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On: TEXAS MILK PRODUCTION

UP 8 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

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AUSTIN Texas milk production totaled 485 million pounds during September, up 8 percent from last year's production of 450 million pounds. August 2005 production totaled 520 million pounds.

The number of milk cows during September averaged 320,000 head, the same as last year and the August 2005 number. Production per cow averaged 1,515 pounds during September, 110 pounds more than last year but 110 pounds less than August 2005.

Milk production in the 23 states participating in the monthly survey totaled 13.0 billion pounds, up 4.9 percent from production in these same states in September 2004. August revised production, at 13.6 billion pounds, was up 4.8 percent from August 2004.

Production per cow during September averaged 1,597 pounds, 64 pounds above a year ago. The average number of milk cows in the 23 states was 8.16 million head, 54,000 head more than last year and 1,000 head more than August 2005.