



Idaho Milk Production Up 4.4 Percent

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Idaho milk production during September 2004 totaled 767 million pounds, a 4.4 percent increase from the same month last year, but down 30 million pounds from August 2004. Revised production for August 2004 totaled 797 million pounds, down 5 million pounds from the preliminary estimate and 4.3 percent above August 2003. Average milk production per cow in September 2004 was 1,780 pounds, same as September 2003 but 70 pounds below August 2004. The average number of milk cows during September was 431,000 head, unchanged from August 2004, but up 18,000 head from September 2003. Milk production in the 20 major States during September totaled 11.9 billion pounds, up 1.3 percent from September 2003. August revised production, at 12.4 billion pounds, was up 1.4 percent from August 2003. The August revision represented a decrease of 11 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,529 pounds for September, 18 pounds above September 2003. The number of milk cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.77 million head, 6,000 head more than September 2003, and 4,000 head more than August 2004. Milk production in the U.S. during the July-September quarter totaled 42.2 billion pounds, up 1.1 percent from the July-September quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the U.S. during the quarter was 9.03 million head, 40,000 head less than the same period last year.

Milk Production, Average Number of Cows, Selected States, September 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	165	1,605	1,675	249	276	111
California	1,695	1,737	1,670	1,710	2,831	2,970	105
Florida	139	137	1,020	1,115	142	153	108
IDAHO	413	431	1,780	1,780	735	767	104
Illinois	109	107	1,420	1,440	155	154	99
Indiana	155	150	1,575	1,540	244	231	95
Iowa	200	190	1,490	1,480	298	281	94
Kentucky	111	109	975	1,000	108	109	101
Michigan	304	303	1,755	1,685	534	511	96
Minnesota	470	465	1,355	1,365	637	635	100
Missouri	127	121	1,090	1,150	138	139	101
New Mexico	318	330	1,705	1,670	542	551	102
New York	668	654	1,430	1,420	955	929	97
Ohio	259	266	1,380	1,380	357	367	103
Pennsylvania	566	562	1,415	1,415	801	795	99
Texas	320	320	1,305	1,405	418	450	108
Vermont	147	145	1,430	1,430	210	207	99
Virginia	111	104	1,175	1,290	130	134	103
Washington	244	235	1,865	1,855	455	436	96
Wisconsin	1,253	1,239	1,430	1,440	1,792	1,784	100
20 STATE TOTAL	7,764	7,770	1,511	1,529	11,731	11,879	101

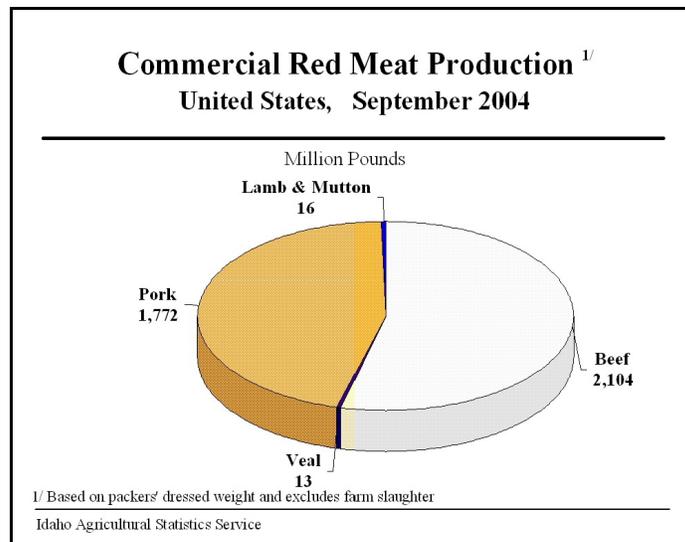
1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

Idaho Red Meat Production Down 21 Percent

Commercial red meat production at Idaho packing plants for September 2004 totaled 38.1 million pounds, down 21 percent from last year. September production was up 24 percent from August's 30.7 million pounds. Accumulated red meat production for the January-September 2004 period totaled 336 million pounds, down 24 percent from the comparable period a year earlier.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.91 billion pounds in September, down 3 percent from the 4.01 billion pounds produced in September 2003. Beef production, at 2.10 billion pounds, was 9 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.74 million head, down 13 percent from September 2003. The average live weight was up 38 pounds from the previous year, at 1,266 pounds. Veal production totaled 13.0 million pounds, 15 percent below September a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 67,300 head, down 18 percent from September 2003. The average live weight was 13 pounds above last year, at 321 pounds. Pork production totaled 1.77 billion pounds, up 6 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.00 million head, 5 percent above September 2003.

The average live weight was 2 pounds above the previous year, at 265 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 16.3 million pounds, was down 4 percent from September 2003. Sheep slaughter totaled 243,600 head, 5 percent below last year. The average live weight was 133 pounds, up 2 pounds from September a year ago. January to September 2004 commercial red meat production was 33.8 billion pounds, down 3 percent from 2003. Accumulated beef production was down 9 percent from last year, veal was down 11 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^{1/}

State	September 2003	August 2004	September 2004	September 2004 As Percent of ^{2/}	
				September 2003	August 2004
	<i>Million Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
California	120.8	122.0	124.6	103	102
Colorado	165.2	176.1	176.2	107	100
IDAHO	48.1	30.7	38.1	79	124
Illinois	210.2	228.5	227.8	108	100
Iowa	561.5	549.0	568.0	101	103
Kansas	496.9	500.2	467.7	94	94
Minnesota	198.0	190.1	199.6	101	105
Montana	1.5	1.5	1.3	81	82
Nebraska	642.2	592.3	597.6	93	101
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	116	101
Oklahoma	83.6	84.6	84.1	101	99
Oregon	3.7	3.8	3.4	94	90
South Dakota	75.4	83.3	86.7	115	104
Texas	439.7	406.0	401.0	91	99
Utah	41.1	*36.0	35.7	87	99
Washington	50.3	39.3	36.9	73	94
Wyoming	0.6	0.9	0.6	99	64
UNITED STATES	4,014.3	*3,878.4	3,905.3	97	101

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

Idaho Cattle on Feed Up 2 Percent

Cattle on feed for the slaughter market in Idaho from feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head on October 1, 2004 totaled 275,000 head, up 2 percent from the October 1, 2003 inventory. The inventory was up 12 percent from the number on hand September 1, 2004. Placements of cattle into State feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during September totaled 84,000 head, up 2,000 from September 2003 placements. Marketings during September totaled 53,000 head, down 3,000 from September 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 10.5 million head on October 1, 2004.

The inventory was 3 percent above October 1, 2003 and up slightly from October 1, 2002. Placements in feedlots during September totaled 2.37 million, 4 percent below 2003 but 8 percent above 2002. Net placements were 2.31 million. During September, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 623,000, 600-699 pounds were 474,000, 700-799 pounds were 557,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 720,000. Marketings of fed cattle during September totaled 1.80 million, 11 percent below 2003 and 3 percent below 2002. Other disappearance totaled 61,000 during September, 3 percent below 2003 but 15 percent above 2002.

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

State	October 1, 2003	September 1, 2004	October 1, 2004		
			Number	As % of 2003	As % of September
	<i>---1,000 Head---</i>		<i>---Percent---</i>		
Arizona	275	296	298	108	101
California	485	520	520	107	100
Colorado	950	930	1,020	107	110
Idaho	270	245	275	102	112
Iowa	310	375	375	121	100
Kansas	2,300	2,130	2,220	97	104
Nebraska	1,830	1,800	1,940	106	108
New Mexico	123	129	125	102	97
Oklahoma	350	325	340	97	105
South Dakota	145	138	143	99	104
Texas	2,720	2,670	2,770	102	104
Washington	195	160	175	90	109
Other States	265	255	285	108	112
United States	10,218	9,973	10,486	103	105

^{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, 2004, totaled 924 million pounds, an increase of 5 percent from August 31, 2004 and up 3 percent from September 30, 2003. Other frozen potatoes, at 263 million pounds, increased 5 percent from August stocks, and increased 2 percent from last year.

United States stocks of butter on September 30, 2004, totaled 135 million pounds, down 16 percent from the end of the previous month, and down 35 percent from September 30, 2003. Of this 135 million pounds, the government owned 50,000 pounds. Stocks of American cheese totaled 553 million pounds, down 3 percent from August 31, but up 7 percent from last year. The government owned 6.45 million pounds, a small percentage of the total stocks.

Commodity	Sept. 30,	Aug. 31,	Sept. 30,	2004
	2003	2004	2004	2003
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>	
POTATOES				
French Fries	893,934	877,320	923,726	103
Other Frozen	257,764	249,711	263,160	102
Total	1,151,698	1,127,031	1,186,886	103
DAIRY				
Butter	207,175	161,025	134,858	65
(Gov't Owned)	10,172	35	50	
Natural Cheese				
American, Total	516,845	568,783	552,801	107
(Gov't Owned)	8,836	7,076	6,454	73

Selected Crops: Area Harvested, Yield, and Production, Idaho & U.S. 2003-2004

	Area Harvested ^{1/}		Unit	Yield		Production	
	2003	2004		2003	2004	2003	2004
IDAHO	<i>Thousand Acres</i>					<i>Thousands</i>	
Alfalfa Hay	1,200	1,180	Tons	3.70	3.60	4,440	4,248
Other Hay	300	300	Tons	1.70	1.80	510	540
Sugarbeets	207	192	Tons	29.2	27.1	6,044	5,203
Dry Beans ^{2/}	73	78	Cwt	2,050	2,100	1,497	1,638
UNITED STATES							
Alfalfa Hay	23,578	22,226	Tons	3.24	3.48	76,307	77,371
Other Hay	39,764	39,363	Tons	2.03	2.25	80,816	88,549
Sugarbeets	1,347.9	1,326.0	Tons	22.7	21.7	30,583	28,840
Dry Beans ^{2/}	1,346.9	1,250.1	Cwt	1,672	1,495	22,515	18,693

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