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Idaho Milk Production up 4.4 Percent

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, according to the Idaho Agricultural Statistics Service. 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 less than September 2003, but 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.

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