Idaho’s Top Agriculture Products

1. Dairy Products - $3 billion

2. Cattle and Calves - $1.95 billion

3. Potatoes - $878 million
Dairy Facts:
579,984 milking cows

MAGIC VALLEY
DAIRIES 296
COWS 416,919
AVERAGE COWS/DAIRY 1,404

TREASURE VALLEY
DAIRIES 94
COWS 128,488
AVERAGE COWS/DAIRY 1,314

EASTERN IDAHO
DAIRIES 89
COWS 37,109
AVERAGE COWS/DAIRY 328
Average herd size in 1996: 200hd

- 1996: 1146 producers, 213,728 Animals, 7 over 2000hd
- 1999: 874 producers, 327,447 Animals, 31 over 2000hd
- 2001: 737 producers, 381,000 Animals, 46 over 2000hd
- 2004: 602 producers, 532,353 Animals, 84 over 2000hd
- 2007: 498 producers, 562,296 Animals, 91 over 2000hd
- 2014: 479 producers, 579,600 Animals, 91 over 2000hd
- 2017: 479 producers, 579,600 Animals, 91 over 2000hd

Average herd size in 2017: 1200hd
Idaho Livestock Industry Facts:

- 7,500 Beef cattle operations
- 2 million Head of cattle
- 49 operations 1000-4999
- 27 operations 5000-9999 head
- 30 operations over 10,000 head
What’s new in Idaho

Threshold standard

Phosphorus Indexing
Idaho Threshold Standard

- In place since the 90’s
- Based on the 1999 Idaho NRCS 590
- Only addresses the risk of nutrients going onto the field and does not address the risk of transport
- 40ppm - field application rate is limited to crop uptake only
- Will be phased out by 2021
Phosphorus Indexing Standard

- Proposed by Industry in 2017
- Adopted this year
- Addresses not only the soil test, but the risk of nutrient transport offsite.
- All producer-owned farm fields are given a comprehensive analysis and given a risk rating (low, med, high, very high).
- Flexibility for the producer
- Can choose from a list of BMP’s to lower overall risk rating of the field.
QUESTIONS?

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