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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 10.5 million head on October 1, 2005. The inventory was slightly below October 1, 2004 but up 3 percent from October 1, 2003. The inventory included 6.87 million steers and steer calves, up 6 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 66 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.55 million head, down 11 percent from 2004.

Placements in feedlots during September totaled 2.36 million, 1 percent below 2004 and 5 percent below 2003. Net placements were 2.30 million head. During September, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 565,000, 600-699 pounds were 505,000, 700-799 pounds were 550,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 735,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during September totaled 1.82 million, 1 percent above 2004 but 11 percent below 2003.

Other disappearance totaled 57,000 during September, 7 percent below 2004 and 10 percent below 2003.

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

Month	Less than 600 lbs	600-699 lbs	700-799 lbs	800+ lbs	Total
1,000 head					
September 2004	628	475	552	720	2,375
August 2005	418	385	540	650	1,993
September 2005	565	505	550	735	2,355

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

State	Number on feed September 1		Placed during September 1		Marketed during September		Other disappearance during September		Number on feed October 1	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
1,000 head										
AZ	296	314	28	29	25	24	1	1	298	318
CA	520	530	64	68	60	57	4	6	520	535
CO	930	770	265	280	170	145	5	5	1,020	900
ID	245	250	84	69	53	48	1	1	275	270
IA	375	395	70	90	69	74	1	1	375	410
KS	2,130	2,210	520	510	410	455	20	15	2,220	2,250
NE	1,800	1,770	470	500	320	320	10	10	1,940	1,940
NM	129	135	29	26	19	22	3	3	136	136
OK	325	320	80	69	62	53	3	1	340	335
SD	138	132	41	40	35	40	1	2	143	130
TX	2,670	2,800	600	550	490	510	10	10	2,770	2,830
WA	175	139	48	40	42	25	1	1	180	153
Oth. Sts.	255	235	76	84	45	43	1	1	285	275
U.S.	9,988	10,000	2,375	2,355	1,800	1,816	61	57	10,502	10,482

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AVERAGE PRICES, NEBRASKA, DOLLARS PER CWT

Week ended		Slaughter steers Choice 1150-1500 lbs		Slaughter heifers Choice 1000-1300 lbs	
		2004	2005	2004	2005
October	01	82.69	86.83	83.30	86.93
October	08	82.96	87.34	83.69	87.77
October	15	83.92	88.23	84.28	88.63



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CHICKENS AND EGGS

FLORIDA

Table eggs averaged 36.0 cents per dozen sold in mid-October down 14.0 cents from last month. Table egg production in Florida during September was 243 million eggs, slightly above the previous month.

UNITED STATES

U.S. egg production totaled 7.38 billion during September 2005, up slightly from last year. Production included 6.31 billion table eggs, and 1.07 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.01 billion were broiler-type and 59 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during September 2005 averaged 342 million, down 1 percent from a year earlier. September egg production per 100 layers was 2,155 eggs, up 1 percent from September 2004.

All layers in the U.S. on October 1, 2005, totaled 343 million, down slightly from a year ago. The 343 million layers consisted of 286 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 55.1 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.46 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on October 1, 2005, averaged 71.9 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from October 1, 2004.

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

Month	Cents per dozen	
	2004	2005
January	81.0	40.0
February	81.0	36.0
March	101.0	33.0
April	67.0	30.0
May	52.0	27.0
June	53.0	25.0
July	46.0	34.0
August	40.0	29.0
September	34.0	50.0
October	36.0	36.0
November	46.0	
December	53.0	

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

	Oct 2004	Aug 2005	Sep 2005	Oct 2005
Total layers on hand: Thous.	11,302	11,118	11,301	11,405
Percent of layers:				
Being molted	3.5	5.0	4.0	5.0
Molt completed	24.0	21.0	30.0	28.0

LAYERS AND EGG PRODUCTION, SEPTEMBER 2005, 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	9,034	1,838	166	36	130	1,730	1.5	6.0
Arkansas	14,436	1,940	280	98	182	2,824	4.5	10.0
California	19,850	2,131	423			4,415	4.5	34.5
Florida	11,354	2,202	250	243	7	2,458	5.0	28.0
Georgia	19,009	2,025	385	210	175	4,055	3.0	15.0
Indiana	23,715	2,193	520	508	12	5,173	2.5	29.0
Iowa	48,826	2,198	1,073			22,796	4.5	34.5
Maine	4,149	1,928	80			491	0.0	0.0
Maryland	2,691	2,341	63	62	1	674	4.0	46.0
Michigan	7,798	2,270	177			1,767	5.0	24.5
Minnesota	11,140	2,208	246	238	8	2,468	4.5	23.5
Mississippi	6,844	1,899	130	38	92	1,359	1.0	10.0
Missouri	6,918	2,197	152			1,604	4.0	20.5
Nebraska	11,912	2,275	271	271	0	2,690	8.0	28.0
New York	4,219	2,299	97			993	3.5	7.0
North Carolina	11,011	1,934	213	82	131	2,142	0.5	10.5
Ohio	27,785	2,242	623			6,250	5.0	17.5
Pennsylvania	23,523	2,240	527	510	17	5,515	3.0	19.0
South Carolina	4,881	2,151	105	85	20	1,069	5.5	19.5
Texas	17,409	2,143	373			3,959	2.0	22.5
Virginia	3,378	2,043	69	32	37	674	3.0	12.0
Washington	4,873	2,278	111			1,132	6.0	45.0
Other States	47,627	2,197	461	370	92	4,742	3.9	27.1
United States	342,382	2,155	7,379	6,309	1,071	74,745	3.9	23.4

^{1/} Production year begins December 1.

HATCHERY PRODUCTION

FLORIDA

The September hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 4,855,000 was two percent above a year earlier. Broiler-type eggs in incubators on October 1, at 3,921,000 were eight percent below a year ago.

Egg-type hatch during September at 676,000 chicks was 26 percent above last year. Egg-type eggs in incubators on October 1 at 374,000, were 15 percent below a year ago.

UNITED STATES

Broiler-type chicks hatched during September 2005 totaled 770 million, down slightly from September 2004. Eggs in incubators totaled 632 million on October 1, 2005, up 2 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 7.13 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during September 2005, down 8 percent from September 2004.

Egg-type chicks hatched during September 2005 totaled 33.8 million, down 8 percent from September 2004. Eggs in incubators totaled 31.8 million on October 1, 2005, down 5 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 375,000 during September 2005, up 83 percent from September 2004.

HATCHERY PRODUCTION, UNITED STATES

Item	2004	2005	2005 % of 2004
-- Thousands --			
EGG-TYPE:			
Eggs in incubators: Oct 1	33,475	31,844	95
Chicks hatched during Sep	36,631	33,788	92
Pullets hatched during Sep for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks 7-18 months earlier ^{1/}	205	375	183
	3,172	2,951	93
BROILER-TYPE:			
Eggs in incubators: Oct 1	617,612	631,739	102
Chicks hatched during Sep	769,934	769,771	100
Pullets hatched during Sep for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks 7-15 months earlier ^{2/}	7,758	7,132	92
	62,113	62,707	101

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

^{2/}2005 includes pullet chicks hatched June 2004 through February 2005.

MILK PRODUCTION

FLORIDA

Florida dairy farms produced 151 million pounds of milk during September 2005, eight percent above the production in the previous September. Production per cow of 1,130 pounds was ten percent above last year. Milk cows on Florida dairy farms in September totaled 134,000, two percent below last year.

UNITED STATES

Milk production in the 23 major States during September totaled 13.0 billion pounds, up 4.9 percent from September 2004. August revised production, at 13.6 billion pounds, was up 4.8 percent from August 2004. The August revision represented an increase of 22 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,597 pounds for September, 64 pounds above September 2004.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.16 million head, 54,000 head more than September 2004, and 1,000 head more than August 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:			
September 2004	137	1,025	140
August 2005	135	1,240	167
September 2005	134	1,130	151
23 MAJOR STATES:			
September 2004	8,104	1,533	12,426
August 2005	8,157	1,667	13,595
September 2005	8,158	1,597	13,032
UNITED STATES:			
September 2004	9,025	1,509	13,619
August 2005	9,057	1,637	14,830
September 2005	9,058	1,571	14,234

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	9,034	4,869	5,054	43,824	45,660
Jul-Sep	9,027	9,054	4,679	4,862	42,239	44,024
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 September 2005 was 5.4 million pounds, 50 percent above the same month last year. Commercial production of red meat in the United States for September at 3.93 million pounds, was one percent above 2004.

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER AND RED MEAT PRODUCTION, FLORIDA AND UNITED STATES

Source and kind	September 2004	August 2005	September 2005	Year to date 2004	Year to date 2005
FLORIDA					
HOGS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	7	10	9	72	71
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	1,146	1,937	1,636	12,090	13,369
SHEEP AND LAMBS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	0.2	0.2	0.2	1.8	1.9
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	10	14	14	118	116
Red meat production (million pounds)	3.6	5.4	5.4	40.4	65.6
UNITED STATES					
CATTLE:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	2,737	*2,991	2,778	24,750	24,368
Total liveweight (million pounds)	3,464	3,788	3,543	30,474	29,438
Average liveweight (pounds)	1,265	1,267	1,276	1,231	1,249
Beef production (million pounds)	2,105	*2,320	2,161	18,450	18,483
CALVES:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	67	66	61	638	563
Total liveweight (million pounds)	22	23	22	213	196
Average liveweight (pounds)	320	347	363	329	348
Veal production (million pounds)	13	14	13	126	117
HOGS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	8,999	8,983	8,870	76,271	76,072
Total liveweight (million pounds)	2,387	2,358	2,349	20,274	20,380
Average liveweight (pounds)	265	263	265	266	268
Pork production (million pounds)	1,772	1,751	1,743	15,075	15,157
SHEEP AND LAMBS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	244	229	231	2,114	2,017
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	32	31	31	287	279
LAMB AND MUTTON:					
	16	15	16	144	139
Red meat production (million pounds)	3,906	4,099	3,933	33,797	33,897

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