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### Idaho Milk Production Up 2.1 Percent

Idaho milk production during May 2004 totaled 764 million pounds, a 2.1 percent increase from the same month last year and 4.2 percent more than April 2004. Revised production for April 2004 totaled 733 million pounds, up 4 million pounds from the preliminary estimate and 2.5 percent above April 2003. Average milk production per cow in May 2004 was 1,840 pounds, 30 pounds less than May 2003 but 70 pounds above April 2004. The average number of milk cows during May was 415,000 head, up 1,000 head from the previous month, and 15,000 head more than May 2003.

Milk production in the 20 major States during May totaled 13.0 billion pounds, down 0.1 percent from May 2003. April revised production, at 12.6 billion pounds, was down 0.8 percent from April 2003. The April revision represented an increase of 4 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,684 pounds for May, 13 pounds above May 2003. The number of milk cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.72 million head, 71,000 head less than May 2003, and 5,000 head less than April 2004.

### Milk Production, Average Number of Cows, Selected States, May 2003-2004

| State                 | Milk Cows 1/      |              | Milk Per Cow 2/ |              | Milk Production 2/    |               | 2004 As Percent of 2003 |
|-----------------------|-------------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------------|---------------|-------------------------|
|                       | 2003              | 2004         | 2003            | 2004         | 2003                  | 2004          |                         |
|                       | <i>1,000 Head</i> |              | <i>Pounds</i>   |              | <i>Million Pounds</i> |               | <i>Percent</i>          |
| Arizona               | 155               | 155          | 2,055           | 2,090        | 319                   | 324           | 102                     |
| California            | 1,685             | 1,720        | 1,835           | 1,835        | 3,092                 | 3,156         | 102                     |
| Florida               | 143               | 138          | 1,385           | 1,490        | 198                   | 206           | 104                     |
| <b>IDAHO</b>          | <b>400</b>        | <b>415</b>   | <b>1,870</b>    | <b>1,840</b> | <b>748</b>            | <b>764</b>    | <b>102</b>              |
| Illinois              | 110               | 108          | 1,650           | 1,620        | 182                   | 175           | 96                      |
| Indiana               | 148               | 148          | 1,700           | 1,700        | 252                   | 252           | 100                     |
| Iowa                  | 203               | 194          | 1,640           | 1,630        | 333                   | 316           | 95                      |
| Kentucky              | 119               | 108          | 1,125           | 1,155        | 134                   | 125           | 93                      |
| Michigan              | 301               | 299          | 1,790           | 1,805        | 539                   | 540           | 100                     |
| Minnesota             | 475               | 460          | 1,530           | 1,550        | 727                   | 713           | 98                      |
| Missouri              | 130               | 124          | 1,345           | 1,380        | 175                   | 171           | 98                      |
| New Mexico            | 315               | 327          | 1,890           | 1,840        | 595                   | 602           | 101                     |
| New York              | 677               | 655          | 1,570           | 1,580        | 1,063                 | 1,035         | 97                      |
| Ohio                  | 261               | 262          | 1,560           | 1,560        | 407                   | 409           | 100                     |
| Pennsylvania          | 580               | 557          | 1,600           | 1,605        | 928                   | 894           | 96                      |
| Texas                 | 320               | 317          | 1,600           | 1,720        | 512                   | 545           | 106                     |
| Vermont               | 149               | 144          | 1,565           | 1,565        | 233                   | 225           | 97                      |
| Virginia              | 115               | 102          | 1,370           | 1,460        | 158                   | 149           | 94                      |
| Washington            | 244               | 240          | 1,975           | 1,970        | 482                   | 473           | 98                      |
| Wisconsin             | 1,257             | 1,243        | 1,540           | 1,545        | 1,936                 | 1,920         | 99                      |
| <b>20 STATE TOTAL</b> | <b>7,787</b>      | <b>7,716</b> | <b>1,671</b>    | <b>1,684</b> | <b>13,013</b>         | <b>12,994</b> | <b>100</b>              |

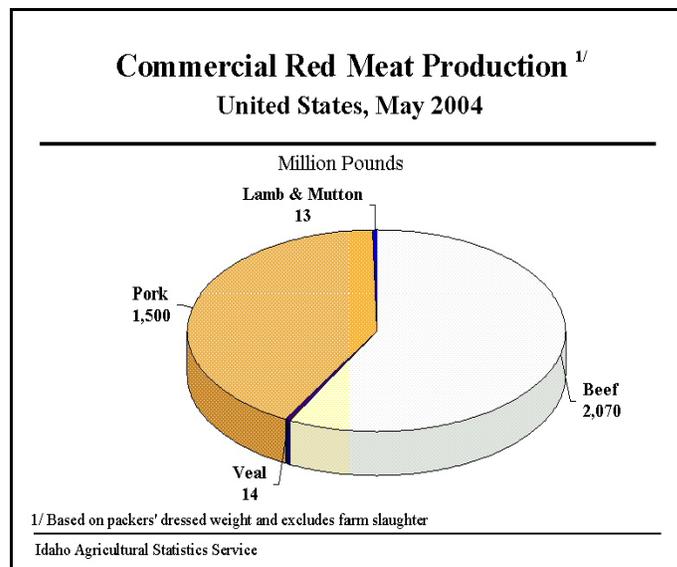
1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

## Idaho Red Meat Production Down 29 Percent

Commercial red meat production at Idaho packing plants for May 2004 totaled 36.6 million pounds, down 29 percent from last year. May production was up 6 percent from April's 34.5 million pounds. Accumulated red meat production for the January-May 2004 period totaled 191 million pounds, down 23 percent from the comparable period a year earlier.

beef production was down 9 percent from last year, veal was down 12 percent, pork was up 3 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 1 percent.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.60 billion pounds in May, down 9 percent from the 3.94 billion pounds produced in May 2003. Beef production, at 2.07 billion pounds, was 12 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.84 million head, down 13 percent from May 2003. The average live weight was down 4 pounds from the previous year, at 1,204 pounds. Veal production totaled 13.8 million pounds, 13 percent below May a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 64,900 head, down 15 percent from May 2003. The average live weight was 12 pounds above last year, at 355 pounds. Pork production totaled 1.50 billion pounds, down 3 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 7.58 million head, 3 percent below May 2003. The average live weight was 1 pound below the previous year, at 266 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 13.0 million pounds, was down 14 percent from May 2003. Sheep slaughter totaled 188,500 head, 15 percent below last year. The average live weight was 138 pounds, up 1 pound from May a year ago.



January to May 2004 commercial red meat production was 18.4 billion pounds, down 4 percent from 2003. Accumulated

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

| State                | May 2003       | April 2004     | May 2004       | May 2004 as percent of <sup>2/</sup> |            |
|----------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------------------------|------------|
|                      |                |                |                | May 2003                             | April 2004 |
|                      | Million Pounds |                |                | Percent                              |            |
| California           | 122.7          | 115.6          | 109.8          | 89                                   | 95         |
| Colorado             | 187.6          | 151.8          | 169.2          | 90                                   | 112        |
| <b>IDAHO</b>         | <b>51.4</b>    | <b>34.5</b>    | <b>36.6</b>    | <b>71</b>                            | <b>106</b> |
| Illinois             | 208.2          | 215.1          | 202.1          | 97                                   | 94         |
| Iowa                 | 492.7          | 553.9          | 478.4          | 97                                   | 86         |
| Kansas               | 503.4          | 441.5          | 468.0          | 93                                   | 106        |
| Minnesota            | 183.2          | 178.5          | 173.0          | 94                                   | 97         |
| Montana              | 1.2            | 1.2            | 1.1            | 97                                   | 96         |
| Nebraska             | 638.6          | 546.8          | 563.8          | 88                                   | 103        |
| Nevada               | 0.1            | 0.1            | 0.1            | 109                                  | 143        |
| Oklahoma             | 79.9           | 93.5           | 81.8           | 102                                  | 87         |
| Oregon               | 3.4            | 3.5            | 3.3            | 97                                   | 96         |
| South Dakota         | 80.6           | 74.7           | 62.4           | 77                                   | 84         |
| Texas                | 454.9          | 377.6          | 399.4          | 88                                   | 106        |
| Utah                 | 38.6           | 34.3           | 34.3           | 89                                   | 100        |
| Washington           | 58.4           | 39.8           | 42.8           | 73                                   | 108        |
| Wyoming              | 0.4            | 0.5            | 0.4            | 97                                   | 91         |
| <b>UNITED STATES</b> | <b>3,942.4</b> | <b>3,713.3</b> | <b>3,597.0</b> | <b>91</b>                            | <b>97</b>  |

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

## All Cattle in Idaho: Top Twelve Counties

| Counties   | January 1, 2003 | Counties   | January 1, 2004 |
|------------|-----------------|------------|-----------------|
|            | Head            |            | Head            |
| Gooding    | 210,000         | Gooding    | 199,000         |
| Cassia     | 176,000         | Cassia     | 193,000         |
| Twin Falls | 156,000         | Twin Falls | 168,000         |
| Jerome     | 150,500         | Jerome     | 151,500         |
| Elmore     | 136,000         | Elmore     | 137,000         |
| Owyhee     | 123,000         | Owyhee     | 126,500         |
| Canyon     | 122,000         | Canyon     | 114,000         |
| Bingham    | 84,500          | Bingham    | 83,500          |
| Ada        | 79,000          | Ada        | 76,500          |
| Jefferson  | 66,500          | Payette    | 73,000          |
| Payette    | 66,500          | Jefferson  | 67,500          |
| Bonneville | 51,500          | Bonneville | 51,000          |

### Idaho Cattle On Feed Down 2 Percent

Cattle on feed for the slaughter market in Idaho from feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head on June 1, 2004 totaled 255,000 head, down 2 percent from the June 1, 2003 inventory. The inventory was up 2 percent from the number on hand May 1, 2004. Placements of cattle into State feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during May totaled 74,000 head, up 21,000 head from May 2003 placements. Marketings during May totaled 67,000 head, the same as May 2003 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 10.62 million head on June 1, 2004. The inventory was 1 percent above June 1, 2003 but 3 percent below June 1, 2002. Placements in feedlots during May totaled 2.36 million, 2 percent above 2003 and 4 percent above 2002. Net placements were 2.28 million. During May, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 495,000, 600-699 pounds were 486,000, 700-799 pounds were 772,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 610,000. Marketings of fed cattle during May totaled 2.03 million, 9 percent below 2003 and 7 percent below 2002. Other disappearance totaled 79,000 during May, 22 percent above 2003 and 3 percent above 2002.

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

| State                | June 1, 2003     | May 1, 2004   | June 1, 2004  |              |             |
|----------------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|
|                      |                  |               | Number        | As % of 2003 | As % of May |
|                      | ---1,000 Head--- |               | ---Percent--- |              |             |
| Arizona              | 266              | 295           | 294           | 111          | 100         |
| California           | 485              | 500           | 520           | 107          | 104         |
| Colorado             | 990              | 940           | 1,010         | 102          | 107         |
| <b>Idaho</b>         | <b>260</b>       | <b>250</b>    | <b>255</b>    | <b>98</b>    | <b>102</b>  |
| Iowa                 | 345              | 415           | 400           | 116          | 96          |
| Kansas               | 2,270            | 2,240         | 2,250         | 99           | 100         |
| Nebraska             | 1,930            | 2,100         | 2,010         | 104          | 96          |
| New Mexico           | 110              | 105           | 119           | 108          | 113         |
| Oklahoma             | 360              | 310           | 330           | 92           | 106         |
| South Dakota         | 198              | 200           | 188           | 95           | 94          |
| Texas                | 2,880            | 2,560         | 2,810         | 98           | 110         |
| Washington           | 160              | 160           | 155           | 97           | 97          |
| Other States         | 285              | 285           | 275           | 96           | 96          |
| <b>United States</b> | <b>10,539</b>    | <b>10,360</b> | <b>10,616</b> | <b>101</b>   | <b>102</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.

## Frozen Potato Stocks

Frozen stocks of french fries in the United States on May 31, 2004, totaled 894 million pounds, a 2 percent increase from April 30, 2004, and up 3 percent from May 31, 2003. Other frozen potatoes, at 292 million pounds, increased 3 percent from April stocks and increased 21 percent from last year.

United States stocks of butter on May 31, 2004, totaled 181 million pounds, up 16 percent from the end of the previous month, but down 39 percent from May 31, 2003. Of this 181 million pounds, the government owned 255,000 pounds. Stocks of American cheese totaled 559 million pounds, up 6 percent from April 30, 2004 and up 4 percent from last year. The government owned a total of 9.86 million pounds.

| Commodity                         | May 31,<br>2003     | April 30,<br>2004 | May 31,<br>2004 | 2004           |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-----------------|----------------|
|                                   |                     |                   |                 | 2003           |
|                                   | <i>1,000 Pounds</i> |                   |                 | <i>Percent</i> |
| POTATOES                          |                     |                   |                 |                |
| French Fries                      | 866,543             | 874,233           | 894,406         | 103            |
| Other Frozen                      | 240,083             | 284,469           | 291,617         | 121            |
| TOTAL                             | 1,106,626           | 1,158,702         | 1,186,023       | 107            |
| DAIRY                             |                     |                   |                 |                |
| Butter                            | 297,959             | 155,718           | 180,741         | 61             |
| (Gov't Owned)                     | 8,938               | 400               | 255             | 3              |
| Natural Cheese<br>American, Total | 538,513             | 528,510           | 558,832         | 104            |
| (Govt. Owned)                     | 2,543               | 9,691             | 9,858           | 388            |