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On: TEXAS MILK PRODUCTION

UP 9 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

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AUSTIN Texas milk production totaled 514 million pounds during October, up 9 percent from last year's production of 470 million pounds. September 2005 production totaled 485 million pounds.

The number of milk cows during October averaged 320,000 head, the same as last year and the September 2005 number. Production per cow averaged 1,605 pounds during October, 135 pounds more than last year and 90 pounds more than September 2005.

Milk production in the 23 states participating in the monthly survey totaled 13.4 billion pounds, up 4.1 percent from production in these same states in October 2004. September revised production, at 13.0 billion pounds, was up 4.7 percent from September 2004.

Production per cow during October averaged 1,636 pounds, 53 pounds above a year ago. The average number of milk cows in the 23 states was 8.16 million head, 58,000 head more than last year and 4,000 head more than September 2005.