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MINNESOTA'S JANUARY MILK OUTPUT DOWN 1 PERCENT

January 2005 milk production totaled 695 million pounds in Minnesota, down 1 percent from the 700 million pounds produced in January 2004, according to the Minnesota Agricultural Statistics Service. December milk output at 679 million pounds was not revised.

Minnesota production per cow averaged 1,510 pounds in January 2005, up 5 pounds from last January. The December 2004 rate at 1,475 pounds was not revised. The average number of milk cows on farms in Minnesota during January 2005 was 460,000 head, the same as December, but down 5,000 from a year ago.

JANUARY MILK PRODUCTION UP 1 PERCENT IN MAJOR STATES

Milk production during January 2005 totaled 13.23 billion pounds, up 1 percent from January 2004 in the 23 major states. Revised December production for the 23 states was 13.04 billion pounds. Production per cow in the 23 states averaged 1,637 pounds during January 2005, up 13 pounds from January 2004. Revised December output per cow was 1,610 pounds. The number of milk cows in the 23 major states during January averaged 8.08 million head, up 38,000 from a year ago.

MILK PRODUCTION, MAJOR STATES

State	MILK COWS			RATE PER COW			MILK PRODUCTION			
	Jan 2004	Dec 2004 Rev.	Jan 2005	Jan 2004	Dec 2004 Rev.	Jan 2005	Jan 2004	Dec 2004 Rev.	Jan 2005	2005 as % of 2004
	<u>Thousand Head</u>			<u>Pounds</u>			<u>Million Pounds</u>			<u>Percent</u>
CA	1,701	1,741	1,739	1,760	1,775	1,770	2,994	3,090	3,078	103
ID	412	435	435	1,800	1,800	1,800	742	783	783	106
MN	465	460	460	1,505	1,475	1,510	700	679	695	99
NY	658	650	650	1,490	1,485	1,535	980	965	998	102
PA	563	565	564	1,500	1,490	1,540	845	842	869	103
WI	1,245	1,236	1,235	1,505	1,490	1,510	1,874	1,842	1,865	100
23 States	8,044	8,097	8,082	1,624	1,610	1,637	13,061	13,037	13,229	101

MINNESOTA'S 2004 MILK PRODUCTION FALLS 2 PERCENT

Minnesota's dairy cows produced an annual average of 17,499 pounds per cow in the year 2004, 40 pounds more than the 17,459 pounds per cow in 2003. The 2004 estimate of milk production is now set at 8,102 million pounds. This was a drop of 2% from the 2003 total of 8,258 million pounds, and represents the lowest annual milk output for Minnesota since 1952.