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### CATTLE ON FEED IN HISTORIC 7 STATES

Cattle on feed April 1, 2002, in the historic 7 States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 9.93 million, up 1 percent from the previous year and 4 percent above April 1, 2000. The inventory included 6.18 million steers and steer calves, up 5 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 62 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.72 million head, down 5 percent from 2001.

Placements in feedlots during March totaled 1.65 million, 8 percent above 2001 but 5 percent below 2000.

Marketings during March totaled 1.57 million, 2 percent below 2001 and 11 percent below 2000.

Other disappearance during March was 60,000 head, 25 percent below 2001 and 19 percent below 2000.

### 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 11.58 million head on April 1, 2002. The inventory was almost one-half percent above April 1, 2001 and 3 percent above April 1, 2000. The inventory included 7.23 million steers and steer calves, up 4 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 62 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.30 million head, down 4 percent from 2001.

Placements in feedlots during March totaled 1.95 million, 6 percent above 2001 but 4 percent below 2000. Net placements were 1.88 million. During March, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 314,000, 600-699 pounds were 372,000, 700-799 pounds were 702,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 565,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during March totaled 1.83 million, 5 percent below 2001 and 11 percent below 2000.

Other disappearance totaled 69,000 during March, 30 percent below 2001 and 33 percent below 2000.

Cattle on Feed: U.S. Number Placed on Feed, by weight groups, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, February and March 2002

Month	Less than 600 lbs	600-699 lbs	700-799 lbs	800+ lbs	Total
	1000 head				
Feb	*261	*411	*664	*474	*1,810
Mar	314	372	702	565	1,953

\* Revised.

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

State	Number on feed March 1			Placed during March			Marketed during March			Other disappearance during March			Number on feed April 1		
	2001	2002	2002-01	2001	2002	2002-01	2001	2002	2002-01	2001	2002	2002-01	2001	2002	2002-01
	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent
AZ	307	310	101	29	32	110	22	27	123	5	1	20	309	314	102
CA	440	475	108	65	68	105	56	55	98	14	3	21	435	485	111
CO	1,190	1,150	97	220	200	91	210	215	102	10	15	150	1,190	1,120	94
IA	385	400	104	46	49	107	45	53	118	1	1	100	385	395	103
KS	2,470	2,420	98	395	435	110	385	420	109	20	15	75	2,460	2,420	98
NE	2,380	2,300	97	320	310	97	335	300	90	15	10	67	2,350	2,300	98
TX	2,840	2,850	100	455	560	123	550	495	90	15	15	100	2,730	2,900	106
7 States	10,012	9,905	99	1,530	1,654	108	1,603	1,565	98	80	60	75	9,859	9,934	101
Oth. Sts.	1,683	1,603	95	312	299	96	313	260	83	18	9	50	1,664	1,643	99
U.S.	11,695	11,518	98	1,842	1,953	106	1,916	1,825	95	98	69	70	11,523	11,577	100

Average prices, Nebraska, dollars per cwt

Week ended	Slaughter steers				Slaughter heifers			
	Choice 1100-1300 lbs				Choice 1000-1200 lbs			
	2001		2002		2001		2002	
Mar 16	16	79.88	74.48	79.86	74.31			
Mar 23	23	78.14	71.40	78.21	71.21			
Mar 30	30	79.16	71.06	78.64	70.77			

**CHICKENS AND EGGS**

**FLORIDA**

Table eggs sold in mid-April 2002 averaged 40.0 cents, down 10 cents from mid-March. Table egg production in Florida during March was 217 million eggs, up 13 percent from the previous month.

**UNITED STATES**

U.S. egg production totaled 7.41 billion during March 2002, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.31 billion table eggs and 1.10 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.04 billion were broiler-type and 64.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during March 2002 averaged 337 million, slightly higher than the average number of layers during March 2001. March egg production per 100 layers was 2,197 eggs, up one percent from the 2,178 eggs in March 2001. March 2002 contained 21 weekdays, five Saturdays, compared to 22 weekdays and five Saturdays in March 2001.

All layers in the U.S. on April 1, 2002, totaled 338 million, slightly higher than a year ago. The 338 million layers consisted of 278 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 58.0 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.60 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on April 1, 2002, averaged 71.0 eggs per 100 layers, unchanged from a year ago.

Laying flocks in the 30 major egg producing States produced 6.94 billion eggs during March 2002, up 1 percent from a year ago. The average number of layers during March, at 316 million, was slightly higher than a year earlier.

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

Month	Cents per dozen	
	2001	2002
January	54.0	41.0
February	50.0	44.0
March	52.0	50.0
April	50.0	40.0
May	40.0	
June	45.0	
July	43.0	
August	44.0	
September	42.0	
October	44.0	
November	46.0	
December	43.0	

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

	Apr 2001	Feb 2001	Mar 2002	Apr 2002
Total layers on hand: Thous.	10,791	10,797	10,478	10,534
Percent of layers:				
Being molted	2.0	10.0	7.0	6.0
Molt completed	33.0	25.0	26.5	29.5

Layers and egg production, March 2002, 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	10,410	1,912	199	57	142	784	2.5	8.0
Arkansas	15,235	1,897	289	109	180	1,105	1.0	6.5
California	24,068	2,202	530			2,043	2.0	33.5
<b>Florida</b>	<b>10,507</b>	<b>2,189</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>914</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>29.5</b>
Georgia	20,420	2,120	433	255	178	1,678	2.5	13.5
Indiana	22,630	2,232	505	492	13	1,948	3.0	31.5
Iowa	35,623	2,277	811			3,138	2.5	31.5
Maine	4,686	2,279	107			386	0.5	0.0
Maryland	3,233	2,289	74	70	4	298	9.5	34.0
Michigan	6,488	2,300	149			565	2.0	31.5
Minnesota	11,970	2,297	275	265	10	1,071	1.5	28.0
Mississippi	6,822	2,008	137	45	92	524	0.0	10.0
Missouri	6,904	2,216	153			591	5.0	20.0
Nebraska	11,536	2,115	244	244		947	10.5	24.0
New York	3,876	2,503	97			372	0.0	6.0
North Carolina	11,330	1,906	216	78	138	838	3.5	3.0
Ohio	29,976	2,248	674			2,603	5.0	16.5
Pennsylvania	23,379	2,261	552	535	17	2,153	5.0	19.0
South Carolina	5,411	2,181	118	99	19	467	4.0	32.5
Texas	18,971	2,240	425			1,593	5.5	22.0
Virginia	3,450	2,000	69	32	37	257	0.0	14.0
Washington	5,078	2,324	118			457	3.0	44.5
Other States	45,335	2,220	470	382	87	1,781	6.3	24.3
United States	337,338	2,197	7,412	6,308	1,104	28,621	3.6	22.0

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

## HATCHERY PRODUCTION

### FLORIDA

The March hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 8,465,000 was 11 percent below a year earlier. Broiler-type eggs in incubators on April 1, at 6,982,000, were 30 percent below a year ago.

Egg-type hatch during March at 629,000 chicks was 37 percent below last year. Egg-type eggs in incubators on April 1, at 553,000 were 18 percent below last year.

### UNITED STATES

The March 2002 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 790 million, was up 2 percent from March of the previous year. There were 644 million eggs in incubators on April 1, 2002, up 2 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 6.8 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during March 2002, up slightly from March 2001.

Egg-type chicks hatched during March totaled 36.7 million, down 10 percent from March 2001. Eggs in incubators totaled 32.8 million on April 1, 2002, down 11 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 237,000 during March 2002, down 17 percent from March 2001.

Hatchery production, United States			
Item	2001	2002	2002 % of 2001
-- Thousands --			
<b>Egg-Type:</b>			
Eggs in incubators: Apr 1	36,668	32,802	89
Chicks hatched during Mar	40,993	36,717	90
Pullets hatched during Mar for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks			
	284	237	83
7-18 months earlier <sup>1/</sup>	3,090	3,239	105
<b>Broiler-Type:</b>			
Eggs in incubators: Apr 1	633,019	644,107	102
Chicks hatched during Mar	773,760	790,342	102
Pullets hatched during Mar for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks			
	6,752	6,775	100
7-14 months earlier <sup>2/</sup>	62,797	60,771	97

<sup>1/</sup> 2002 includes pullet chicks hatched September 2000 through August 2001 <sup>2/</sup> 2002 includes pullet chicks hatched December 2000 through August 2001.

## MILK PRODUCTION

### FLORIDA

Florida dairy farms produced 234 million pounds of milk during March 2002, 4 percent less than the previous March. Production per cow of 1,540 pounds was 3 percent below last year. Milk cow numbers on Florida dairy farms in March totaled 152,000, 1 percent below last year.

### UNITED STATES

Milk production in the 20 major States during March totaled 12.8 billion pounds, up 3.2 percent from March 2001. February revised production, at 11.4 billion pounds, was up 2.3 percent from February 2001. The February revision represented a decrease of 0.5 percent or 56 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,650 pounds for March, 51 pounds above March 2001.

The number of cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.75 million head, 2,000 head more than March 2001, and 1,000 head more than February 2002.

Milk cows and production, Florida and U.S.				
Month and year	Milk cows	Monthly milk production		
		Per cow	Monthly Total	
	Thous.	Lbs.	Mil. Lbs.	
<b>Florida:</b>				
March 2001	154	1,580	243	
February 2002	152	1,335	203	
March 2002	152	1,540	234	
<b>20 Major States:</b>				
March 2001	7,743	1,599	12,384	
February 2002	7,744	1,468	11,365	
March 2002	7,745	1,650	12,778	
<b>United States</b>				
March 2001	--	--	14,375	
February 2002	--	--	13,191	
March 2002	--	--	14,836	

Milk production by quarters, United States						
Month	Milk cows <sup>1/</sup>		Milk per cow <sup>2/</sup>		Milk production	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	Thousand		Pounds		Mil. Lbs.	
Jan-Mar	9,143	9,105	4,514	4,643	41,267	42,217
Apr-Jun	9,114		4,683		42,681	
Jul-Sep	9,098		4,459		40,570	
Oct-Dec	9,105		4,483		40,818	
Annual Total	9,115		18,139		165,336	

<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 March 2002 was 5.4 million pounds, six percent above the same month last year. Commer-

cial production of red meat in the United States for March at 3.68 billion pounds, was two percent below 2001.

Commercial slaughter and red meat production, Florida and United States

Source and kind	Mar 2001	Feb 2002	Mar 2002	Year to date 2001	Year to date 2002
<b>Florida</b>					
Cattle slaughtered (1000 head) <sup>1/</sup>	7	9	8	21	24
Hogs:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	7	5	8	24	19
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	1,349	1,000	1,372	4,510	3,445
Red meat production (million pounds)	5.1	4.6	5.4	14.9	15.6
<b>United States</b>					
Cattle:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	2,918	2,615	2,737	8,500	8,408
Total liveweight (million pounds)	3,498	3,282	3,397	10,316	10,530
Average liveweight (pounds)	1,199	1,255	1,241	1,214	1,252
Beef production (million pounds)	2,096	1,987	2,059	6,182	6,376
Calves:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	84	73	78	254	238
Total liveweight (million pounds)	27	24	25	82	77
Average liveweight (pounds)	323	326	323	324	324
Veal production (million pounds)	16	14	15	50	46
Hogs:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	8,329	7,500	7,981	24,576	24,139
Liveweight (million pounds)	2,198	2,000	2,132	6,489	6,449
Average liveweight (pounds)	264	267	267	264	267
Pork production (million pounds)	1,626	1,482	1,581	4,804	4,779
Red meat production (million pounds)	3,762	3,501	3,677	11,096	11,259

<sup>1/</sup>Does not include calf slaughter data.

Average Dollars Per Cwt Received through 13 Florida Auctions  
March 2001 and 2002

Stocker calves under 300 lbs.					Stocker calves over 300 lbs.				
Grade	2001		2002		Grade	2001		2002	
	Steers	Heifers	Steers	Heifers		Steers	Heifers	Steers	Heifers
Medium #1	142.15	124.59	130.72	114.75	Large #1	116.68	107.70	106.15	91.56
Medium #2	121.71	107.65	109.91	96.53	Medium #1	105.43	90.39	<sup>1/</sup>	<sup>1/</sup>
All grades	135.71	121.22	122.47	107.20	Medium #2	100.79	94.61	92.24	84.12
					All grades	112.36	103.90	99.10	88.38

SOURCE: FDA & CS, Div. Of Marketing and Development, Market News Service. <sup>1/</sup> Not available.