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Idaho Milk Production Up 8.0 Percent

Idaho milk production during July 2003 totaled 767 million pounds, an 8.0 percent increase from the same month last year, and 2.4 percent more than June 2003. Revised production for June 2003 totaled 749 million pounds, up 2.0 percent from the preliminary estimate and 8.2 percent above June 2002. Average milk production per cow in July 2003 was 1,880 pounds, 70 pounds more than July 2002 and 40 pounds above June 2003. The average number of milk cows during July was 408,000 head, up 1,000 head from the previous month and 16,000 head more than July 2002.

Nationally, July milk production in the 20 major States totaled 12.4 billion pounds, up 0.6 percent from production in these same States in July 2002. June revised production, at 12.4 billion pounds, was up 0.1 percent from June 2002. Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,590 pounds for July 2003, 12 pounds above July 2002. The number of milk cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.77 million head, 15,000 head less than July 2002, and 9,000 head less than June 2003.

Milk Production, Average Number of Cows, Selected States, July 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	148	150	1,850	1,805	274	271	99
California	1,647	1,693	1,810	1,750	2,981	2,963	99
Florida	149	141	1,250	1,220	186	172	92
IDAHO	392	408	1,810	1,880	710	767	108
Illinois	115	109	1,420	1,490	163	162	99
Indiana	150	143	1,410	1,505	212	215	101
Iowa	210	200	1,495	1,560	314	312	99
Kentucky	123	115	1,035	1,005	127	116	91
Michigan	301	299	1,665	1,750	501	523	104
Minnesota	485	475	1,415	1,455	686	691	101
Missouri	137	129	1,120	1,170	153	151	99
New Mexico	303	316	1,810	1,795	548	567	103
New York	680	679	1,535	1,500	1,044	1,019	98
Ohio	263	261	1,390	1,450	366	378	103
Pennsylvania	584	574	1,525	1,500	891	861	97
Texas	307	312	1,355	1,430	416	446	107
Vermont	154	148	1,480	1,505	228	223	98
Virginia	120	115	1,275	1,210	153	139	91
Washington	248	244	1,965	1,965	487	479	98
Wisconsin	1,265	1,255	1,455	1,510	1,841	1,895	103
20 STATE TOTAL	7,781	7,766	1,578	1,590	12,281	12,350	101

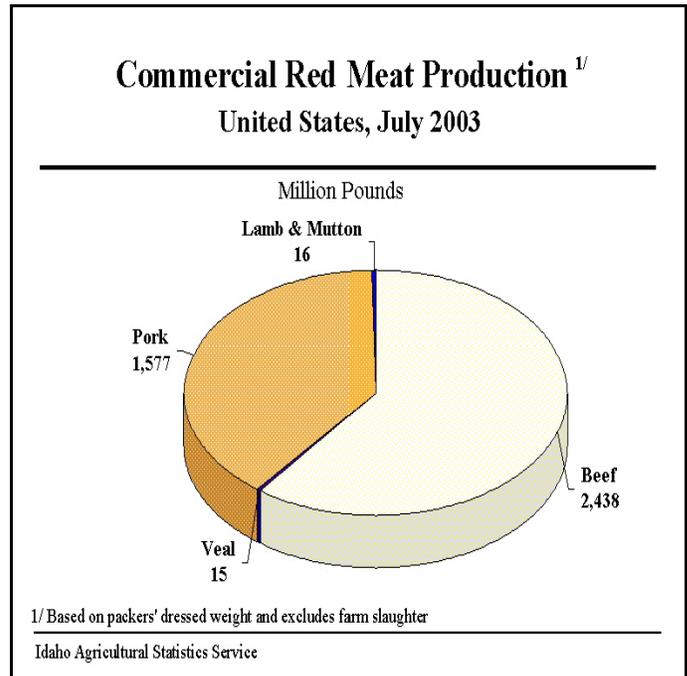
1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

Idaho Red Meat Production Down 11 Percent

Commercial red meat production at Idaho packing plants for July 2003 totaled 50.4 million pounds, down 11 percent from last year. July production was down 2 percent from June's 51.5 million pounds. Accumulated red meat production for the January-July 2003 period totaled 350 million pounds, down 1 percent from the comparable period a year earlier.

Red meat production for the United States totaled 4.05 billion pounds in July, a new record high and up 1 percent from the 4.02 billion pounds produced in July 2002. Beef production, at 2.44 billion pounds, was slightly above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.29 million head, up 3 percent from July 2002. The average live weight was 1,225 pounds, down 23 pounds from July a year ago. Pork production totaled 1.58 billion pounds, up 1 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.10 million head, slightly above July 2002. The average live weight was 2 pounds above the previous year, at 262 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 15.7 million pounds, was down 4 percent from July 2002. Sheep slaughter totaled 239,200 head, 8 percent below last year. The average live weight was 131 pounds, up 5 pounds from July a year ago.

January-July red meat production was 27.1 billion pounds, up slightly from 2002. Accumulated beef production was down slightly from last year, veal was up 2 percent, pork was up 1 percent from last year, and lamb & mutton production was down 10 percent.



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

State	July 2002	June 2003	July 2003	July 2003 As Percent Of ^{2/}	
				July 2002	June 2003
	<i>Million Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
California	117.0	121.0	122.3	105	101
Colorado	201.5	197.9	195.8	97	99
IDAHO	56.7	51.5	50.4	89	98
Illinois	210.7	204.8	209.2	99	102
Iowa	486.8	487.5	496.1	102	102
Kansas	525.5	516.6	545.2	104	106
Minnesota	181.4	182.2	190.3	105	104
Montana	1.4	1.2	1.4	97	118
Nebraska	680.3	659.4	657.7	97	100
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	83	126
Oklahoma	79.6	74.7	79.7	100	107
Oregon	3.9	3.7	3.9	99	105
South Dakota	75.7	73.7	81.0	107	110
Texas	435.8	442.5	469.1	108	106
Utah	46.4	43.9	39.7	86	90
Washington	65.9	54.8	52.0	79	95
Wyoming	0.5	0.5	0.6	110	109
UNITED STATES	4,016.5	3,947.8	4,046.1	101	102

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

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 August 1, 2003 totaled 240,000 head, down 16 percent from the August 1, 2002 inventory. The inventory was down 6 percent from the number on hand as of July 1, 2003. Placements of cattle into State feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during July totaled 56,000 head, up 4,000 head from July 2002 placements. Marketings during July totaled 70,000 head, up 4,000 from the July 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 9.59 million head on August 1, 2003. The inventory was 5 percent below August 1, 2002 and 12 percent below August 1, 2001.

Placements in feedlots during July totaled 1.99 million, 8 percent above 2002 and slightly above 2001. Net placements were 1.93 million.

During July, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 421,000, 600-699 pounds were 414,000, 700-799 pounds were 593,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 564,000. Marketings of fed cattle during July totaled 2.27 million, 4 percent above 2002 and 11 percent above 2001. Other disappearance totaled 60,000 during July, 33 percent above 2002 and 2 percent above 2001.

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

State	August 1, 2002	July 1, 2003	August 1, 2003		
			Number	As % of 2002	As % of July
		<i>---1,000 Head---</i>		<i>---Percent---</i>	
Arizona	285	266	271	95	102
California	485	490	485	100	99
Colorado	990	890	860	87	97
Idaho	285	255	240	84	94
Iowa	320	310	290	91	94
Kansas	2,140	2,160	2,180	102	101
Nebraska	1,790	1,690	1,570	88	93
New Mexico	109	115	116	106	101
Oklahoma	310	350	335	108	96
South Dakota	160	167	148	93	89
Texas	2,740	2,820	2,690	98	95
Washington	165	160	170	103	106
Other States	310	250	230	74	92
United States	10,089	9,923	9,585	95	97

^{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

Frozen stocks of french fries in the United States on July 31, 2003, totaled 856 million pounds, a 5 percent decrease from June 30, 2003, but 1 percent above July 31, 2002. Other frozen potatoes, at 270 million pounds, decreased 4 percent from June stocks but increased 5 percent from last year.

United States stocks of butter on July 31, 2003, totaled 275 million pounds, down 6 percent from the end of the previous month, but up 12 percent from July 31, 2002. Of this 275 million pounds, the government owned 1.07 million pounds. Stocks of American cheese totaled 550 million pounds, up slightly from June 30, 2003 but down 4 percent from last year. The government owned 2.32 million pounds.

Commodity	July 31, 2002	June 30, 2003	July 31, 2003	2003	
				2002	Percent
		<i>1,000 Pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>	
POTATOES:					
French Fries	848,204	900,194	855,701	101	
Other Frozen	258,381	281,594	270,137	105	
Total	1,106,585	1,181,788	1,125,838	102	
DAIRY					
Butter, Total	245,298	292,023	275,335	112	
(Gov't Owned)	1,991	1,377	1,072	54	
Natural Cheese					
American, Total	573,368	549,756	550,411	96	
(Gov't Owned)	572	3,757	2,323	406	

Farm Labor in July

For the Mountain I Region of the U.S. (Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming), there were 31,000 hired workers on farms and ranches the week of July 6-12, 2003, up 3 percent from the 30,000 workers the week of July 7-13, 2002. Hired workers worked an average of 46.7 hours during the survey week at an average wage of \$7.63 per hour, up 1 cent from last year.

There were 1,273,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches the week of July 6-12, 2003, up 1 percent from a year ago. Of these hired workers, 953,000 workers were hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on

farms and ranches made up the remaining 320,000 workers.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage rate of \$8.88 per hour during the July 2003 reference week, up 31 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$8.18 per hour, up 28 cents from last July, while livestock workers earned \$8.62 per hour compared with \$8.38 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$8.28 per hour, was up 26 cents from last year. The number of hours worked averaged 40.0 hours for hired workers during the survey week, unchanged from a year ago.

