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MINNESOTA'S FEBRUARY MILK OUTPUT DOWN 3 PERCENT

February 2005 milk production totaled 639 million pounds in Minnesota, down 3 percent from the 658 million pounds produced in February 2004, according to the Minnesota Agricultural Statistics Service. Revised January milk output was 699 million pounds.

Minnesota production per cow averaged 1,405 pounds in February 2005, down 10 pounds from last February. A portion of this decrease can be attributed to leap year, with February 2005 having one less day than February 2004. The revised January rate was 1,520 pounds per cow. The average number of milk cows on farms in Minnesota during February 2005 was 455,000 head, down 5,000 from January, and down 10,000 from a year ago.

Accumulated Minnesota milk production for the first 2 months of 2005 was 1.34 billion pounds, down 1 percent from the same period a year ago.

FEBRUARY MILK PRODUCTION DOWN 1 PERCENT IN MAJOR STATES

Milk production during February 2005 totaled 12.24 billion pounds, down 1 percent from February 2004 in the 23 major states. Revised January production for the 23 states was 13.26 billion pounds. Production per cow in the 23 states averaged 1,516 pounds during February 2005, down 15 pounds from February 2004. Revised January output per cow was 1,640 pounds. The number of milk cows in the 23 major states during February averaged 8.07 million head, up 23,000 from a year ago.

Accumulated milk production in the 23 major states for the first 2 months of 2005 was 13.26 billion pounds, up less than half of 1 percent from the same period a year ago.

MILK PRODUCTION, MAJOR STATES

State	MILK COWS			RATE PER COW			MILK PRODUCTION			
	Feb 2004	Jan 2005 Rev.	Feb 2005	Feb 2004	Jan 2005 Rev.	Feb 2005	Feb 2004	Jan 2005 Rev.	Feb 2005	2005 as % of 2004
	<u>Thousand Head</u>			<u>Pounds</u>			<u>Million Pounds</u>			<u>Percent</u>
CA	1,706	1,739	1,742	1,675	1,770	1,635	2,858	3,078	2,848	100
ID	412	436	437	1,660	1,830	1,660	684	798	725	106
MN	465	460	455	1,415	1,520	1,405	658	699	639	97
NY	660	650	650	1,400	1,535	1,415	924	998	920	100
PA	564	564	560	1,425	1,540	1,420	804	869	795	99
WI	1,245	1,235	1,234	1,405	1,510	1,390	1,749	1,865	1,715	98
23 States	8,051	8,083	8,074	1,531	1,640	1,516	12,329	13,258	12,240	99