

Livestock Review 2004

On January 1, 2005, 1.32 million head of **cattle and calves** were on farms in Alabama. Cash receipts from farm marketings totaled \$469.3 million. There was an 8 percent decrease in the number of cattle and calves marketed. Prices received by Alabama producers during 2004 was up to \$80.70 per cwt for cattle and \$125.00 for calves. **Beef cow** inventory decreased 1 percent to 724,000 head and **beef cow replacement heifers**, at 100,000 head, were down 5 percent from the previous year. There were 16,000 **milk cows** in Alabama dairy herds, down 11 percent from the previous year. The number of operations with milk cows during 2004 was estimated at 190. This number includes any operation with one or more milk cows. Milk produced in the State totaled 245 million pounds in 2004, 3 percent less than the previous year. Milk per cow averaged 14,412 pounds. Prices received for milk dropped to \$17.90 in 2004. Alabama cash receipts from milk increased 23 percent in 2004 to 43.5 million. All **hogs and pigs** on hand December 1, 2004 numbered 180,000 head. The number of **breeding hogs** were up to 18,000 and total **market hogs**, at 162,000, were up 8 percent and 20,000 **sows** farrowed 256,000 pigs in 2004. The average number of pigs per litter was 8.83, compared with 8.80 a year ago. Cash receipts from hogs and pigs were \$16.4 million and the average price received per cwt was \$43.90.

Sales of **catfish** in Alabama increased 19 percent to \$101.2 million during 2004. There were 230 operations in the State producing catfish on January 1, 2005. Water surface area was down 300 acres from last year, totaling 25,100 acres. **Honey production** in 2004 totaled 1.04 million pounds. There were 12,000 colonies producing honey in 2004. Yield per colony averaged 87 pounds, down 5 pounds from a year earlier. The average price per pound was 140 cents, up from 126 cents in 2003.

Livestock and Poultry Receipts, 2004

Commodity	Receipts - \$	Pct of Total	
Broilers	2.41 bil.	71.5	Cash receipts for Alabama's livestock and poultry production increased 23 percent from \$2.74 billion in 2003 to \$3.37 billion for 2004. Receipts for broilers and other poultry & egg products were up 26 percent in 2004, while cattle, calf and hog receipts increased 9 percent. Catfish producers receipts had a record year in sales going from \$85.2 million in 2003 to \$101.2 in 2004.
Cattle & Calves	469.32 mil.	13.9	
Eggs	287.96 mil.	8.5	
Catfish	101.20 mil.	3.0	
Dairy	43.50 mil.	1.3	
Other Lvstck and Poultry	43.18 mil.	1.3	
Hogs	<u>16.41 mil.</u>	<u>.5</u>	
Lvstck and Poultry, Total	3.37 bil.	100.0	

Alabama: Record Year Of Livestock and Poultry

Livestock	Unit	Record Number	Year
Broiler Production, Annual	Mil Birds	1,051	2002
Beef Cows	Thou Hd	1,314	1976
Catfish Sales, Annual	Thou Dols	101,198	2004
Cattle and Calves, Jan 1.	Thou Hd	2,850	1976
Egg Production, Annual	Mil Eggs	3,354	1980
Hogs and Pigs, Inventory Dec 1.	Thou Hd	1,640	1897
Layer Inventory, Dec 1.	Mil Birds	14.60	1965
Milk Production, Annual	Mil Lbs	1,360	1944