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UP 7.4 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

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AUSTIN Texas milk production totaled 710 million pounds during February, up 7.4 percent from last year's production of 661 million pounds. January 2009 production totaled 765 million pounds.

The number of milk cows during February averaged 430,000 head, up 26,000 head from last year but unchanged from the January 2009 number. Production per cow averaged 1,650 pounds during February, 15 pounds more than last year but 130 pounds less than January 2009.

Milk production in the 23 states participating in the monthly survey totaled 13.7 billion pounds, down 2.5 percent from production in these same states in February 2008. January revised production, at 14.9 billion pounds, was up 1.1 percent from January 2008.

Production per cow during February averaged 1,608 pounds, down 48 pounds from a year ago. The average number of milk cows in the 23 states was 8.49 million head, 31,000 head more than last year but 16,000 head less than January 2009.

Special Note

NASS added Utah to the monthly estimating program and removed Kentucky beginning with this report. Historic estimates have been created for Utah for 2008 and January 2009 for comparison purposes. The inclusion of Utah and exclusion of Kentucky accounted for 43 of the 52 million pound revision to the 23-State milk production total for January 2009. The remaining 9 million pounds was a result of the normal revision process.