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HIGHLIGHTS IN THIS REPORT

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United States Milk Production

Milk production in the 23 major states during June totaled 14.7 billion pounds, up 3.4 percent from June 2007. May revised production, at 15.4 billion pounds, was up 3.5 percent from May 2007. The May revision represented an increase of 14 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

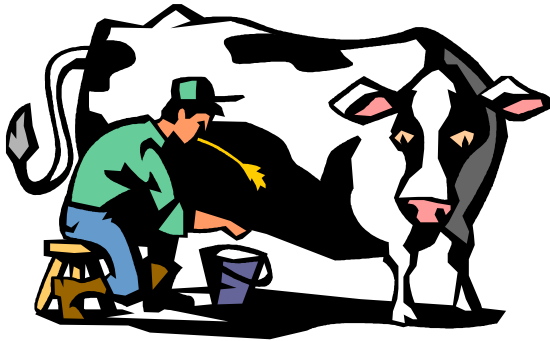
Production per cow in the 23 major states averaged 1,737 pounds for June, 25 pounds above June 2007.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major states was 8.5 million head, 158,000 head more than June 2007, and 1,000 head more than May 2008.

Milk production in the U.S. during the April - June quarter totaled 48.7 billion pounds, up 2.7 percent from the April - June quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the U.S. during the quarter was 9.3 million head, 136,000 head more than the same period last year.

Louisiana Milk Production

Louisiana dairies produced an estimated 90 million pounds of milk during the April-June 2008 quarter, down 7 percent from the same period in 2007. The number of milk cows averaged 26,000 head during the quarter, down 10 percent from last year.



Milk Production: Selected States, April - June 2007 – 2008

Selected States	April-June Milk Cows ¹		April-June Milk Production ²	
	2007	2008	2007	2008
	----- Thousands -----		----- Million Pounds -----	
Alabama	13	12	54	52
Arkansas	17.5	16.0	60	56
Louisiana	29	26	97	90
Mississippi	21	21	90	81
Oklahoma	69	64	295	268
Tennessee	64	59	272	257
Texas	347	373	1,900	2,174
23 Major States ³	8,297	8,456	43,546	44,911
United States	9,138	9,274	47,419	48,703

¹ Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh.

² Excludes milk sucked by calves.

³ Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, Washington and Wisconsin.

United States Wheat Production

Winter Wheat production is forecast at 1.9 billion bushels, up 3 percent from the June 1 forecast and up 23 percent from 2007. Based on July 1 conditions, the U.S. yield is forecast at 46.3 bushels per acre, up 1.0 bushel from last month and 4.1 bushels above last year. Expected grain area totals 40.3 million acres, up 12 percent from last year but unchanged from the Acreage Report released on June 30, 2008. Harvest progress in the 18 major producing states was 36 percent complete as of June 29. This was the same as last year's progress but 12 points behind the 5-year average.

Harvest progress was behind normal in all Hard Red Winter states except Oklahoma and Texas. Heavy rains during June in Kansas slowed harvest progress, which stood at 36 percent complete on June 29. In Nebraska, heavy rains and below normal temperatures during June slowed crop development to behind the normal pace. Disease problems were a concern in Nebraska and Kansas because of the continued rainfall. Crop development was also behind last year and the 5-year average in Montana.

Yield forecasts are equal to or higher than the previous month in all states in the Soft Red Winter growing area except Illinois and Missouri. Elsewhere, harvest progress was close to the normal pace in most states in the southern portion of the growing area. In Missouri, heavy rains during the last part of June caused some lodging and reduced grain quality in the southwestern part of the state.

Wheat yield forecasts in the Pacific Northwest are at or below the previous month. Wheat in Idaho and Oregon was starting to turn color. Crop development was behind the 5-year average in these areas.

Winter Wheat - July 1, 2008

Selected States	Area Harvested		Yield		Production	
		Ind		Ind		Ind
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	----- 1,000 Acres -----		----- Bushels -----		----- 1,000 Bushels -----	
Arkansas	700	880	41.0	58.0	28,700	51,040
Colorado	2,350	2,000	40.0	28.0	94,000	56,000
Kansas	8,600	9,400	33.0	39.0	283,800	366,600
Louisiana	200	1/	54.0	1/	11,880	1/
Mississippi	330	480	56.0	59.0	18,480	28,320
Oklahoma	3,500	4,500	28.0	38.0	98,000	171,000
Texas	3,800	3,500	37.0	30.0	140,600	105,000
United States	35,952	40,252	42.2	46.3	1,515,989	1,864,245

¹ Not available until September 30, 2008.

2007 Pecan Production Down

Production of all pecans in the United States in 2007 totaled 385.3 million pounds, up 86 percent from 2006. Production of improved varieties, at 302.1 million pounds, was up 99 percent from the previous year, while the native and seedling output totaled 83.1 million pounds, compared to the 55.2 million pounds the previous year.

The average price of all pecans in the United States was \$1.13 per pound, down \$0.43 cents from 2006.

The value of utilized production in the U.S. was \$435 million in 2007, up 35 percent from the previous year. Georgia led all states in value of pecan production with \$159.3 million, New Mexico was second with \$96.2 million and Texas was third with \$77.6 million.

United States Pecans

Variety	Utilized Production			Price Per Pound		
	2005	2006	2007	2005	2006	2007
	----- 1,000 Pounds -----			----- Dollars -----		
Improved Varieties¹						
Alabama	3,200	5,400	8,700	1.160	1.260	0.890
Arizona	22,000	14,000	23,000	1.600	1.750	1.600
Arkansas	1,100	1,150	1,500	1.400	1.330	1.090
California	3,950	3,400	4,400	1.800	1.720	1.780
Florida	300	200	1,700	1.400	1.800	1.000
Georgia	72,000	36,000	135,000	1.320	1.640	1.100
Louisiana	1,000	3,500	3,000	1.750	1.400	1.200
Mississippi	800	2,000	2,200	1.900	1.300	1.150
Missouri	200	160	2	1.880	1.650	1.200
New Mexico	65,000	47,000	74,000	1.700	1.850	1.300
North Carolina	1,650	420	160	1.000	1.350	1.510
Oklahoma	6,000	5,000	3,000	1.900	1.700	2.250
South Carolina	1,500	900	1,500	1.090	1.790	1.160
Texas	50,000	33,000	44,000	1.590	1.790	1.350
United States	228,700	152,130	302,162	1.540	1.730	1.240
Native and Seedling						
Alabama	800	600	1,300	0.840	0.970	0.660
Arkansas	1,200	1,050	800	1.100	1.150	0.760
Florida	700	300	200	0.850	1.500	0.700
Georgia	8,000	6,000	15,000	0.800	1.210	0.720
Kansas	3,200	2,000	500	1.300	1.300	0.900
Louisiana	4,000	17,500	11,000	1.000	0.900	0.700
Mississippi	200	500	800	1.200	1.000	0.700
Missouri	2,400	940	3	1.240	1.350	1.000
North Carolina	350	80	40	0.800	1.000	0.810
Oklahoma	15,000	12,000	27,000	1.200	1.150	0.750
South Carolina	700	200	500	0.820	1.050	0.900
Texas	15,000	14,000	26,000	1.090	1.160	0.700
United States	51,550	55,170	83,143	1.080	1.090	0.722
All Pecans						
Alabama	4,000	6,000	10,000	1.100	1.230	0.860
Arizona	22,000	14,000	23,000	1.600	1.750	1.600
Arkansas	2,300	2,200	2,300	1.240	1.240	0.975
California	3,950	3,400	4,400	1.800	1.720	1.780
Florida	1,000	500	1,900	1.020	1.620	0.968
Georgia	80,000	42,000	150,000	1.270	1.580	1.060
Kansas	3,200	2,000	500	1.300	1.300	0.900
Louisiana	5,000	21,000	14,000	1.150	0.983	0.807
Mississippi	1,000	2,500	3,000	1.760	1.240	1.030
Missouri	2,600	1,100	5	1.290	1.390	1.000
New Mexico	65,000	47,000	74,000	1.700	1.850	1.300
North Carolina	2,000	500	200	0.965	1.290	1.370
Oklahoma	21,000	17,000	30,000	1.400	1.310	1.900
South Carolina	2,200	1,100	2,000	1.000	1.660	1.100
Texas	65,000	47,000	70,000	1.470	1.600	1.110
United States	280,250	207,300	385,305	1.450	1.560	1.130

¹ Budded, grafted, or topworked varieties.

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