

## Idaho Milk Production Up 8.7 Percent

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Idaho milk production during September 2003 totaled 737 million pounds, an 8.7 percent increase from the same month last year, but down 27 million pounds from August 2003. Production for August 2003 totaled 764 million pounds, a 3 million pound decrease from the preliminary estimate, but 5.7 percent above August 2002. Average milk production per cow in September 2003 was 1,790 pounds, 60 pounds more than September 2002, but 70 pounds below August 2003. The average number of milk cows during September was 412,000 head, up 1,000 head from the revised August 2003 estimate and 20,000 head more than September 2002.

Nationally, September milk production in the 20 major States totaled 11.6 billion pounds, down 0.1 percent from production in these same States in September 2002. August revised production, at 12.1 billion pounds, was down 0.9 percent from August 2002. Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,503 pounds for September 2003, 6 pounds above September 2002. The number of milk cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.74 million head, 38,000 head less than September 2002, and 7,000 head less than August 2003.

### Milk Production, Average Number of Cows, Selected States, September 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	150	150	1,660	1,660	249	249	100
California	1,658	1,701	1,700	1,655	2,819	2,815	100
Florida	148	139	1,050	1,020	155	142	92
<b>IDAHO</b>	<b>392</b>	<b>412</b>	<b>1,730</b>	<b>1,790</b>	<b>678</b>	<b>737</b>	<b>109</b>
Illinois	115	108	1,365	1,400	157	151	96
Indiana	147	144	1,375	1,425	202	205	101
Iowa	209	200	1,425	1,470	298	294	99
Kentucky	120	111	990	965	119	107	90
Michigan	300	298	1,605	1,640	482	489	101
Minnesota	480	470	1,340	1,360	643	639	99
Missouri	136	127	1,050	1,115	143	142	99
New Mexico	305	318	1,700	1,705	519	542	104
New York	675	673	1,455	1,420	982	956	97
Ohio	262	259	1,360	1,380	356	357	100
Pennsylvania	587	566	1,460	1,415	857	801	93
Texas	310	312	1,255	1,340	389	418	107
Vermont	153	147	1,400	1,430	214	210	98
Virginia	119	111	1,225	1,165	146	129	88
Washington	247	244	1,855	1,860	458	454	99
Wisconsin	1,268	1,253	1,405	1,440	1,782	1,804	101
<b>20 STATE TOTAL</b>	<b>7,781</b>	<b>7,743</b>	<b>1,497</b>	<b>1,503</b>	<b>11,648</b>	<b>11,641</b>	<b>100</b>

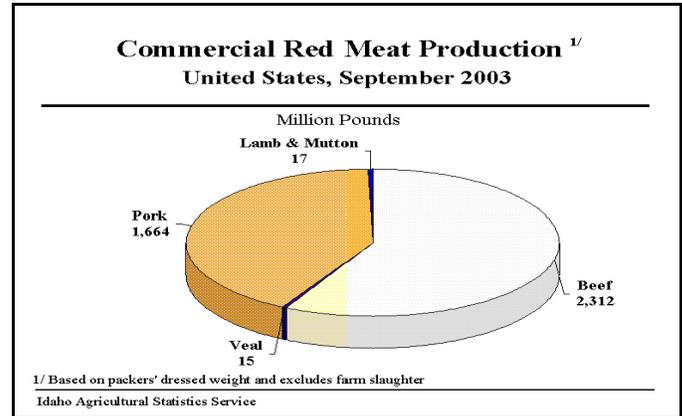
1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

## Idaho Red Meat Production Down 6 Percent

Commercial red meat production at Idaho packing plants for September 2003 totaled 48.3 million pounds, down 6 percent from last year according to the Idaho Agricultural Statistics Service. September production was up 8 percent from August's 44.7 million pounds. Accumulated red meat production for the January-September 2003 period totaled 443 million pounds, down 4 percent from the comparable period a year earlier.

Red meat production for the United States totaled 4.01 billion pounds in September, a monthly record high, up 3 percent from the 3.87 billion pounds produced in September 2002. Beef production, at 2.31 billion pounds and a monthly record high, was 5 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.12 million head, up 9 percent from September 2002. The average live weight was 1,227 pounds, down 36 pounds from September a year ago. Pork production totaled 1.66 billion pounds a monthly record high, up 2 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.55 million head, 1 percent above September 2002. The average live weight was 3 pounds above the previous year, at 263 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 16.9 million pounds, was down 4 percent from September 2002. Sheep slaughter totaled 256,300 head, 7 percent below last year.

The average live weight was 131 pounds, up 3 pounds from September a year ago. January-September red meat production was 35.0 billion pounds, down slightly from 2002. Accumulated beef production was down slightly from last year, veal was down 1 percent, pork was up slightly from last year, and lamb & mutton production was down 9 percent.



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

State	September 2002	August 2003	September 2003	September 2003 As Percent Of <sup>2/</sup>	
				September 2002	August 2003
	<i>Million Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
California	113.2	115.5	120.8	107	105
Colorado	182.8	172.5	165.4	90	96
<b>IDAHO</b>	<b>51.6</b>	<b>44.7</b>	<b>48.3</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>108</b>
Illinois	217.8	205.2	210.6	97	103
Iowa	515.7	514.2	561.2	109	109
Kansas	460.3	534.8	497.3	108	93
Minnesota	188.8	178.8	198.0	105	111
Montana	1.4	1.5	1.3	96	89
Nebraska	624.9	625.6	638.4	102	102
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	98	87
Oklahoma	76.9	77.2	83.6	109	108
Oregon	3.5	3.6	3.6	103	101
South Dakota	83.3	78.8	75.2	90	95
Texas	399.4	448.4	441.8	111	99
Utah	42.7	35.5	40.9	96	115
Washington	55.2	48.3	50.3	91	104
Wyoming	0.4	0.9	0.6	140	65
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>3,873.2</b>	<b>3,912.9</b>	<b>4,008.0</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>102</b>

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

## Idaho Cattle on Feed Down 4 Percent

Cattle on feed for the slaughter market in Idaho from feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head on October 1, 2003 totaled 270,000 head, down 4 percent from the October 1, 2002 inventory. The inventory was up 10 percent from the number on hand September 1, 2003.

Placements of cattle into State feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during September totaled 82,000 head, up 13,000 from September 2002 placements. Marketings during September totaled 56,000 head, down 7,000 from the September 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 10.2 million head on October 1, 2003. The inventory was 2

percent below October 1, 2002 and 8 percent below October 1, 2001. Placements in feedlots during September totaled 2.47 million, 13 percent above 2002 and 16 percent above 2001. Net placements were 2.41 million.

During September, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 698,000, 600-699 pounds were 545,000, 700-799 pounds were 610,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 621,000. Marketings of fed cattle during September totaled 2.03 million, 10 percent above 2002 and 11 percent above 2001. Other disappearance totaled 63,000 during September, 19 percent above 2002 and 37 percent above 2001.

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

State	October 1, 2002	September 1, 2003	October 1, 2003		
			Number	As % of 2002	As % of September
	<i>---1,000 Head---</i>		<i>---Percent---</i>		
Arizona	288	274	275	95	100
California	495	*490	485	98	99
Colorado	1,030	900	950	92	106
<b>Idaho</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>110</b>
Iowa	315	300	310	98	103
Kansas	2,280	2,250	2,300	101	102
Nebraska	1,960	1,660	1,830	93	110
New Mexico	113	121	123	109	102
Oklahoma	330	345	350	106	101
South Dakota	150	134	145	97	108
Texas	2,720	2,700	2,720	100	101
Washington	170	180	190	112	106
Other States	285	235	265	93	113
<b>United States</b>	<b>10,416</b>	<b>*9,834</b>	<b>10,213</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>104</b>

\* Revised. 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 September 30, 2003, totaled 900 million pounds, an increase of 10 percent from August 31, 2003 and up 1 percent from September 30, 2002. Other frozen potatoes, at 260 million pounds, increased 4 percent from August stocks, and increased 3 percent from last year.

United States stocks of butter on September 30, 2003, totaled 205 million pounds, down 19 percent from the end of the previous month, and 2 percent less than in September 30, 2002. Of this 205 million pounds, the government owned 10.2 million pounds. Stocks of American cheese totaled 515 million pounds, down 6 percent from August 31, and unchanged from last year. The government owned 8.84 million pounds, 2 percent of the total cheese stocks.

Commodity	Sept. 30,	Aug. 31,	Sept. 30,	2003
	2002	2003	2003	2002
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>
<b>POTATOES</b>				
French Fries	888,831	821,342	899,616	101
Other Frozen	252,551	249,079	260,128	103
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,141,382</b>	<b>1,070,421</b>	<b>1,159,744</b>	<b>102</b>
<b>DAIRY</b>				
Butter	209,112	253,913	204,625	98
(Gov't Owned)	1,873	9,567	10,172	543
Natural Cheese				
American, Total	512,887	546,627	514,906	100
(Gov't Owned)	887	8,807	8,836	996

## Selected Crops: Area Harvested, Yield, and Production, Idaho & U.S. 2002-2003

	Area Harvested <sup>1/</sup>		Unit	Yield		Production	
	2002	2003		2002	2003	2002	2003
<b>IDAHO</b>	<i>Thousand Acres</i>					<i>Thousands</i>	
Alfalfa Hay	1,250	1,200	Tons	4.00	4.00	5,000	4,800
Other Hay	320	300	Tons	1.90	1.80	608	540
Sugarbeets	210	207	Tons	24.3	27.6	5,103	5,713
Dry Beans <sup>2/</sup>	93	78	Cwt	2,050	2,050	1,907	1,599
<b>UNITED STATES</b>							
Alfalfa Hay	23,135	23,541	Tons	3.19	3.34	73,824	78,523
Other Hay	41,362	40,838	Tons	1.86	2.01	77,138	82,183
Sugarbeets	1,361.1	1,347.7	Tons	20.4	22.2	27,718	29,882
Dry Beans <sup>2/</sup>	1,726.9	1,417.8	Cwt	1,736	1,665	29,974	23,603

<sup>1/</sup>Harvested for principal use of each crop, i.e. beans, dry hay, etc. <sup>2/</sup>Yield in pounds.