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## Idaho Milk Production Up 5.7 Percent

Idaho milk production during May 2003 totaled 744 million pounds, a 5.7 percent increase from the same month last year and 4.1 percent more than April 2003. Revised production for April 2003 totaled 715 million pounds, up 0.6 percent from the preliminary estimate and 7.5 percent above April 2002.

Average milk production per cow in May 2003 was 1,870 pounds, 50 pounds more than May 2002 and 70 pounds above April 2003. The average number of milk cows during May was 398,000 head, up 1,000 head from the previous month, and 11,000 head more than May 2002.

Nationally, May milk production in the 20 major States totaled 13.0 billion pounds, down 0.4 percent from production in these same States in May 2002. April revised production, at 12.6 billion pounds, was up 0.6 percent from April 2002. Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,669 pounds for May 2003, 9 pounds below May 2002. The number of milk cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.79 million head, 17,000 head more than May 2002, but 12,000 head less than April 2003.

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

| State                 | Milk Cows 1/      |              | Milk Per Cow 2/ |              | Milk Production 2/    |               | 2003 As<br>Percent<br>of 2002 |
|-----------------------|-------------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|
|                       | 2002              | 2003         | 2002            | 2003         | 2002                  | 2003          |                               |
|                       | <i>1,000 Head</i> |              | <i>Pounds</i>   |              | <i>Million Pounds</i> |               | <i>Percent</i>                |
| Arizona               | 145               | 150          | 2,200           | 2,125        | 319                   | 319           | 100                           |
| California            | 1,639             | 1,693        | 1,875           | 1,820        | 3,073                 | 3,081         | 100                           |
| Florida               | 151               | 144          | 1,460           | 1,440        | 220                   | 207           | 94                            |
| <b>IDAHO</b>          | <b>387</b>        | <b>398</b>   | <b>1,820</b>    | <b>1,870</b> | <b>704</b>            | <b>744</b>    | <b>106</b>                    |
| Illinois              | 115               | 110          | 1,630           | 1,650        | 187                   | 182           | 97                            |
| Indiana               | 152               | 144          | 1,545           | 1,580        | 235                   | 228           | 97                            |
| Iowa                  | 209               | 203          | 1,630           | 1,640        | 341                   | 333           | 98                            |
| Kentucky              | 123               | 120          | 1,230           | 1,145        | 151                   | 137           | 91                            |
| Michigan              | 298               | 300          | 1,745           | 1,775        | 520                   | 533           | 103                           |
| Minnesota             | 490               | 475          | 1,540           | 1,545        | 755                   | 734           | 97                            |
| Missouri              | 137               | 130          | 1,315           | 1,345        | 180                   | 175           | 97                            |
| New Mexico            | 296               | 315          | 1,910           | 1,890        | 565                   | 595           | 105                           |
| New York              | 682               | 682          | 1,600           | 1,570        | 1,091                 | 1,071         | 98                            |
| Ohio                  | 263               | 261          | 1,550           | 1,560        | 408                   | 407           | 100                           |
| Pennsylvania          | 580               | 580          | 1,650           | 1,600        | 957                   | 928           | 97                            |
| Texas                 | 309               | 312          | 1,570           | 1,645        | 485                   | 513           | 106                           |
| Vermont               | 154               | 150          | 1,570           | 1,555        | 242                   | 233           | 96                            |
| Virginia              | 120               | 118          | 1,425           | 1,345        | 171                   | 159           | 93                            |
| Washington            | 247               | 244          | 2,005           | 1,985        | 495                   | 484           | 98                            |
| Wisconsin             | 1,272             | 1,257        | 1,525           | 1,535        | 1,940                 | 1,929         | 99                            |
| <b>20 STATE TOTAL</b> | <b>7,769</b>      | <b>7,786</b> | <b>1,678</b>    | <b>1,669</b> | <b>13,039</b>         | <b>12,992</b> | <b>100</b>                    |

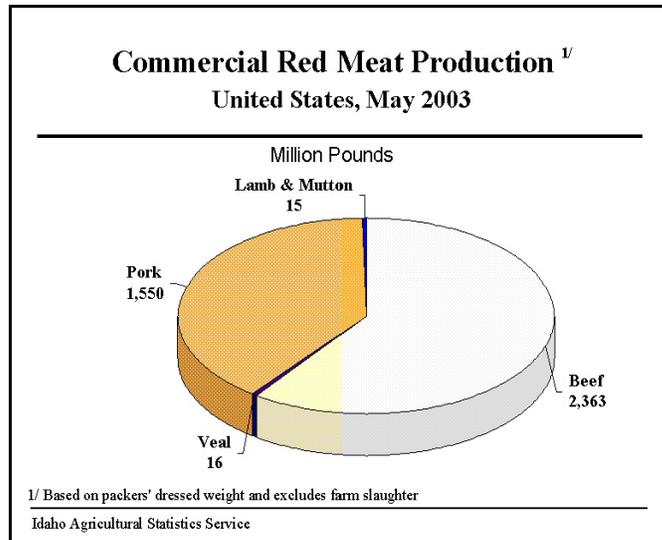
1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

## Idaho Red Meat Production Up 2 Percent

Commercial red meat production at Idaho packing plants for May 2003 totaled 51.7 million pounds, up 2 percent from last year. May production was up 9 percent from April's 47.3 million pounds. Accumulated red meat production for the January-May 2003 period totaled 248 million pounds, up 1 percent from the comparable period a year earlier.

January-May red meat production was 19.07 billion pounds, down 1 percent from 2002. Accumulated beef production was down 1 percent from last year, veal was up 5 percent, pork was unchanged from last year, and lamb & mutton production was down 13 percent.

Red meat production for the United States totaled 3.94 billion pounds in May, down 2 percent from the 4.02 billion pounds produced in May 2002. Beef production, at 2.36 billion pounds, was 1 percent above the previous year and a monthly record high for May. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.25 million head, up 3 percent from May 2002. The average live weight was 1,208 pounds, down 15 pounds from May a year ago. Pork production totaled 1.55 billion pounds, down 6 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 7.81 million head, 6 percent below May 2002. The average live weight was 267 pounds, unchanged from May a year ago. Lamb and mutton production, at 15.2 million pounds, was down 22 percent from May 2002. Sheep slaughter totaled 221,900 head, 22 percent below last year. The average live weight was 137 pounds, unchanged from May a year ago.



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

| State                | May 2002       | April 2003      | May 2003       | May 2003<br>as percent of <sup>2/</sup> |            |
|----------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|---|------------|
|                      |                |                 |                | May 2002                                | April 2003 |
|                      | Million Pounds |                 |                | Percent                                 |            |
| California           | 118.9          | 119.5           | 122.6          | 103                                     | 103        |
| Colorado             | 183.7          | 154.5           | 187.8          | 102                                     | 122        |
| <b>IDAHO</b>         | <b>50.9</b>    | <b>47.3</b>     | <b>51.7</b>    | <b>102</b>                              | <b>109</b> |
| Illinois             | 218.5          | 209.6           | 208.2          | 95                                      | 99         |
| Iowa                 | 523.6          | *523.8          | 492.7          | 94                                      | 94         |
| Kansas               | 509.8          | 454.6           | 503.9          | 99                                      | 111        |
| Minnesota            | 189.5          | 189.1           | 183.2          | 97                                      | 97         |
| Montana              | 1.1            | 1.3             | 1.1            | 104                                     | 89         |
| Nebraska             | 637.6          | 599.0           | 639.4          | 100                                     | 107        |
| Nevada               | 0.1            | 0.1             | 0.1            | 97                                      | 128        |
| Oklahoma             | 76.3           | 86.4            | 79.9           | 105                                     | 92         |
| Oregon               | 3.7            | 3.7             | 3.4            | 94                                      | 93         |
| South Dakota         | 77.3           | 76.7            | 80.4           | 104                                     | 105        |
| Texas                | 453.8          | 401.0           | 455.4          | 100                                     | 114        |
| Utah                 | 44.5           | 41.4            | 38.6           | 87                                      | 93         |
| Washington           | 52.5           | 52.2            | 58.4           | 111                                     | 112        |
| Wyoming              | 0.4            | 0.5             | 0.4            | 113                                     | 90         |
| <b>UNITED STATES</b> | <b>4,017.3</b> | <b>*3,845.5</b> | <b>3,943.1</b> | <b>98</b>                               | <b>103</b> |

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

## All Cattle in Idaho: Top Twelve Counties

| Counties   | January 1, 2002 | Counties   | January 1, 2003 |
|------------|-----------------|------------|-----------------|
|            | Head            |            | Head            |
| Gooding    | 172,000         | Gooding    | 206,000         |
| Cassia     | 163,000         | Cassia     | 171,000         |
| Jerome     | 154,000         | Jerome     | 151,000         |
| Elmore     | 137,500         | Canyon     | 136,000         |
| Canyon     | 134,000         | Elmore     | 126,000         |
| Twin Falls | 132,000         | Twin Falls | 126,000         |
| Owyhee     | 116,000         | Owyhee     | 108,500         |
| Bingham    | 80,500          | Bingham    | 83,000          |
| Ada        | 69,500          | Ada        | 72,500          |
| Jefferson  | 66,000          | Jefferson  | 67,500          |
| Payette    | 59,500          | Payette    | 56,500          |
| Lemhi      | 50,000          | Bonneville | 55,000          |

### Idaho Cattle On Feed Down 16 Percent

Cattle on feed for the slaughter market in Idaho from feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head on June 1, 2003 totaled 260,000 head, down 16 percent from the June 1, 2002 inventory. The inventory was down 5 percent from the number on hand as of May 1, 2003.

Placements of cattle into State feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during May totaled 53,000 head, down 11,000 head from May 2002 placements. Marketings during May totaled 67,000 head, down 1,000 from the May 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 10.5 million head on June 1, 2003. The inventory was 4 percent below June 1, 2002 and 6 percent below June 1, 2001. Placements in feedlots during May totaled 2.30 million, 1 percent above 2002 but 3 percent below 2001. Net placements were 2.23 million. During May, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 408,000, 600-699 pounds were 366,000, 700-799 pounds were 747,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 776,000. Marketings of fed cattle during May totaled 2.23 million, 3 percent above 2002 and 1 percent above 2001. Other disappearance totaled 65,000 during May, 16 percent below 2002 and 36 percent below 2001.

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

| State                | June 1, 2002  | May 1, 2003      | June 1, 2003  |              |               |
|----------------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
|                      |               |                  | Number        | As % of 2002 | As % of May   |
|                      |               | ---1,000 Head--- |               |              | ---Percent--- |
| Arizona              | 299           | 269              | 266           | 89           | 99            |
| California           | 485           | *470             | 485           | 100          | 103           |
| Colorado             | 1,090         | 1,000            | 990           | 91           | 99            |
| <b>Idaho</b>         | <b>310</b>    | <b>275</b>       | <b>260</b>    | <b>84</b>    | <b>95</b>     |
| Iowa                 | 375           | 360              | 340           | 91           | 94            |
| Kansas               | 2,270         | 2,270            | 2,270         | 100          | 100           |
| Nebraska             | 2,060         | 2,080            | 1,930         | 94           | 93            |
| New Mexico           | 96            | 101              | 110           | 115          | 109           |
| Oklahoma             | 340           | 330              | 360           | 106          | 109           |
| South Dakota         | 205           | 215              | 198           | 97           | 92            |
| Texas                | 2,870         | 2,680            | 2,880         | 100          | 107           |
| Washington           | 200           | 170              | 160           | 80           | 94            |
| Other States         | 370           | 310              | 285           | 77           | 92            |
| <b>United States</b> | <b>10,970</b> | <b>*10,530</b>   | <b>10,534</b> | <b>96</b>    | <b>100</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 7 Percent

Frozen stocks of french fries in the United States on May 31, 2003, totaled 860 million pounds, a 4 percent decrease from April 30, 2003, and down 6 percent from May 31, 2002. Other frozen potatoes, at 240 million pounds, decreased 5 percent from April stocks and decreased 11 percent from last year.

United States stocks of butter on May 31, 2003, totaled 295 million pounds, up 11 percent from the end of the previous month, and up 30 percent from May 31, 2002. Of this 295 million pounds, the government owned 849,000 pounds. Stocks of American cheese totaled 536 million pounds, up 1 percent from April 30, 2003. The government owned a total of 2.54 million pounds.

| Commodity                         | May 31,<br>2002     | April 30,<br>2003 | May 31,<br>2003 | 2003           |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-----------------|----------------|
|                                   |                     |                   |                 | 2002           |
|                                   | <i>1,000 Pounds</i> |                   |                 | <i>Percent</i> |
| POTATOES                          |                     |                   |                 |                |
| French Fries                      | 912,498             | 899,075           | 860,416         | 94             |
| Other Frozen                      | 269,837             | 251,472           | 239,915         | 89             |
| TOTAL                             | 1,182,335           | 1,150,547         | 1,100,331       | 93             |
| DAIRY                             |                     |                   |                 |                |
| Butter                            | 226,849             | 266,356           | 295,197         | 130            |
| (Govt. Owned)                     | 2,258               | 837               | 849             | 38             |
| Natural Cheese<br>American, Total | 536,080             | 531,100           | 536,475         | 100            |
| (Govt. Owned)                     | 692                 | 2,974             | 2,543           | 367            |