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# LIVESTOCK DAIRY & POULTRY

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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 11.17 million head on May 1, 2001. The inventory was 2 percent above May 1, 2000 and 11 percent above May 1, 1999.

Placements in feedlots during April totaled 1.55 million, 9 percent below 2000 and 8 percent below 1999. Net placements were 1.46 million. During April, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 334,000, 600-699 pounds were 384,000, 700-799 pounds were 494,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 339,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 1.82 million, 3 percent below 2000 and 7 percent below 1999.

Other disappearance totaled 89,000 during April, 1 percent below 2000 and 14 percent below 1999.

### CATTLE ON FEED IN HISTORIC 7 STATES

Cattle on feed May 1, 2001, in the historic 7 States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 9.56 million, up 2 percent from the previous year and 11 percent above May 1, 1999.

Placements in feedlots during April totaled 1.32 million, 10 percent below 2000 and 8 percent below 1999.

Marketings during April totaled 1.55 million, 3 percent below 2000 and 8 percent below 1999.

Other disappearance during April was 74,000 head, 4 percent above 2000 but 5 percent below 1999.

Cattle on Feed: U.S. Number Placed on Feed, by weight groups, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, March and April 2001

Month	Less than 600 lbs	600-699 lbs	700-799 lbs	800+ lbs	Total
	1000 head				
Mar	*329	*414	*614	*485	*1,842
Apr	334	384	494	339	1,551

\*Revised

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

State	Number on feed April 1			Placed during April			Marketed during April			Other disappearance during April			Number on feed May 1		
	2000	2001	2001-00	2000	2001	2001-00	2000	2001	2001-00	2000	2001	2001-00	2000	2001	2001-00
	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent
AZ	273	309	113	34	27	79	28	25	89	3	3	100	276	308	112
CA	405	435	107	56	60	107	49	50	102	7	10	143	405	435	107
CO	1,190	1,190	100	195	160	82	170	170	100	5	10	200	1,210	1,170	97
IA	375	385	103	40	37	93	44	41	93	1	1	100	370	380	103
KS	2,280	2,460	108	380	350	92	400	395	99	30	35	117	2,230	2,380	107
NE	2,310	2,350	102	320	250	78	380	345	91	10	5	50	2,240	2,250	100
TX	2,760	2,730	99	445	440	99	530	520	98	15	10	67	2,660	2,640	99
7 States	9,593	9,859	103	1,470	1,324	90	1,601	1,546	97	71	74	104	9,391	9,563	102
Oth. Sts.	1,609	1,664	103	237	227	96	274	55	93	19	4	211	1,553	1,607	103
U.S.	11,202	11,523	103	1,707	1,551	91	1,875	1,815	97	90	89	99	10,944	11,170	102

Average prices, Nebraska, dollars per cwt

Week ended	Slaughter steers				Slaughter heifers			
	Choice 1100-1300 lbs				Choice 1000-1200 lbs			
	2000		2001		2000		2001	
Apr 21	74.48		77.17		74.20		76.96	
Apr 28	74.37		75.36		74.25		75.07	
May 05	72.94		75.22		72.97		75.39	

## CHICKENS AND EGGS

### FLORIDA

Table eggs sold in mid-May 2001 averaged 40.0 cents, down 10.0 cents from mid-April. Table egg production in Florida during April was 208 million eggs, down 6 percent from the previous month.

### UNITED STATES

U.S. egg production totaled 7.09 billion during April 2001, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.01 billion table eggs and 1.08 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.01 billion were broiler-type and 66.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during April 2001 averaged 337 million, up 2 percent from the total average number of layers during April 2000. April egg production per 100 layers was 2,106 eggs, down 1 percent from 2,130 eggs in April 2000. April 2001 contained 21 weekdays, four Saturdays, compared to 20 weekdays, 5 Saturdays in April 2000.

All layers in the U.S. on May 1, 2001, totaled 337 million, up 3 percent from a year ago. The 337 million layers consisted of 277 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 56.9 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.96 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on May 1, 2001, averaged 69.4 eggs per 100 layers, down 2 percent from the 70.6 eggs a year ago.

Laying flocks in the 30 major egg producing States produced 6.65 billion eggs during April 2001, up 1 percent from April 2000. The average number of layers during April, at 316 million, was up 2 percent from a year earlier.

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

Month	Cents per dozen	
	2000	2001
January	41.0	54.0
February	38.0	50.0
March	41.0	52.0
April	43.0	50.0
May	35.0	40.0
June	37.0	
July	38.0	
August	50.0	
September	45.0	
October	44.0	
November	51.0	
December	64.0	

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

	May 2000	Mar 2001	Apr 2001	May 2001
Total layers on hand: Thous.	10,444	10,839	10,791	10,552
Percent of layers:				
Being molted	4.0	6.0	2.0	6.0
Molt completed	36.0	35.0	38.5	31.0

### Layers and egg production, April 2001, 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	10,344	1,895	196	62	134	973	0.5	7.0
Arkansas	14,637	1,954	286	103	183	1,472	2.5	11.0
California	23,405	2,098	491			2,465	9.5	28.5
<b>Florida</b>	<b>10,791</b>	<b>2,048</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1,146</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>31.0</b>
Georgia	21,503	2,014	433	257	176	2,119	6.0	18.5
Indiana	23,115	2,146	496	484	12	2,486	6.0	31.5
Iowa	32,483	2,180	708			3,493	4.5	26.0
Maine	4,221	2,220	94			448	0.0	0.0
Maryland	3,221	2,328	75	70	5	350	12.5	23.5
Michigan	6,802	2,120	144			701	10.5	27.5
Minnesota	11,996	2,067	248	239	9	1,288	2.5	7.0
Mississippi	6,764	1,892	128	41	87	651	4.5	13.0
Missouri	6,619	2,160	143			737	4.5	15.0
Nebraska	11,627	2,142	249	249		1,248	7.5	23.0
New York	4,085	2,203	90			477	0.0	2.5
North Carolina	11,233	1,843	207	78	129	1,056	1.5	10.0
Ohio	30,242	2,186	661			3,230	6.0	22.0
Pennsylvania	25,006	2,227	557	537	20	2,769	2.5	17.5
South Carolina	5,450	2,037	111	93	18	551	10.0	22.0
Texas	19,074	2,102	401			1,988	3.5	24.0
Virginia	3,606	1,858	67	31	36	321	2.5	13.0
Washington	5,027	2,292	115			556	5.5	40.0
Other States	45,588	2,144	1,100			4,900	6.0	21.7
United States	336,859	2,106	7,093	6,013	1,080	35,428	5.1	20.9

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

## HATCHERY PRODUCTION

### FLORIDA

The April hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 9,204,000 was 21 percent below a year earlier. Broiler-type eggs in incubators on May 1, at 7,156,000, were 18 percent below a year ago.

Egg-type hatch during April at 831,000 chicks, was 14 percent below last year. Egg-type eggs in incubators on May 1, at 750,000 was 28 percent below last year.

### UNITED STATES

The April 2001 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 745 million, was down slightly from April of the previous year. There were 635 million eggs in incubators on May 1, 2001, down 1 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 6.40 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during April 2001, down 5 percent from April 2000.

Egg-type chicks hatched during April totaled 42 million, up 14 percent from April 2000. Eggs in incubators totaled 37.0 million on May 1, 2001, up 1 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 293,000 during April 2001, down 5 percent from April 2000

Hatchery production, United States

Item	2000	2001	2001 % of 2000
-- Thousands --			
Egg-Type:			
Eggs in incubators: May 1	36,562	37,009	101
Chicks hatched during Apr	36,649	41,691	114
Pullets hatched during Apr for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks	309	293	95
7-18 months earlier <sup>1/</sup>	2,981	3,245	109
Broiler-Type:			
Eggs in incubators: May 1	639,310	635,189	99
Chicks hatched during Apr	746,830	745,304	100
Pullets hatched during Apr for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks	6,764	6,398	95
7-14 months earlier <sup>2/</sup>	64,663	62,267	96

<sup>1/</sup> 2001 includes pullet chicks hatched October 1999 through September 2000 <sup>2/</sup> 2001 includes pullet chicks hatched January 2000 through September 2000.

## MILK PRODUCTION

### FLORIDA

Florida dairy farms produced 231 million pounds of milk during April 2001, slightly less than the previous April. Production per cow of 1,500 pounds was up 2 percent from last year. Milk cow numbers on Florida dairy farms in April totaled 154,000, 3 percent below last year.

### UNITED STATES

Milk production in the 20 major States during April totaled 12.2 billion pounds, down 1.9 percent from April 2000. March revised production, at 12.4 billion pounds, was down 2.3 percent from March 2000. The March revision represented a decrease of 2 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,572 pounds for April, 21 pounds below April 2000.

The number of cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.74 million head, 45,000 head less than April 2000, and 12,000 head less than March 2001.

Milk cows and production, Florida and U.S.

Month and year	Milk cows	Monthly milk production	
		Per cow	Monthly Total
	Thous.	Lbs.	Mil. Lbs.
Florida:			
April 2000	158	1,470	232
March 2001	154	1,530	236
April 2001	154	1,500	231
20 Major States:			
April 2000	7,789	1,593	12,411
March 2001	7,756	1,599	12,401
April 2001	7,744	1,572	12,172
United States			
April 2000	--	--	14,390
March 2001	--	--	14,406
April 2001	--	--	14,140

Milk production by quarters, United States

Month	Milk cows <sup>1/</sup>		Milk per cow <sup>2/</sup>		Milk production	
	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001
	Thousand		Pounds		Mil. Lbs.	
Jan-Mar	9,188	9,155	4,640	4,514	42,630	41,324
Apr-Jun	9,213		4,688		43,189	
Jul-Sep	9,229		4,460		41,161	
Oct-Dec	9,211		4,416		40,678	
Annual						
Total	9,210		18,204		167,658	

<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 April 2001 was 5.0 million pounds, 32 percent above the same month last year.

Commercial production of red meat in the United States for April at 3.51 billion pounds, was 1 percent above 2000.

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

Source and kind	April 2000	March 2001	April 2001	Year to date 2000	Year to date 2001
<b>Florida <sup>1/</sup></b>					
Cattle slaughtered (1000 head)	5	7	7	24	28
Hogs:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	6	7	8	28	32
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	1,168	1,349	1,488	5,182	6,003
Red meat production (million pounds)	3.8	5.1	5.0	17.1	19.9
<b>United States</b>					
Cattle:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	2,783	2,918	2,714	11,788	11,214
Total liveweight (million pounds)	3,345	3,527	3,218	14,356	3,566
Average liveweight (pounds)	1,202	*1,199	1,186	1,218	1,207
Beef production (million pounds)	2,027	*2,096	1,939	8,680	8,120
Calves:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	81	84	74	372	328
Total liveweight (million pounds)	28	27	25	120	107
Average liveweight (pounds)	343	323	340	322	328
Veal production (million pounds)	17	16	15	72	65
Hogs:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	7,227	8,327	7,832	32,266	32,406
Liveweight (million pounds)	1,898	2,198	2,072	8,459	8,562
Average liveweight (pounds)	263	264	265	262	264
Pork production (million pounds)	1,398	1,626	1,532	6,232	6,337
Red meat production (million pounds)	3,465	*3,761	3,507	15,070	14,602

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

### Average Dollars Per Cwt Received through 13 Florida Auctions April 2000 and 2001

Stocker calves under 300 lbs.					Stocker calves over 300 lbs.				
Grade	2000		2001		Grade	2000		2001	
	Steers	Heifers	Steers	Heifers		Steers	Heifers	Steers	Heifers
Medium #1	137.94	120.39	133.84	118.03	Medium #1	115.29	104.64	112.85	102.42
Medium #2	120.88	103.84	120.03	105.32	Medium #2	101.59	91.78	99.75	90.78
All grades	134.13	116.31	130.34	115.00	All grades	112.38	99.96	108.77	99.00