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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, according to the Idaho Agricultural Statistics Service. 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.

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