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Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 1.89 million, 5 percent below both 2003 and 2002.

Other disappearance totaled 97,000 during April, 54 percent above 2003 and 17 percent above 2002.

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 10.36 million head on May 1, 2004. The inventory was 2 percent below May 1, 2003 and 6 percent below May 1, 2002.

Placements in feedlots during April totaled 1.60 million, 14 percent below 2003 but 10 percent above 2002. Net placements were 1.51 million. During April, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 316,000, 600-699 pounds were 302,000, 700-799 pounds were 567,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 418,000.

CATTLE ON FEED: U.S. Number Placed on Feed, by weight groups, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, April 2003, March and April 2004

| Month | Less than 600 lbs | 600-699 lbs | 700-799 lbs | 800+ lbs | Total |
|-------------------|-------------------|-------------|-------------|----------|-------|
| <i>1,000 head</i> | | | | | |
| Apr. 2003 | 296 | 324 | 613 | 637 | 1,870 |
| Mar. 2004 | 347 | 346 | 641 | 470 | 1,804 |
| Apr. 2004 | 316 | 302 | 567 | 418 | 1,603 |

CATTLE AND CALVES ON FEED, 1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS, AND UNITED STATES

| State | Number on feed April 1 | | | Placed during April | | | Marketed during April | | | Other disappearance during April | | | Number on feed May 1 | | |
|-----------|------------------------|--------|----------------|---------------------|-------|---------|-----------------------|-------|---------|----------------------------------|------|---------|----------------------|--------|----------------|
| | 2003 | 2004 | 2004-03 | 2003 | 2004 | 2004-03 | 2003 | 2004 | 2004-03 | 2003 | 2004 | 2004-03 | 2003 | 2004 | 2004-03 |
| | <i>1,000 head</i> | | <i>Percent</i> | <i>1,000 head</i> | | | <i>1,000 head</i> | | | <i>1,000 head</i> | | | <i>1,000 head</i> | | <i>Percent</i> |
| AZ | 279 | 295 | 106 | 32 | 31 | 97 | 40 | 27 | 68 | 1 | 2 | 200 | 269 | 295 | 110 |
| CA | 475 | 500 | 105 | 61 | 75 | 123 | 63 | 67 | 106 | 3 | 3 | 100 | 470 | 500 | 106 |
| CO | 990 | 1,020 | 103 | 200 | 155 | 78 | 165 | 175 | 106 | 5 | 10 | 200 | 1,000 | 940 | 94 |
| ID | 280 | 265 | 95 | 45 | 45 | 100 | 49 | 47 | 96 | 1 | 3 | 300 | 275 | 250 | 91 |
| IA | 380 | 405 | 107 | 57 | 57 | 100 | 60 | 53 | 88 | 2 | 4 | 200 | 370 | 415 | 112 |
| KS | 2,240 | 2,390 | 107 | 420 | 355 | 85 | 450 | 440 | 98 | 20 | 35 | 175 | 2,270 | 2,240 | 99 |
| NE | 2,190 | 2,270 | 104 | 320 | 320 | 100 | 420 | 420 | 100 | 10 | 10 | 100 | 2,080 | 2,100 | 101 |
| NM | 112 | 112 | 100 | 21 | 14 | 67 | 24 | 11 | 46 | 1 | 3 | 300 | 101 | 105 | 104 |
| OK | 320 | 335 | 105 | 68 | 51 | 75 | 75 | 68 | 91 | 3 | 3 | 100 | 330 | 310 | 94 |
| SD | 215 | 210 | 98 | 31 | 26 | 84 | 29 | 28 | 97 | 2 | 3 | 150 | 210 | 200 | 95 |
| TX | 2,560 | 2,690 | 105 | 540 | 415 | 77 | 520 | 480 | 92 | 10 | 15 | 150 | 2,680 | 2,560 | 96 |
| WA | 180 | 175 | 97 | 25 | 24 | 96 | 34 | 33 | 97 | 1 | 1 | 100 | 170 | 160 | 94 |
| Oth. Sts. | 325 | 310 | 95 | 50 | 35 | 70 | 56 | 45 | 80 | 4 | 5 | 125 | 310 | 285 | 92 |
| U.S. | 10,546 | 10,977 | 104 | 1,870 | 1,603 | 86 | 1,985 | 1,894 | 95 | 63 | 97 | 154 | 10,535 | 10,360 | 98 |

AVERAGE PRICES, NEBRASKA, DOLLARS PER CWT

| Week ended | Slaughter steers | | | | Slaughter heifers | | | |
|------------|----------------------|--|-------|--|----------------------|--|-------|--|
| | Choice 1150-1500 lbs | | | | Choice 1000-1300 lbs | | | |
| | 2003 | | 2004 | | 2003 | | 2004 | |
| May 01 | 78.42 | | 87.33 | | 78.38 | | 87.26 | |
| May 08 | 79.26 | | 92.00 | | 79.12 | | 91.75 | |
| May 15 | 79.99 | | 88.39 | | 79.94 | | 88.36 | |

CHICKENS AND EGGS

FLORIDA

Table eggs sold in mid-May 2004 averaged 52.0 cents, down 15.0 cents from mid-April. Table egg production in Florida during April was 257 million eggs, down one percent from the previous month.

UNITED STATES

U.S. egg production totaled 7.34 billion during April 2004, up 2 percent from last year. Production included 6.28 billion table eggs, and 1.07 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.01 billion were broiler-type and 58.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during April 2004 averaged 342 million, up 1 percent from a year earlier. April egg production per 100 layers was 2,148 eggs, up 1 percent from April 2003. April 2004 and April 2003 both contained 22 weekdays, and four Saturdays.

All layers in the U.S. on May 1, 2004, totaled 342 million, up 1 percent from a year ago. The 342 million layers consisted of 282 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 57.2 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.49 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on May 1, 2004, averaged 71.0 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from a year ago.

Laying flocks in the 30 major egg producing States produced 6.85 billion eggs during April 2004, up 2 percent from a year ago. The average number of layers during April, at 319 million, was up 1 percent from a year ago.

MID-MONTH TABLE EGG PRICES RECEIVED BY FLORIDA EGG PRODUCERS.

| Month | Cents per dozen | |
|-----------|-----------------|-------|
| | 2003 | 2004 |
| January | 55.0 | 81.0 |
| February | 56.0 | 81.0 |
| March | 51.0 | 101.0 |
| April | 52.0 | 67.0 |
| May | 41.0 | 52.0 |
| June | 50.0 | |
| July | 51.0 | |
| August | 57.0 | |
| September | 63.0 | |
| October | 72.0 | |
| November | 83.0 | |
| December | 75.0 | |

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

| | May 2003 | Mar 2004 | Apr 2004 | May 2004 |
|------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Total layers on hand: Thous. | 10,368 | 11,481 | 11,456 | 11,397 |
| Percent of layers: | | | | |
| Being molted | 6.0 | 3.5 | 2.0 | 2.5 |
| Molt completed | 31.0 | 30.5 | 29.5 | 22.5 |

LAYERS AND EGG PRODUCTION, APRIL 2004, 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 |
| | <i>Thousand</i> | | <i>Millions</i> | | | | <i>Percent</i> | |
| Alabama | 9,327 | 1,833 | 171 | 44 | 127 | 863 | 0.0 | 3.5 |
| Arkansas | 15,127 | 1,917 | 290 | 99 | 191 | 1,394 | 0.5 | 8.0 |
| California | 20,371 | 2,135 | 435 | | | 2,245 | 7.5 | 25.0 |
| Florida | 11,456 | 2,322 | 266 | 257 | 9 | 1,277 | 2.5 | 22.5 |
| Georgia | 20,233 | 2,031 | 411 | 244 | 167 | 2,103 | 5.0 | 11.5 |
| Indiana | 23,514 | 2,203 | 518 | 505 | 13 | 2,558 | 4.0 | 31.5 |
| Iowa | 42,730 | 2,183 | 933 | | | 4,600 | 5.0 | 35.0 |
| Maine | 4,010 | 2,294 | 92 | | | 455 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Maryland | 3,093 | 2,231 | 69 | 68 | 1 | 356 | 0.0 | 30.0 |
| Michigan | 7,386 | 2,261 | 167 | | | 810 | 5.5 | 30.5 |
| Minnesota | 10,841 | 2,269 | 246 | 239 | 7 | 1,229 | 3.0 | 25.0 |
| Mississippi | 7,022 | 1,908 | 134 | 41 | 93 | 664 | 4.0 | 9.5 |
| Missouri | 7,055 | 2,112 | 149 | | | 763 | 5.0 | 18.5 |
| Nebraska | 11,729 | 2,208 | 259 | 259 | | 1,322 | 8.5 | 18.5 |
| New York | 3,988 | 2,357 | 94 | | | 479 | 2.5 | 2.5 |
| North Carolina | 11,054 | 1,900 | 210 | 80 | 130 | 1,046 | 1.0 | 7.5 |
| Ohio | 27,874 | 2,174 | 606 | | | 3,014 | 7.5 | 24.5 |
| Pennsylvania | 23,949 | 2,238 | 536 | 519 | 17 | 2,709 | 1.5 | 19.5 |
| South Carolina | 5,161 | 2,073 | 107 | 89 | 18 | 561 | 10.5 | 31.5 |
| Texas | 18,744 | 2,193 | 411 | | | 2,016 | 4.5 | 18.0 |
| Virginia | 3,300 | 1,909 | 63 | 27 | 36 | 316 | 3.5 | 12.5 |
| Washington | 4,901 | 2,244 | 110 | | | 540 | 8.5 | 46.5 |
| Other States | 50,014 | 2,188 | 490 | 402 | 88 | 3,587 | 7.5 | 25.2 |
| United States | 341,914 | 2,148 | 7,343 | 6,276 | 1,067 | 36,675 | 4.7 | 22.3 |

^{1/} Production year begins December 1.

HATCHERY PRODUCTION

FLORIDA

The April hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 4,916,000 was 13 percent below a year earlier. Broiler-type eggs in incubators on May 1, at 4,052,000, were 14 percent below a year ago.

Egg-type hatch during April at 579,000 chicks was three percent above last year. Egg-type eggs in incubators on May 1, at 541,000 were three percent below a year ago.

UNITED STATES

The April 2004 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 774 million, was up 2 percent from April of the previous year. There were 661 million eggs in incubators on May 1, 2004, up 2 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 6.4 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during April 2004, down 5 percent from April 2003.

Egg-type chicks hatched during April totaled 37.5 million, down 1 percent from April 2003. Eggs in incubators totaled 34.1 million on May 1, 2004, down 3 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 311,000 during April 2004, up 11 percent from April 2003.

HATCHERY PRODUCTION, UNITED STATES

| Item | 2003 | 2004 | 2004 % of 2003 |
|--|---------|---------|----------------------|
| <i>-- Thousands --</i> | | | |
| EGG-TYPE: | | | |
| Eggs in incubators: May 1 | 35,229 | 34,122 | 97 |
| Chicks hatched during Apr | 37,804 | 37,514 | 99 |
| Pullets hatched during Apr for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks | 280 | 311 | 111 |
| 7-18 months earlier ^{1/} | 2,944 | 2,923 | 99 |
| BROILER-TYPE: | | | |
| Eggs in incubators: May 1 | 646,415 | 660,615 | 102 |
| Chicks hatched during Apr | 760,638 | 774,452 | 102 |
| Pullets hatched during Apr for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks | 6,735 | 6,402 | 95 |
| 7-15 months earlier ^{2/} | 62,658 | 61,898 | 99 |

^{1/} 2004 includes pullet chicks hatched October 2002 through September 2003.

^{2/} 2004 includes pullet chicks hatched January 2003 through September 2003.

MILK PRODUCTION

FLORIDA

Florida dairy farms produced 208 million pounds of milk during April 2004, up two percent from the previous April. Production per cow of 1,505 pounds was six percent above last year. Milk cow numbers on Florida dairy farms in April totaled 138,000, five percent below last year.

UNITED STATES

Milk production in the 20 major States during April totaled 12.6 billion pounds, down 0.9 percent from April 2003. March revised production, at 12.8 billion pounds, was down 1.7 percent from March 2003. The March revision represented an increase of 0.2 percent or 22 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,630 pounds for April, 3 pounds above April 2003.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.72 million head, 81,000 head less than April 2003, but 2,000 head more than March 2004.

MILK COWS AND PRODUCTION, FLORIDA AND U.S.

| Month and year | Milk cows | Monthly milk production | |
|-------------------------|---------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| | | Per cow | Monthly Total |
| | <i>Thous.</i> | <i>Lbs.</i> | <i>Mil. Lbs.</i> |
| FLORIDA: | | | |
| April 2003 | 144 | 1,415 | 204 |
| March 2004 | 138 | 1,550 | 214 |
| April 2004 | 138 | 1,505 | 208 |
| 20 MAJOR STATES: | | | |
| April 2003 | 7,800 | 1,627 | 12,693 |
| March 2004 | 7,717 | 1,658 | 12,798 |
| April 2004 | 7,719 | 1,630 | 12,584 |
| UNITED STATES: | | | |
| April 2003 | 9,125 | 1,604 | 14,634 |
| March 2004 | 8,990 | 1,640 | 14,743 |
| April 2004 | 8,989 | 1,609 | 14,465 |

MILK PRODUCTION BY QUARTERS, UNITED STATES

| Month | Milk cows ^{1/} | | Milk per cow ^{2/} | | Milk production | |
|--------------|-------------------------|-------|----------------------------|-------|------------------|--------|
| | 2003 | 2004 | 2003 | 2004 | 2003 | 2004 |
| | <i>Thousand</i> | | <i>Pounds</i> | | <i>Mil. Lbs.</i> | |
| Jan-Mar | 9,144 | 8,991 | 4,710 | 4,750 | 43,069 | 42,710 |
| Apr-Jun | 9,109 | | 4,827 | | 43,965 | |
| Jul-Sep | 9,073 | | 4,601 | | 41,746 | |
| Oct-Dec | 9,011 | | 4,609 | | 41,532 | |
| Annual Total | 9,084 | | 18,749 | | 170,312 | |

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

^{2/} Excludes milk fed to calves.

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

Commercial red meat output in Florida for April 2004 was 4.8 million pounds, eight percent below the same month last year.

Commercial production of red meat in the United States for April at 3.71 billion pounds, was four percent above 2003.

Commercial slaughter and red meat production, Florida and United States

| Source and kind | April 2003 | March 2004 | April 2004 | Year to date 2003 | Year to date 2004 |
|--|------------|------------|------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| FLORIDA | | | | | |
| Cattle slaughtered (1000 head) ^{1/} | 9 | 7 | 7 | 33 | 27 |
| HOGS: | | | | | |
| Head slaughtered (1,000 head) | 9 | 9 | 8 | 34 | 33 |
| Total liveweight (1,000 pounds) | 1,561 | 1,598 | 1,381 | 6,076 | 5,706 |
| SHEEP AND LAMBS: | | | | | |
| Head slaughtered (1,000 head) | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 13.0 | 11.0 |
| Total liveweight (1,000 pounds) | 31 | 22 | 18 | 123 | 71 |
| Red meat production (million pounds) | 6.0 | 4.9 | 4.8 | 22.5 | 18.8 |
| UNITED STATES | | | | | |
| CATTLE: | | | | | |
| Head slaughtered (1,000 head) | 2,966 | *2,869 | 2,699 | 11,317 | 10,571 |
| Total liveweight (million pounds) | 3,586 | 3,493 | 3,238 | 14,062 | 12,934 |
| Average liveweight (pounds) | 1,209 | 1,217 | 1,200 | 1,243 | 1,224 |
| Beef production (million pounds) | 2,151 | *2,107 | 1,957 | 8,433 | 7,791 |
| CALVES: | | | | | |
| Head slaughtered (1,000 head) | 79 | *76 | 71 | 341 | 298 |
| Total liveweight (million pounds) | 27 | 24 | 23 | 110 | 98 |
| Average liveweight (pounds) | 336 | *307 | 329 | 323 | 327 |
| Veal production (million pounds) | 16 | 14 | 14 | 66 | 59 |
| HOGS: | | | | | |
| Head slaughtered (1,000 head) | 8,342 | *9,038 | 8,652 | 32,996 | 34,366 |
| Total liveweight (million pounds) | 2,235 | 2,419 | 2,315 | 8,823 | 9,207 |
| Average liveweight (pounds) | 268 | 268 | 268 | 268 | 268 |
| Pork production (million pounds) | 1,659 | 1,801 | 1,725 | 6,558 | 6,856 |
| SHEEP AND LAMBS: | | | | | |
| Head slaughtered (1,000 head) | 297 | 307 | 256 | 1,026 | 995 |
| Total liveweight (1,000 pounds) | 39 | 44 | 35 | 137 | 140 |
| LAMB AND MUTTON: | | | | | |
| | 20 | 22 | 17 | 69 | 70 |
| Red meat production (million pounds) | 3,846 | *3,944 | 3,713 | 15,125 | 14,775 |

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

* Revised.