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On: TEXAS MILK PRODUCTION
UP 11 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

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AUSTIN.... Texas milk production totaled 520 million pounds during August, up 11 percent from last year's production of 469 million pounds. July 2005 production totaled 547 million pounds.

The number of milk cows during August averaged 320,000 head, the same as last year and the July 2005 number. Production per cow averaged 1,625 pounds during August, 160 pounds above last year but 85 pounds below July 2005.

Milk production in the 23 states participating in the monthly survey totaled 13.6 billion pounds, up 4.6 percent from production in these same states in August 2004. July revised production, at 13.7 billion pounds, was up 4.2 percent from July 2004.

Production per cow during August averaged 1,665 pounds, 64 pounds above a year ago. The average number of milk cows in the 23 states was 8.15 million head, 52,000 head more than last year and 9,000 head more than July 2005.

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