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CATTLE ON FEED IN HISTORIC 7 STATES

Cattle on feed October 1, 2002, in the historic 7 States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 9.09 million, down 5 percent from the previous year and 4 percent below October 1, 2000. The inventory included 5.41 million steers and steer calves, down 5 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 60 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.62 million head, down 7 percent from 2001.

Placements in feedlots during September totaled 1.85 million, 2 percent above 2001 but 19 percent below 2000.

Marketings during September totaled 1.57 million, 2 percent above 2001 but 8 percent below 2000.

Other disappearance during September was 45,000 head, 13 percent above 2001 but 6 percent below 2000.

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

Month	Less than 600 lbs	600-699 lbs	700-799 lbs	800+ lbs	Total
1000 head					
Aug	525	483	625	585	2,218
Sep	614	487	582	505	2,188

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.4 million head on October 1, 2002. The inventory was 6 percent below October 1, 2001 and 5 percent below October 1, 2000. The inventory included 6.26 million steers and steer calves, down 6 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 60 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.08 million head, down 8 percent from 2001.

Placements in feedlots during September totaled 2.19 million, 2 percent above 2001 but 19 percent below 2000. Net placements were 2.14 million. During September, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 614,000, 600-699 pounds were 487,000, 700-799 pounds were 582,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 505,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during September totaled 1.85 million, 1 percent above 2001 but 7 percent below 2000.

Other disappearance totaled 53,000 during September, 15 percent above 2001 but 2 percent below 2000.

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

State	Number on feed September 1			Placed during September			Marketed during September			Other disappearance during September			Number on feed October 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	293	285	97	33	30	91	27	26	96	1	1	100	298	288	97
CA	470	490	104	47	60	128	49	52	106	3	3	100	465	495	106
CO	1,010	1,000	99	265	255	96	210	220	105	5	5	100	1,060	1,030	97
IA	310	310	100	66	68	103	65	62	95	1	1	100	310	315	102
KS	2,490	2,230	90	470	460	98	410	400	98	10	10	100	2,540	2,280	90
NE	1,820	1,850	102	450	450	100	315	335	106	5	5	100	1,950	1,960	101
TX	2,990	2,680	90	480	530	110	465	470	101	15	20	133	2,990	2,720	91
7 States	9,383	8,845	94	1,811	1,853	102	1,541	1,565	102	40	45	113	9,613	9,088	95
Oth. Sts.	305	290	95	330	335	102	284	283	100	6	10	167	1,512	1,328	88
U.S.	10,855	10,129	93	2,141	2,188	102	1,825	1,848	101	46	53	115	11,125	10,416	94

Average prices, Nebraska, dollars per cwt

Week ended	Slaughter steers				Slaughter heifers			
	Choice 1100-1300 lbs				Choice 1000-1200 lbs			
	2001		2002		2001		2002	
Sep 14	70.00		64.23		69.87		65.59	
Sep 21	69.02		66.16		68.88		66.79	
Sep 28	68.00		65.20		68.00		65.78	

CHICKENS AND EGGS

FLORIDA

Table eggs sold in mid-October 2002 averaged 38.0 cents, up 2.0 cents from mid-September. Table egg production in Florida during September was 213 million eggs, up two percent from the previous month.

UNITED STATES

U.S. egg production totaled 7.15 billion during September 2002, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.10 billion table eggs and 1.05 billion hatching eggs, of which 989 million were broiler-type and 56.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during September 2002 averaged 337 million, up 1 percent from a year earlier. September egg production per 100 layers was 2,119 eggs, up 1 percent from the 2,103 eggs in September 2001. September 2002 contained 21 weekdays, and four Saturdays, compared to September 2001 which contained 20 weekdays, and five Saturdays.

All layers in the U.S. on October 1, 2002, totaled 338 million, up slightly from a year ago. The 338 million layers consisted of 280 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 54.9 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.45 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on October 1, 2002, averaged 70.2 eggs per 100 layers, up slightly from a year ago.

Laying flocks in the 30 major egg producing States produced 6.69 billion eggs during September 2002, up 1 percent from a year ago. The average number of layers during September, at 316 million, was up slightly from a year ago.

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	31.0
June	45.0	43.0
July	43.0	35.0
August	44.0	37.0
September	42.0	36.0
October	44.0	38.0
November	46.0	
December	43.0	

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

	Oct 2001	Aug 2002	Sep 2002	Oct 2002
Total layers on hand: Thous.	10,193	10,508	10,654	10,624
Percent of layers:				
Being molted	4.0	8.0	4.5	9.0
Molt completed	39.0	32.0	30.5	32.5

Layers and egg production, September 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 ^{1/}	Being molted	Molt completed
	Thousand		Millions				Percent	
Alabama	9,989	1,872	187	50	137	1,915	7.0	14.0
Arkansas	14,394	1,841	265	94	171	2,784	3.5	10.0
California	23,590	2,136	504			5,089	5.0	27.0
Florida	10,654	2,121	226	213	13	2,260	9.0	32.5
Georgia	20,237	2,016	408	237	171	4,112	4.5	17.0
Indiana	23,194	2,272	527	515	12	5,006	2.0	29.5
Iowa	37,562	2,194	824			8,095	5.5	30.5
Maine	4,328	1,987	86			934	0.0	2.0
Maryland	3,147	2,288	72	69	3	737	0.0	53.0
Michigan	6,656	2,194	146			1,463	7.0	28.0
Minnesota	11,500	2,191	252	243	9	2,617	4.0	26.5
Mississippi	6,831	1,918	131	40	91	1,324	2.0	12.0
Missouri	7,075	2,219	157			1,525	2.5	19.5
Nebraska	11,653	2,188	255	255		2,468	9.5	25.0
New York	4,020	2,239	90			914	3.5	9.0
North Carolina	10,692	1,899	203	77	126	2,099	1.5	10.5
Ohio	30,614	2,140	655			6,584	7.0	21.5
Pennsylvania	23,709	2,244	532	518	14	5,418	5.0	18.0
South Carolina	5,319	2,124	113	95	18	1,147	2.0	35.5
Texas	18,484	2,099	388			3,957	3.5	27.0
Virginia	2,882	1,943	56	29	27	609	3.0	17.0
Washington	5,187	2,024	105			1,147	7.5	43.0
Other States	45,156	2,146	458	372	86	4,832	3.0	26.3
United States	337,151	2,119	7,145	6,099	1,045	64,578	4.6	23.7

^{1/} Production year begins December 1.

HATCHERY PRODUCTION

FLORIDA

The September hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 7,729,000 was five percent below a year earlier. Broiler-type eggs in incubators on October 1, at 6,663,000, were two percent below a year ago.

Egg-type hatch during September at 550,000 chicks was 43 percent below last year. Egg-type eggs in incubators on October 1, at 365,000 were 46 percent below last year.

UNITED STATES

The September 2002 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 741 million, was up slightly from September of the previous year. There were 591 million eggs in incubators on October 1, 2002, down 4 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 6.7 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during September 2002, up 1 percent from September 2001.

Egg-type chicks hatched during September totaled 35.4 million, down 4 percent from September 2001. Eggs in incubators totaled 30.8 million on October 1, 2002, down 3 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 259,000 during September 2002, up 18 percent from September 2001.

Hatchery production, United States			
Item	2001	2002	2002 % of 2001
-- Thousands --			
Egg-Type:			
Eggs in incubators: Oct 1	31,868	30,842	97
Chicks hatched during Sep	36,916	35,391	96
Pullets hatched during Sep for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks	219	259	118
7-18 months earlier ^{1/}	3,160	3,073	97
Broiler-Type:			
Eggs in incubators: Oct 1	615,142	591,313	96
Chicks hatched during Sep	738,355	741,140	100
Pullets hatched during Sep for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks	6,647	6,691	101
7-14 months earlier ^{2/}	60,557	61,766	102

^{1/} 2002 includes pullet chicks hatched March 2001 through February 2002 ^{2/} 2002 includes pullet chicks hatched June 2001 through February 2002.

MILK PRODUCTION

FLORIDA

Florida dairy farms produced 157 million pounds of milk during September 2002, unchanged from the previous September. Production per cow of 1,060 pounds was three percent above last year. Milk cow numbers on Florida dairy farms in September totaled 148,000, three percent below last year.

UNITED STATES

Milk production in the 20 major States during September totaled 11.8 billion pounds, up 3.3 percent from September 2001. August revised production, at 12.2 billion pounds, was up 4.1 percent from August 2001. The August revision represented an increase 0.2 percent or 27 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,510 pounds for September, 38 pounds above September 2001.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.79 million head, 56,000 head more than September 2001, and 4,000 head less than August 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.	
Florida:				
September 2001	152	1,030	157	
August 2002	149	1,195	178	
September 2002	148	1,060	157	
20 Major States:				
September 2001	7,730	1,472	11,376	
August 2002	7,790	1,570	12,232	
September 2002	7,786	1,510	11,754	
United States				
September 2001	--	--	13,129	
August 2002	--	--	14,143	
September 2002	--	--	13,592	

Milk production by quarters, United States						
Month	Milk cows ^{1/}		Milk per cow ^{2/}		Milk production	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	Thousand		Pounds		Mil. Lbs.	
Jan-Mar	9,143	9,109	4,514	4,639	41,267	42,256
Apr-Jun	9,114	9,145	4,683	4,806	42,681	43,954
Jul-Sep	9,098	9,159	4,459	4,582	40,570	41,965
Oct-Dec	9,105		4,483		40,818	
Annual Total	9,115		18,139		165,336	

^{1/} Dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh.

^{2/} Excludes milk sucked by calves.

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

Commercial red meat output in Florida for September 2002 was 5.9 million pounds, 20 percent above the same month last year. Commer-

cial production of red meat in the United States for September at 3.87 billion pounds, was six percent above 2001.

Commercial slaughter and red meat production, Florida and United States

Source and kind	September 2001	August 2002	September 2002	Year to date 2001	Year to date 2002
Florida					
Cattle slaughtered (1000 head) ^{1/}	7	8	8	64	72
Hogs:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	8	10	11	70	74
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	1,457	1,896	2,134	13,108	13,676
Red meat production (million pounds)	4.9	5.9	5.9	44.5	50.2
United States					
Cattle:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	2,808	3,213	2,865	26,524	26,831
Total liveweight (million pounds)	3,482	4,045	3,620	32,095	33,424
Average liveweight (pounds)	1,240	1,259	1,264	1,210	1,246
Beef production (million pounds)	2,121	2,470	2,201	19,407	20,306
Calves:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	79	96	89	740	755
Total liveweight (million pounds)	25	28	27	239	237
Average liveweight (pounds)	314	288	303	323	313
Veal production (million pounds)	15	17	16	145	142
Hogs:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	7,812	8,544	8,506	71,491	73,547
Liveweight (million pounds)	2,046	2,211	2,216	18,773	19,444
Average liveweight (pounds)	262	259	260	263	264
Pork production (million pounds)	1,513	1,637	1,638	13,898	14,411
Red meat production (million pounds)	3,666	4,140	3,873	33,617	35,020

^{1/}Does not include calf slaughter data.

Average Dollars Per Cwt Received through 11 Florida Auctions
September 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	132.27	111.72	116.40	93.89	Large #1	105.22	89.38	87.38	75.84
Medium #2	110.64	97.02	96.35	80.53	Medium #2	93.28	81.16	78.94	70.59
All grades	123.27	104.61	105.69	85.17	All grades	100.37	86.14	82.58	73.28

SOURCE: FDA & CS, Div. Of Marketing and Development, Market News Service.