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MINNESOTA'S APRIL MILK OUTPUT DOWN 4 PERCENT

April 2004 milk production totaled 688 million pounds in Minnesota, down 4 percent from the 713 million pounds produced in April 2003, according to the Minnesota Agricultural Statistics Service. March milk output at 702 million pounds was not revised.

Minnesota production per cow averaged 1,480 pounds in April 2004, down 20 pounds from last April. The March rate of 1,510 pounds per cow was not revised. The average number of milk cows on farms in Minnesota during April 2004 was 465,000 head, the same as March, but 10,000 below a year ago.

Accumulated Minnesota milk production for the first 4 months of 2004 was 2.75 billion pounds, down 3 percent from the same period a year ago.

APRIL MILK PRODUCTION DOWN 1 PERCENT IN MAJOR STATES

Milk production during April 2004 totaled 12.58 billion pounds, down 1 percent from April 2003 in the 20 major states. Revised March production for the 20 states was 12.80 billion pounds. Production per cow in the 20 states averaged 1,630 pounds during April 2004, up 3 pounds from April 2003. Revised March output per cow was 1,658 pounds. The number of milk cows in the 20 major states during April averaged 7.72 million head, down 81,000 from a year ago.

Accumulated milk production in the 20 major states for the first 4 months of 2004 was 49.66 billion pounds, down 1 percent from the same period a year ago.

MILK PRODUCTION, MAJOR STATES

State	MILK COWS			RATE PER COW			MILK PRODUCTION			
	Apr 2003	Mar 2004 Rev.	Apr 2004	Apr 2003	Mar 2004 Rev.	Apr 2004	Apr 2003	Mar 2004 Rev.	Apr 2004	2004 as % of 2003
	<u>Thousand Head</u>			<u>Pounds</u>			<u>Million Pounds</u>			<u>Percent</u>
CA	1,685	1,710	1,714	1,800	1,810	1,790	3,033	3,095	3,068	101
ID	397	413	414	1,800	1,780	1,760	715	735	729	102
MN	475	465	465	1,500	1,510	1,480	713	702	688	96
NY	679	660	658	1,505	1,510	1,480	1,022	997	974	95
PA	582	564	561	1,575	1,570	1,550	917	885	870	95
WI	1,260	1,244	1,243	1,480	1,540	1,500	1,865	1,916	1,865	100
20 States	7,800	7,717	7,719	1,627	1,658	1,630	12,693	12,798	12,584	99