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MINNESOTA'S SEPTEMBER OUTPUT DOWN SLIGHTLY

September 2004 milk production totaled 635 million pounds in Minnesota, down less than half of 1 percent from the 637 million pounds produced in September 2003, according to the Minnesota Agricultural Statistics Service. August milk output at 670 million pounds was not revised.

Minnesota production per cow averaged 1,365 pounds in September 2004, up 10 pounds from last September. The August rate at 1,440 pounds per cow was not revised. The average number of milk cows on farms in Minnesota during September 2004 was 465,000 head, the same as August, but 5,000 below a year ago.

Accumulated Minnesota milk production for the first 9 months of 2004 was 6.13 billion pounds, down 2 percent from the same period a year ago.

SEPTEMBER MILK PRODUCTION UP 1 PERCENT IN MAJOR STATES

Milk production during September 2004 totaled 11.88 billion pounds, up 1 percent from September 2003 in the 20 major states. Revised August production for the 20 states was 12.38 billion pounds. Production per cow in the 20 states averaged 1,529 pounds during September 2004, up 18 pounds from September 2003. Revised August output per cow was 1,594 pounds. The number of milk cows in the 20 major states during September averaged 7.77 million head, up 6,000 from a year ago.

Accumulated milk production in the 20 major states for the first 9 months of 2004 was 111.88 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			
	Sep 2003	Aug 2004 Rev.	Sep 2004	Sep 2003	Aug 2004 Rev.	Sep 2004	Sep 2003	Aug 2004 Rev.	Sep 2004	2004 as % of 2003
	<u>Thousand Head</u>			<u>Pounds</u>			<u>Million Pounds</u>			<u>Percent</u>
CA	1,695	1,733	1,737	1,670	1,775	1,710	2,831	3,076	2,970	105
ID	413	431	431	1,780	1,850	1,780	735	797	767	104
MN	470	465	465	1,355	1,440	1,365	637	670	635	100
NY	668	654	654	1,430	1,500	1,420	955	981	929	97
PA	566	560	562	1,415	1,475	1,415	801	826	795	99
WI	1,253	1,240	1,239	1,430	1,495	1,440	1,792	1,854	1,784	100
20 States	7,764	7,766	7,770	1,511	1,594	1,529	11,731	12,376	11,879	101