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On: TEXAS MILK PRODUCTION
DOWN 1 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

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AUSTIN Texas milk production totaled 496 million pounds during December, down 1 percent from last year's production of 499 million pounds. November 2004 production totaled 466 million pounds.

The number of milk cows during December averaged 319,000 head, up 2,000 head from last year but down 1,000 head from November 2004. Production per cow averaged 1,555 pounds during December, 20 pounds less than last year but 100 pounds above November 2004.

Milk production in the 20 states participating in the monthly survey totaled 12.4 billion pounds, up 1.0 percent from production in these same states in December 2003. November revised production, at 11.9 billion pounds, was up 1.2 percent from November 2003.

Production per cow during December averaged 1,602 pounds, 6 pounds above a year ago. The average number of milk cows in the 20 states was 7.76 million head, 47,000 head more than last year but 4,000 head less than November 2004.