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Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.0 million head on September 1, 2005. The inventory was slightly above September 1, 2004 and 2 percent above September 1, 2003.

Placements in feedlots during August totaled 1.99 million, 5 percent below 2004 and 16 percent below 2003. This is the lowest placements for the month of August since the series began in 1996. Net placements were 1.94 million. During August, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 418,000, 600-699 pounds were 385,000, 700-799 pounds were 540,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 650,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during August totaled 2.03 million, 6 percent above 2004 but 2 percent below 2003. Other disappearance totaled 53,000 during August, 5 percent below 2004 and 12 percent below 2003.

**CATTLE ON FEED: U.S. Number Placed on Feed, by weight
Groups, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, August 2004, July and August 2005**

Month		Less than 600 lbs	600-699 lbs	700-799 lbs	800+ lbs	Total
1,000 head						
August	2004	506	416	565	615	2,102
July	2005	400	338	465	475	1,678
August	2005	418	385	540	650	1,993

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

State	Number on feed August 1		Placed during August		Marketed during August		Other disappearance during August		Number on feed September 1	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
1,000 head										
AZ	294	313	30	35	26	33	2	1	296	314
CA	520	530	63	62	59	57	4	5	520	530
CO	880	820	205	155	150	200	5	5	930	770
ID	235	250	58	51	47	50	1	1	245	250
IA	380	400	62	69	66	72	1	2	375	395
KS	2,120	2,190	520	520	495	490	15	10	2,130	2,210
NE	1,750	1,730	420	415	360	365	10	10	1,800	1,770
NM	127	134	23	28	19	24	2	3	129	135
OK	315	320	76	70	64	68	2	2	325	320
SD	157	143	25	24	43	34	1	1	138	132
TX	2,670	2,890	530	480	520	560	10	10	2,670	2,800
WA	165	137	36	30	25	27	1	1	175	139
Oth. Sts.	255	235	54	54	52	52	2	2	255	235
U.S.	9,868	10,092	2,102	1,993	1,926	2,032	61	53	9,988	10,000

AVERAGE PRICES, NEBRASKA, DOLLARS PER CWT

Week ended	Slaughter steers Choice 1150-1500 lbs		Slaughter heifers Choice 1000-1300 lbs	
	2004	2005	2004	2005
Sep. 03	80.36	80.73	80.64	80.57
Sep 10	80.99	82.63	81.03	82.28
Sep 17	83.83	87.00	84.14	86.71



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CHICKENS AND EGGS

FLORIDA

Table eggs averaged 50.0 cents per dozen sold in mid-September up 21.0 cents from last month. Table egg production in Florida during August was 245 million eggs, one percent above the previous month.

UNITED STATES

U.S. egg production totaled 7.56 billion during August 2005, up slightly from last year. Production included 6.46 billion table eggs, and 1.10 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.04 billion were broiler-type and 62 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during August 2005 averaged 341 million, down one percent from a year earlier. August egg production per 100 layers was 2,219 eggs, up one percent from August 2004.

All layers in the U.S. on September 1, 2005, totaled 341 million, down one percent from a year ago. The 341 million layers consisted of 283 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 55.5 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.68 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on September 1, 2005, averaged 71.6 eggs per 100 layers, up one percent from August 2004.

LAYERS AND EGGS: Selected States and U.S., August 2005

Selected States	Avg. layers on hand	Egg production	Rate of lay
	Thousands	Millions	
Alabama	9,074	169	60.1
Arkansas	14,208	283	64.3
California	20,126	440	70.5
Florida	11,210	252	72.5
Georgia	18,849	388	66.4
Indiana	23,525	512	70.2
Iowa	47,500	1,093	74.2
Maine	4,287	91	64.5
Maryland	2,808	69	79.3
Michigan	7,944	179	72.7
Minnesota	11,028	250	73.1
Mississippi	6,850	135	63.6
Missouri	7,136	156	70.5
Nebraska	11,997	280	75.3
New York	4,291	104	78.2
North Carolina	11,061	218	63.6
Ohio	28,000	640	73.7
Pennsylvania	23,371	543	74.9
South Carolina	4,825	103	68.9
Texas	17,209	388	72.7
Virginia	3,347	73	70.4
Washington	4,867	116	76.9
Other States	47,257	476	72.9
United States	340,770	7,562	71.6

UNITED STATES HOG AND PIGS

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on September 1, 2005 was 61.5 million head. This was up slightly from September 1, 2004, and up one percent from June 1, 2005.

Breeding inventory, at 5.97 million head, was up less than one percent from last year but down less than one percent from last quarter. Market hog inventory, at 55.6 million head, was virtually unchanged from last year but up two percent from last quarter.

The June - August 2005 U.S. pig crop, at 26.3 million head, was up slightly from 2004 and up one percent from 2003. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.90 million head, down slightly from last year. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 49 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 9.07 for the June-August 2005 period, compared to 9.01 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.60 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 9.10 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

U.S. hog producers intend to have 2.89 million sows farrow during the September-November 2005 quarter, unchanged from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2004, but up one percent from 2003. Intended farrowings for December 2005-February 2006, at 2.88 million sows, are up one percent from both 2005 and 2004. The total number of hogs under contract, owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 39 percent of the total U.S. hog inventory, unchanged from last year.

HOGS AND PIGS: Inventory number, sows farrowing and pig crop, 2004-05, United States

	2004	2005	2005 as % of 2004
	1,000 head		
SEPTEMBER 1 INVENTORY:			
All hogs and pigs	61,519	61,536	100
Kept for breeding	5,962	5,972	100
Market	55,556	55,563	100
MARKET HOGS AND PIGS			
BY WEIGHT GROUPS:			
Under 60 pounds	20,729	20,634	100
60 - 119 pounds	13,613	13,716	101
120 - 179 pounds	11,235	11,384	101
180 pounds	9,981	9,830	98
SOWS FARROWING:			
December ^{1/} -February	2,836	2,835	100
March-May	2,870	2,870	100
December ^{1/} -May	5,706	5,705	100
June-August	2,905	2,898	100
September-November	2,888		
June-November	5,793		
PIG CROP:			
December ^{1/} -February	25,105	25,346	101
March-May	25,633		
June-August	26,162		
September-November	25,881		

^{1/} December preceding year.

HATCHERY PRODUCTION

FLORIDA

The August hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 5,244,000 was seven percent above a year earlier. Broiler-type eggs in incubators on September 1, at 4,047,000 were one percent above a year ago.

Egg-type hatch during August at 857,000 chicks was 39 percent above last year. Egg-type eggs in incubators on September 1 at 496,000, were 10 percent above a year ago.

UNITED STATES

Broiler-type chicks hatched during August 2005 totaled 812 million, up slightly from August 2004. Eggs in incubators totaled 652 million on August 1, 2005, down slightly from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 7.48 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during August 2005, up 3 percent from August 2004.

Egg-type chicks hatched during August 2005 totaled 39.0 million, up 6 percent from August 2004. Eggs in incubators totaled 32.5 million on September 1, 2005, down 1 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 261,000 during August 2005, down 18 percent from August 2004.

HATCHERY PRODUCTION, UNITED STATES

Item	2004	2005	2005 % of 2004
-- Thousands --			
EGG-TYPE:			
Eggs in incubators: Sep 1	32,711	32,491	99
Chicks hatched during Aug	36,854	38,953	106
Pullets hatched during Aug for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks 7-18 months earlier ^{1/}	318	261	82
	3,112	3,028	97
BROILER-TYPE:			
Eggs in incubators: Sep 1	654,587	652,451	100
Chicks hatched during Aug	810,285	811,678	100
Pullets hatched during Aug for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks 7-15 months earlier ^{2/}	7,280	7,484	103
	62,096	62,972	101

^{1/}2005 includes pullet chicks hatched February 2004 through January 2005.

^{2/}2005 includes pullet chicks hatched May 2004 through January 2005.

MILK PRODUCTION

FLORIDA

Florida dairy farms produced 167 million pounds of milk during August 2005, down one percent below the previous August. Production per cow of 1,240 pounds was one percent above last year. Milk cows on Florida dairy farms in August totaled 135,000, two percent below last year.

UNITED STATES

Milk production in the 23 major States during August totaled 13.6 billion pounds, up 4.6 percent from August 2004. July revised production, at 13.7 billion pounds, was up 4.2 percent from July 2004. The July revision represented a decrease of 6 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,665 pounds for August, 64 pounds above August 2004.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.15 million head, 52,000 head more than August 2004, and 9,000 head more than July 2005.

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:			
August 2004	138	1,225	169
July 2005	136	1,310	179
August 2005	135	1,240	167
23 MAJOR STATES:			
August 2004	8,102	1,601	12,970
July 2005	8,145	1,681	13,692
August 2005	8,154	1,665	13,573
UNITED STATES:			
August 2004	9,029	1,574	14,215
July 2005	9,062	1,651	14,960
August 2005	9,074	1,634	14,830

MILK PRODUCTION BY QUARTERS, UNITED STATES

Month	Milk cows ^{1/}		Milk per cow ^{2/}		Milk Production	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	Thousand		Pounds		Mil. Lbs.	
Jan-Mar	8,993	8,996	4,755	4,807	42,759	43,242
Apr-Jun	9,001	9,035	4,869	5,054	43,824	45,662
Jul-Sep	9,027		4,679		42,239	
Oct-Dec	9,019		4,655		41,983	
Annual Total	9,010		18,957		170,809	

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

^{2/}Excludes milk fed to calves.

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

Commercial red meat output in Florida for August 2005 was 5.4 million pounds, 17 percent above the same month last year. Commercial production of red meat in the United States for August at 4.10 billion pounds, was six percent above 2004.

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER AND RED MEAT PRODUCTION, FLORIDA AND UNITED STATES

Source and kind	August 2004	July 2005	August 2005	Year to date 2004	Year to date 2005
FLORIDA					
HOGS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	8	8	10	65	62
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	1,271	1,534	1,937	10,944	11,733
SHEEP AND LAMBS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	0.1	0.2	0.2	1.6	1.7
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	7	12	14	108	102
Red meat production (million pounds)	4.6	4.7	5.4	36.8	60.2
UNITED STATES					
CATTLE:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	2,821	2,718	2,990	22,013	21,590
Total liveweight (million pounds)	3,531	3,410	3,788	27,010	25,895
Average liveweight (pounds)	1,252	1,254	1,267	1,227	1,246
Beef production (million pounds)	2,151	2,085	2,319	16,345	16,322
CALVES:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	73	59	66	571	502
Total liveweight (million pounds)	23	21	23	191	174
Average liveweight (pounds)	322	350	347	330	347
Veal production (million pounds)	14	12	14	113	104
HOGS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	8,722	7,662	8,983	67,272	67,202
Total liveweight (million pounds)	2,287	2,026	2,358	17,887	18,031
Average liveweight (pounds)	262	264	263	266	268
Pork production (million pounds)	1,699	1,505	1,751	13,303	13,414
SHEEP AND LAMBS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	233	201	229	1,870	1,786
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	30	27	31	255	248
LAMB AND MUTTON:					
	15	14	15	128	123
Red meat production (million pounds)	3,880	3,616	4,099	29,891	29,964