

## Idaho Red Meat Production Down 31 Percent

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Commercial red meat production at Idaho packing plants for August 2004 totaled 30.7 million pounds, down 31 percent from last year. August production was down 15 percent from July's 36.3 million pounds. Accumulated red meat production for the January-August 2004 period totaled 298 million pounds, down 24 percent from the comparable period a year earlier.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.88 billion pounds in August, down 1 percent from the 3.92 billion pounds produced in August 2003. Beef production, at 2.15 billion pounds, was 8 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.82 million head, down 10 percent from August 2003. The average live weight was up 27 pounds from the previous year, at 1,252 pounds. Veal production totaled 13.9 million pounds, 2 percent below August a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 72,800 head, down 9 percent from August 2003. The average live weight was 26 pounds above last year, at 320 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.70 billion pounds, up 9 percent from the previous year, and was a record monthly high. Hog kill totaled 8.72 million head, 8 percent above August 2003. The average live weight was 2 pounds above the previous year, at 262 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 15.1 million pounds, was down 4 percent from August 2003. Sheep slaughter totaled 232,600 head, 4 percent below last year. The average live weight was 129 pounds, unchanged from August a year ago. January to August 2004 commercial red meat production was 29.9 billion pounds, down 4 percent from 2003. Accumulated beef production was down 9 percent from last year, veal was down 10 percent, pork was up 4 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 2 percent.

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

State	August 2003	July 2004	August 2004	August 2004 As Percent Of <sup>2/</sup>	
				August 2003	July 2004
	<i>Million Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
California	115.3	115.3	122.0	106	106
Colorado	172.3	178.7	176.1	102	99
<b>IDAHO</b>	<b>44.4</b>	<b>36.3</b>	<b>30.7</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>85</b>
Illinois	205.1	209.3	28.5	111	109
Iowa	514.3	523.7	549.0	107	105
Kansas	534.4	486.5	500.2	94	103
Minnesota	178.8	*185.7	190.1	106	102
Montana	1.7	1.3	1.5	90	117
Nebraska	628.3	*562.1	592.3	94	105
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	99	83
Oklahoma	77.2	80.0	84.6	11	106
Oregon	3.6	3.3	3.8	106	115
South Dakota	78.9	74.5	83.3	106	112
Texas	447.7	399.8	406.0	91	102
Utah	35.6	34.2	35.8	100	105
Washington	48.3	42.5	39.3	81	92
Wyoming	0.9	0.5	0.9	101	175
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>3,916.7</b>	<b>*3708.8</b>	<b>3,878.0</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>105</b>

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

## 2003 Idaho Potato Crop Valued at \$542 Million

The final value of Idaho's 2003 potato crop was \$542 million, \$125 million below 2002's value of \$667 million. The market year average price received by growers, of \$4.40 per cwt, was below the 2002 level of \$5.00 per cwt.

Idaho's growers sold 113 million cwt from their 2003 crop while using 1.46 million cwt on the farm for seed, feed and household consumption. The remaining 8.90 million cwt was lost to shrinkage, decay and dumping. Fresh market sales accounted for 32.7 million cwt of the 2003 crop, down from the 2002 crop, while processing accounted for 70.1 million cwt, compared to 78.2 million cwt in 2002.

Processors in Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon used a total of 77.5 million cwt of 2003 crop potatoes compared to 85.4 million cwt used in 2002. Of the total processed, 70.1 million cwt were Idaho potatoes.

Processing in Idaho and Malheur County accounted for 56.9 percent of Idaho's production compared to 58.6 percent of the 2002 crop.

## Idaho Milk Production Up 5.0 Percent

Idaho milk production during August 2004 totaled 802 million pounds, a 5.0 percent increase from the same month last year, and up 8 million pounds from July 2004. Revised production for July 2004 totaled 794 million pounds, up 18 million pounds from the preliminary estimate and 3.5 percent above July 2003. Average milk production per cow in August 2004 was 1,860 pounds, same as August 2003 and July 2004. The average number of milk cows during August was 431,000 head, up 4,000 head from July 2004, and up 20,000 head from August 2003.

Milk production in the 20 major States during August totaled 12.4 billion pounds, up 1.5 percent from August 2003. July revised production, at 12.5 billion pounds, was up 1.0 percent from July 2003. The July revision represented an increase of 36 million pounds or 0.3 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,595 pounds for August, 24 pounds above August 2003. The number of milk cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.77 million head, 5,000 head less than August 2003, but 7,000 head more than July 2004.

## Milk Production, Average Number of Cows, Selected States, August 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	163	1,610	1,740	250	284	114
California	1,693	1,733	1,755	1,775	2,971	3,076	104
Florida	140	138	1,120	1,225	157	169	108
<b>IDAHO</b>	<b>411</b>	<b>431</b>	<b>1,860</b>	<b>1,860</b>	<b>764</b>	<b>802</b>	<b>105</b>
Illinois	110	107	1,480	1,490	163	159	98
Indiana	152	149	1,610	1,610	245	240	98
Iowa	200	190	1,540	1,545	308	294	95
Kentucky	112	110	975	1,045	109	115	106
Michigan	304	303	1,805	1,755	549	532	97
Minnesota	470	465	1,420	1,440	667	670	100
Missouri	128	121	1,125	1,210	144	146	101
New Mexico	317	330	1,750	1,740	555	574	103
New York	671	654	1,475	1,500	990	981	99
Ohio	260	266	1,420	1,440	369	383	104
Pennsylvania	571	560	1,480	1,475	845	826	98
Texas	320	320	1,310	1,465	419	469	112
Vermont	147	145	1,470	1,495	216	217	100
Virginia	112	104	1,190	1,350	133	140	105
Washington	244	237	1,960	1,925	478	456	95
Wisconsin	1,254	1,240	1,495	1,495	1,875	1,854	99
<b>20 STATE TOTAL</b>	<b>7,771</b>	<b>7,766</b>	<b>1,571</b>	<b>1,595</b>	<b>12,207</b>	<b>12,387</b>	<b>101</b>

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

## Idaho Cattle On Feed Unchanged

Cattle on feed for the slaughter market in Idaho from feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head on September 1, 2004 totaled 245,000 head, the same as the September 1, 2003 inventory. The inventory was up 4 percent from the number on hand August 1, 2004. Placements of cattle into State feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during August totaled 58,000 head, the same as August 2003 placements. Marketings during August totaled 47,000 head, down 5,000 from August 2003 marketings.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 9.97 million head on September 1, 2004. The inventory was 1 percent above September 1, 2003 but 2 percent below September 1, 2002.

Placements in feedlots during August totaled 2.10 million, 12 percent below 2003 and 6 percent below 2002.

Net placements were 2.04 million. During August, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 506,000, 600-699 pounds were 413,000, 700-799 pounds were 565,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 615,000. Marketings of fed cattle during August totaled 1.92 million, 7 percent below 2003 and 10 percent below 2002. Other disappearance totaled 56,000 during August, 7 percent below 2003 but 30 percent above 2002.

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

State	September 1, 2003	August 1, 2004	September 1, 2004		
			Number	As % of 2003	As % of August
	<i>---1,000 Head---</i>		<i>---Percent---</i>		
Arizona	274	294	296	108	101
California	490	520	520	106	100
Colorado	900	880	930	103	106
<b>Idaho</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>104</b>
Iowa	300	380	375	125	99
Kansas	2,250	2,120	2,130	95	100
Nebraska	1,660	1,750	1,800	108	103
New Mexico	121	127	129	107	102
Oklahoma	345	315	325	94	103
South Dakota	134	157	138	103	88
Texas	2,700	2,670	2,670	99	100
Washington	185	150	160	86	107
Other States	235	255	255	109	100
<b>United States</b>	<b>9,839</b>	<b>9,853</b>	<b>9,973</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>101</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

Frozen stocks of french fries in the United States on August 31, 2004 totaled 876 million pounds, a 2 percent increase from July 31, 2004, and up 7 percent above August 31, 2003. Other frozen potatoes, at 251 million pounds, decreased 3 percent from the previous month stocks but increased 1 percent from last year.

United States stocks of butter on August 31, 2004 totaled 163 million pounds, down 16 percent from the end of the previous month, and down 36 percent from August 31, 2003. Of this 163 million pounds, the government owned 35,000 pounds. Stocks of American cheese totaled 573 million pounds, down 7 percent from July 31, 2004, but 5 percent above August 31, 2003. The government owned 7.08 million pounds of the American cheese stocks.

Commodity	Aug 31,	Jul 31,	Aug 31,	2004
	2003	2004	2004	2003
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>
<b>POTATOES:</b>				
French Fries	821,342	858,246	875,662	107
Other Frozen	249,079	258,824	251,268	101
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,070,421</b>	<b>1,117,070</b>	<b>1,126,930</b>	<b>105</b>
<b>DAIRY:</b>				
Butter	253,913	193,520	162,897	64
(Gov't Owned)	9,567	136	35	0
Natural Cheese				
American,	546,627	615,904	572,753	105
(Gov't Owned)	8,807	7,077	7,076	80

## September 1 Hop Stocks Down 12 Percent

The inventory of hops held by growers, dealers, and brewers on September 1, 2004, totaled 61.0 million pounds, 12 percent less than September 1, 2003, and 6 percent below September 1, 2002.

Stock held by brewers, at 30.0 million pounds, were down 5 million pounds from September 1, 2003 and September 1, 2002. This was a 14 percent decline. Stocks held by growers and dealers on September 1, 2004 were 31.0 million pounds, 9 percent less than the stocks on hand last year.

