho</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>98</b>
Iowa	400	360	360	90	100
Kansas	2,420	2,220	2,240	93	101
Nebraska	2,300	2,220	2,190	95	99
New Mexico	109	*114	112	103	98
Oklahoma	345	*330	320	93	97
South Dakota	210	215	215	102	100
Texas	2,850	*2,600	2,560	90	98
Washington	229	180	180	79	100
Other States	405	340	325	80	96
<b>United States</b>	<b>11,518</b>	<b>*10,660</b>	<b>10,521</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>99</b>

<sup>1/</sup>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 Down 5 Percent

Frozen stocks of french fries in the United States on February 28, 2003, totaled 949 million pounds, an increase of 4 percent from January 31, 2003, but down 8 percent from February 28, 2002. Other frozen potatoes, at 260 million pounds, increased 2 percent from January stocks and 8 percent from last year's stocks.

United States stocks of butter on February 28, 2003, totaled 238 million pounds, up 17 percent from the end of the previous month and up 83 percent from February 28, 2002. Of this 238 million pounds, the government owned 725,000 pounds. Stocks of total American cheese totaled 534 million pounds, up 4 percent from January 31, 2003 and up 9 percent from February 28, 2002. The government owned 368,000 pounds of the American cheese stocks.

Commodity	Feb. 28, 2002	Jan. 31, 2003	Feb. 28, 2003	2003	
				1,000 Pounds	Percent
<b>POTATOES:</b>					
French Fries	1,031,776	915,970	948,925		92
Other Frozen	239,726	255,893	259,867		108
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,271,502</b>	<b>1,171,863</b>	<b>1,208,792</b>		<b>95</b>
<b>DAIRY:</b>					
Butter	130,124	202,660	238,016		183
(Gov't Owned)	1,200	349	725		60
<b>Natural Cheese</b>					
American, Total	491,147	512,192	534,030		109
(Gov't Owned)	753	280	368		49

## Potato Stocks

Potato stocks held by growers, dealers and processors in Idaho on March 1 totaled 62.0 million cwt, 4.00 million cwt more than on hand March 1, 2002. Disappearance, at 71.4 million cwt, is up from last year's 62.2 million cwt but below 2000's 75.8 million cwt. Stocks in the 10 Southwest Counties totaled 3.90 million cwt, above last year's 3.10 million cwt. The Other Counties' stocks, at 58.1 million cwt, was 3.20 million cwt more the amount stored on March 1, 2002.

The 15 major potato States held 164 million cwt of potatoes on March 1, 2003, up 3 percent from last year but 17 percent below 2001. Storage accounts for 40 percent of the 2002 fall storage State's production, down 1 percentage point from last year. Disappearance, at 247 million cwt, from the start of harvest in 2002 to March 1, is up 8 percent from the same period last year but 5 percent below two years ago.

### Production and Total Stocks of Fall Potatoes Held by Growers, Processors and Local Dealers on March 1, 2002 and March 1, 2003 <sup>1/</sup>

STATE	CROP OF 2001			CROP OF 2002		
	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS MARCH 1, 2002	MARCH 1 STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS MARCH 1, 2003	MARCH 1 STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION
	<u>1,000 Cwt.</u>		<u>Percent</u>	<u>1,000 Cwt.</u>		<u>Percent</u>
California	1,424	600	42	4,450	1,000	22
Colorado	21,357	9,400	44	27,885	12,700	46
Idaho	120,200	58,000	48	133,385	62,000	46
Maine	16,430	7,100	43	16,960	8,000	47
Michigan	13,950	3,200	23	13,878	4,300	31
Minnesota	18,425	7,900	43	18,700	7,400	40
Montana	3,296	2,460	75	3,224	2,800	87
Nebraska 2/	8,400			8,611		
New York	5,942	600	10	5,500	550	10
N. Dakota	26,400	12,300	47	23,460	9,300	40
Ohio 2/	1,097			1,008		
Oregon	20,730	11,500	55	24,936	9,900	40
Pennsylvania	3,173	600	19	2,590	500	19
Washington	94,400	32,500	34	95,200	33,000	35
Wisconsin	31,955	10,000	31	31,125	9,500	31
Other States		2,430			2,950	
15 STATES	387,179	158,590	41	410,912	163,900	40

1/ Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant following year's crop. Seed usage for all seasons in 2002 totaled 29.3 million cwt.

2/ Combined into "Other States".