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## U. S. CATTLE ON FEED 1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.18 million head on August 1, 2000. The inventory was 11 percent above August 1, 1999 and 13 percent above August 1, 1998.

Placements in feedlots during July totaled 1.92 million, 6 percent above 1999 but 1 percent below 1998. Net placements were 1.87 million. During July, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 424,000, 600-699 pounds were 366,000, 700-799 pounds were 597,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 530,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during July totaled 2.08 million, 2 percent below 1999 but 1 percent above 1998. July 2000 had one less slaughter day than July 1999, which limited slaughter and affected the year-to-year relationship for marketings.

Other disappearance totaled 44,000 during July, 15 percent below 1999 and 12 percent below 1998.

## CATTLE ON FEED IN HISTORIC 7 STATES

Cattle on feed August 1, 2000, in the historic 7 States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 8.81 million, up 12 percent from the previous year and 14 percent above August 1, 1998.

Placements in feedlots during July totaled 1.67 million, 7 percent above 1999 but slightly below 1998.

Marketings during July totaled 1.78 million, 2 percent below 1999 but 2 percent above 1998. July 2000 had one less slaughter day than July 1999, which limited slaughter and affected the year-to-year relationship for marketings.

Other disappearance during July was 37,000 head, 14 percent below 1999 and 10 percent below 1998.

Cattle on Feed: U.S. Number Placed on Feed, by weight groups, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, June and July 2000

| Month | Less than 600 lbs | 600-699 lbs | 700-799 lbs | 800+ lbs | Total |
|-------|-------------------|-------------|-------------|----------|-------|
|       |                   |             |             |          |       |
| Jun   | 347               | 380         | 498         | 439      | 1,664 |
| Jul   | 424               | 366         | 597         | 530      | 1,917 |

Cattle and Calves on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, 7 Historic States and United States

| State     | Number on feed July 1 |        |         | Placed during July |       |         | Marketed during July |       |         | Other disappearance during July |      |         | Number on feed August 1 |        |         |
|-----------|-----------------------|--------|---------|--------------------|-------|---------|----------------------|-------|---------|---------------------------------|------|---------|-------------------------|--------|---------|
|           | 1999                  | 2000   | 2000-99 | 1999               | 2000  | 2000-99 | 1999                 | 2000  | 2000-99 | 1999                            | 2000 | 2000-99 | 1999                    | 2000   | 2000-99 |
|           | 1,000 head            |        | Percent | 1,000 head         |       | Percent | 1,000 head           |       | Percent | 1,000 head                      |      | Percent | 1,000 head              |        | Percent |
| AZ        | 198                   | 274    | 138     | 23                 | 24    | 104     | 26                   | 35    | 135     | 1                               | 1    | 100     | 194                     | 262    | 135     |
| CA        | 375                   | 410    | 109     | 55                 | 60    | 109     | 50                   | 45    | 90      | 5                               | 5    | 100     | 375                     | 420    | 112     |
| CO        | 1,020                 | 1,090  | 107     | 175                | 185   | 106     | 230                  | 220   | 96      | 5                               | 5    | 100     | 960                     | 1,050  | 109     |
| IA        | 310                   | 330    | 106     | 32                 | 40    | 125     | 50                   | 54    | 108     | 2                               | 1    | 50      | 290                     | 330    | 114     |
| KS        | 1,950                 | 2,160  | 111     | 500                | 520   | 104     | 460                  | 480   | 104     | 10                              | 10   | 100     | 1,990                   | 2,190  | 110     |
| NE        | 1,790                 | 1,950  | 109     | 300                | 325   | 108     | 480                  | 430   | 90      | 10                              | 5    | 50      | 1,600                   | 1,840  | 115     |
| TX        | 2,530                 | 2,730  | 108     | 480                | 520   | 108     | 520                  | 520   | 100     | 10                              | 10   | 100     | 2,480                   | 2,720  | 110     |
| 7 States  | 8,173                 | 8,944  | 109     | 1,565              | 1,674 | 107     | 1,816                | 1,784 | 98      | 43                              | 37   | 86      | 7,889                   | 8,812  | 112     |
| Oth. Sts. | 345                   | 350    | 101     | 51                 | 40    | 78      | 75                   | 69    | 92      | 1                               | 1    | 100     | 320                     | 320    | 100     |
| U.S.      | 9,555                 | 10,389 | 109     | 1,812              | 1,917 | 106     | 2,116                | 2,082 | 98      | 52                              | 44   | 85      | 9,209                   | 10,180 | 111     |

Average prices, Nebraska, dollars per cwt

| Week ended | Slaughter steers     |  |       |  | Slaughter heifers    |       |
|------------|----------------------|--|-------|--|----------------------|-------|
|            | Choice 1100-1300 lbs |  |       |  | Choice 1000-1200 lbs |       |
|            | 1999                 |  | 2000  |  | 1999                 | 2000  |
| Jul 08     | 63.15                |  | 67.06 |  | 63.23                | 67.22 |
| Jul 15     | 63.83                |  | 67.23 |  | 63.84                | 67.30 |
| Jul 22     | 64.20                |  | 67.10 |  | 64.23                | 67.26 |

## CHICKENS AND EGGS

### FLORIDA

Table eggs sold in mid-August 2000 averaged 42.0 cents, up 4.0 cents from mid-July. Table egg production in Florida during July was 209 million eggs, up 6 percent from the previous month.

### UNITED STATES

U.S. egg production totaled 7.06 billion during July 2000, up 2 percent from the 6.90 billion produced in 1999. Production included 5.95 billion table eggs and 1.10 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.04 billion were broiler-type and 65.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during July 2000 averaged 326 million, up 2 percent from the total average number of layers during July 1999. July egg production per 100 layers was 2,167 eggs, up slightly from 2,158 eggs in July 1999. July 2000 contained 21 weekdays and five Saturdays, compared to 22 weekdays and five Saturdays in July 1999.

All layers in the U.S. on August 1, 2000, totaled 326 million, up 2 percent from a year ago. The 326 million layers consisted of 267 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 56.3 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.77 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on August 1, 2000, averaged 70.0 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from the 69.2 a year ago.

Laying flocks in the 30 major egg producing States produced 6.63 billion eggs during July, up 2 percent from July 1999. The average number of layers during July, at 306 million, was up 2 percent from a year earlier.

### Mid-month table egg prices received by Florida egg producers.

| Month     | Cents per dozen |      |
|-----------|-----------------|------|
|           | 1999            | 2000 |
| January   | 49.0            | 41.0 |
| February  | 45.0            | 38.0 |
| March     | 44.0            | 41.0 |
| April     | 37.0            | 43.0 |
| May       | 28.0            | 35.0 |
| June      | 37.0            | 37.0 |
| July      | 34.0            | 38.0 |
| August    | 41.0            | 42.0 |
| September | 32.0            |      |
| October   | 26.0            |      |
| November  | 42.0            |      |
| December  | 38.0            |      |

### FLORIDA: Layers on hand first of month, percent molting and molted

|                              | Aug<br>1999 | Jun<br>2000 | Jul<br>2000 | Aug<br>2000 |
|------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Total layers on hand: Thous. | 10,391      | 10,202      | 10,071      | 10,259      |
| Percent of layers:           |             |             |             |             |
| Being molted                 | 7.0         | 8.0         | 7.5         | 6.0         |
| Molt completed               | 39.5        | 36.0        | 34.0        | 31.0        |

### Layers and egg production, July 2000, production year-to-date egg production for selected States

| Selected States | Average layers on hand | Eggs per 100 layers | Egg production |            |           |                            | Layers       |                |
|-----------------|------------------------|---------------------|----------------|------------|-----------|----------------------------|--------------|----------------|
|                 |                        |                     | Total          | Table      | Hatching  | Year to date <sup>1/</sup> | Being molted | Molt completed |
|                 | Thousand               |                     | Millions       |            |           |                            | Percent      |                |
| Alabama         | 10,575                 | 1,891               | 200            | 62         | 138       | 1,595                      | 0.5          | 9.0            |
| Arkansas        | 15,162                 | 1,972               | 299            | 114        | 185       | 3,596                      | 2.0          | 10.0           |
| California      | 23,661                 | 2,210               | 523            |            |           | 5,099                      | 6.0          | 39.5           |
| <b>Florida</b>  | <b>10,165</b>          | <b>2,174</b>        | <b>221</b>     | <b>209</b> | <b>12</b> | <b>1,801</b>               | <b>6.0</b>   | <b>31.0</b>    |
| Georgia         | 20,986                 | 2,035               | 427            | 249        | 178       | 3,458                      | 5.0          | 18.5           |
| Indiana         | 22,567                 | 2,282               | 515            | 502        | 13        | 4,106                      | 5.0          | 23.5           |
| Iowa            | 27,634                 | 2,294               | 634            |            |           | 4,972                      | 4.0          | 27.5           |
| Maine           | 4,314                  | 2,174               | 94             |            |           | 785                        | 0.0          | 0.0            |
| Maryland        | 3,003                  | 1,998               | 60             | 54         | 6         | 581                        | 0.0          | 34.0           |
| Michigan        | 6,379                  | 2,228               | 142            |            |           | 1,081                      | 2.5          | 26.5           |
| Minnesota       | 12,621                 | 2,179               | 275            | 265        | 10        | 2,191                      | 1.5          | 29.0           |
| Mississippi     | 6,606                  | 2,013               | 133            | 42         | 91        | 1,070                      | 5.0          | 7.5            |
| Missouri        | 6,188                  | 2,262               | 140            |            |           | 1,177                      | 0.0          | 21.5           |
| Nebraska        | 12,071                 | 2,063               | 249            | 249        |           | 1,975                      | 7.5          | 24.0           |
| New York        | 3,919                  | 2,424               | 95             |            |           | 732                        | 1.0          | 7.0            |
| North Carolina  | 10,980                 | 1,867               | 205            | 78         | 127       | 1,679                      | 0.5          | 8.5            |
| Ohio            | 31,178                 | 2,268               | 707            |            |           | 5,516                      | 9.0          | 13.5           |
| Pennsylvania    | 23,061                 | 2,294               | 529            | 508        | 21        | 2,120                      | 2.5          | 21.0           |
| South Carolina  | 5,177                  | 2,028               | 105            | 87         | 18        | 800                        | 3.0          | 36.5           |
| Texas           | 16,426                 | 2,161               | 355            |            |           | 1,944                      | 1.5          | 18.5           |
| Virginia        | 3,465                  | 2,020               | 70             | 34         | 36        | 588                        | 8.5          | 15.5           |
| Washington      | 4,912                  | 2,329               | 114            |            |           | 881                        | 6.0          | 42.5           |
| Other States    | 44,620                 | 2,195               | 964            | 695        | 269       | 8,537                      | 6.6          | 23.6           |
| United States   | 325,670                | 2,167               | 7,056          | 5,952      | 1,104     | 56,284                     | 4.3          | 21.8           |

<sup>1/</sup> Production year begins December 1.

## HATCHERY PRODUCTION

### FLORIDA

The July hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 9,822,000 was 2 percent below a year earlier. Broiler-type eggs in incubators on July 1, at 8,302,000, was slightly below a year ago.

Egg-type hatch during July at 1,010,000 chicks, was 5 percent below last year. Egg-type eggs in incubators on August 1, at 877,000 was 15 percent above last year.

### UNITED STATES

The July 2000 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 740 million, was down 2 percent from July of the previous year. There were 614 million eggs in incubators on August 1, 2000, down 2 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 6.31 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during July 2000, down 11 percent from July 1999.

Egg-type chicks hatched during July totaled 33.1 million, down 3 percent from July 1999. Eggs in incubators totaled 30 million on August 1, 2000, up 2 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 352,000 during July 2000, up 52 percent from July 1999

Hatchery production, United States

| Item   | Hatchery production, United States |         |                      |
|--|------------------------------------|---------|----------------------|
|  | 1999                               | 2000    | 2000<br>% of<br>1999 |
| -- Thousands --  |                                    |         |                      |
| Egg-Type:  |                                    |         |                      |
| Eggs in incubators: Aug 1  | 29,354                             | 29,953  | 102                  |
| Chicks hatched during Jul  | 34,275                             | 33,091  | 97                   |
| Pullets hatched during Jul<br>for intended placements<br>in hatchery supply flocks | 231                                | 352     | 152                  |
| 7-18 months earlier <sup>1/</sup>  | 3,108                              | 2,937   | 94                   |
| Broiler-Type:  |                                    |         |                      |
| Eggs in incubators: Aug 1  | 626,501                            | 614,200 | 98                   |
| Chicks hatched during Jul  | 751,627                            | 739,892 | 98                   |
| Pullets hatched during Jul<br>for intended placements<br>in hatchery supply flocks | 7,088                              | 6,310   | 89                   |
| 7-14 months earlier <sup>2/</sup>  | 63,005                             | 64,536  | 102                  |

<sup>1/</sup> 2000 includes pullet chicks hatched January 1999 through December 1999 <sup>2/</sup> 2000 includes pullet chicks hatched April 1999 through December 1999.

## MILK PRODUCTION

### FLORIDA

Florida dairy farms produced 195 million pounds of milk during July 2000, 3 percent above the previous July. Production per cow, of 1,245 pounds, was 5 percent above last year. Milk cow numbers on Florida dairy farms in July totaled 157,000, one percent below last year.

### UNITED STATES

Milk production in the 20 major States during July totaled 12.2 billion pounds, up 5.0 percent from production in these same States in July 1999. This increase is magnified by unusually hot temperatures during July 1999 which lowered milk production per cow. June revised production, at 12.1 billion pounds was up 2.9 percent from June 1999. The June revision represented an increase of 0.1 percent or 13 million pounds from last months preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,557 pounds for July, 59 pounds above July 1999.

The number of cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.83 million head, 83,000 head more than July 1999 and 24,000 head more than June 2000.

Milk cows and production, Florida and U.S.

| Month<br>and year | Milk<br>cows | Monthly milk<br>production |                  |
|-------------------|--------------|----------------------------|------------------|
|                   |              | Per cow                    | Monthly<br>Total |
|                   | Thous.       | Lbs.                       | Mil. Lbs.        |
| Florida:          |              |                            |                  |
| July 1999         | 159          | 1,190                      | 189              |
| June 2000         | 158          | 1,330                      | 210              |
| July 2000         | 157          | 1,245                      | 195              |
| 20 Major States:  |              |                            |                  |
| July 1999         | 7,751        | 1,498                      | 11,610           |
| June 2000         | 7,810        | 1,547                      | 12,083           |
| July 2000         | 7,834        | 1,557                      | 12,195           |
| United States     |              |                            |                  |
| July 1999         | --           | --                         | 13,444           |
| June 2000         | --           | --                         | 14,006           |
| July 2000         | --           | --                         | 14,089           |

Milk production by quarters, United States

| Month           | Milk<br>cows <sup>1/</sup> |       | Milk per<br>cow <sup>2/</sup> |       | Milk<br>production |        |
|-----------------|----------------------------|-------|-------------------------------|-------|--------------------|--------|
|                 | 1999                       | 2000  | 1999                          | 2000  | 1999               | 2000   |
|                 | Thousand                   |       | Pounds                        |       | Mil. Lbs           |        |
| Jan-Mar         | 9,128                      | 9,187 | 4,437                         | 4,636 | 40,505             | 42,593 |
| Apr-Jun         | 9,155                      | 9,215 | 4,591                         | 4,683 | 42,029             | 43,150 |
| Jul-Sep         | 9,171                      |       | 4,337                         |       | 39,771             |        |
| Oct-Dec         | 9,170                      |       | 4,406                         |       | 40,406             |        |
| Annual<br>Total | 9,156                      |       | 17,771                        |       | 162,711            |        |

<sup>1/</sup> Dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh.

<sup>2/</sup> Excludes milk sucked by calves.

## LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

Commercial red meat output in Florida for July 2000 was 4.0 million pounds, 8 percent above the same month last year. Commercial production of red meat in the United States for July at 3.64 billion pounds, was 4 percent below 1999.

### Commercial slaughter and red meat production, Florida and United States

| Source and kind                      | July 1999 | June 2000 | July 2000 | Year to date 1999 | Year to date 2000 |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Florida <sup>1/</sup></b>         |           |           |           |                   |                   |
| Cattle slaughtered (1000 head)       | 5         | 7         | 6         | 43                | 43                |
| Hogs:                                |           |           |           |                   |                   |
| Head slaughtered (1,000 head)        | 9         | 7         | 7         | 57                | 50                |
| Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)      | 1,458     | 1,305     | 1,141     | 10,255            | 9,190             |
| Red meat production (million pounds) | 3.7       | 4.6       | 4.0       | 24.3              | 29.9              |
| <b>United States</b>                 |           |           |           |                   |                   |
| Cattle:                              |           |           |           |                   |                   |
| Head slaughtered (1,000 head)        | 3,083     | *3,237    | 2,962     | 20,992            | 21,162            |
| Total liveweight (million pounds)    | 3,718     | 3,902     | 3,613     | 25,324            | 25,668            |
| Average liveweight (pounds)          | 1,206     | 1,205     | 1,220     | 1,206             | 1,213             |
| Beef production (million pounds)     | 2,256     | 2,369     | 2,202     | 15,282            | 15,552            |
| Calves:                              |           |           |           |                   |                   |
| Head slaughtered (1,000 head)        | 111       | 95        | 99        | 724               | 658               |
| Total liveweight (million pounds)    | 31        | 31        | 30        | 210               | 212               |
| Average liveweight (pounds)          | 279       | 322       | 305       | 291               | 322               |
| Veal production (million pounds)     |           |           |           |                   |                   |
| Hogs:                                |           |           |           |                   |                   |
| Head slaughtered (1,000 head)        | 7,908     | *7,952    | 7,356     | 57,775            | 55,480            |
| Liveweight (million pounds)          | 2,026     | 2,081     | 1,905     | 14,942            | 14,515            |
| Average liveweight (pounds)          | 256       | 262       | 259       | 259               | 262               |
| Pork production (million pounds)     | 1,489     | 1,536     | 1,408     | 10,985            | 10,703            |
| Red meat production (million pounds) | 3,781     | *3,941    | 3,643     | 26,533            | 26,518            |

<sup>1/</sup> Florida calves data not printed to avoid disclosing individual operations. \*Revised.

### Average Dollars Per Cwt Received through 13 Florida Auctions July 1999 and 2000

| Stocker calves under 300 lbs. |        |         |        |         | Stocker calves over 300 lbs. |        |         |        |         |
|-------------------------------|--------|---------|--------|---------|------------------------------|--------|---------|--------|---------|
| Grade                         | 1999   |         | 2000   |         | Grade                        | 1999   |         | 2000   |         |
|                               | Steers | Heifers | Steers | Heifers |                              | Steers | Heifers | Steers | Heifers |
| Medium #1                     | 114.94 | 94.92   | 149.81 | 120.32  | Medium #1                    | 91.45  | 77.74   | 110.44 | 97.44   |
| Medium #2                     | 97.33  | 81.03   | 120.78 | 103.00  | Medium #2                    | 82.13  | 70.94   | 98.15  | 90.20   |
| All grades                    | 108.13 | 91.13   | 138.95 | 114.78  | All grades                   | 88.78  | 76.53   | 105.76 | 95.46   |

**SOURCE:** FCA & CS, Div. of Marketing and Development, Market News Service.