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GRAIN AND LIVESTOCK PRICES ARE MIXED

Prices received by **Kentucky** farmers at mid-July were mixed, with steers and heifers and milk cow prices both at an all time record high price.

Steers and heifers 500 lbs. and over were at an all time record high at mid-July averaging \$88.00 per cwt. This was the same as last month and \$2.00 above last year. **Beef cows** were \$44.00 per cwt., \$3.00 below June, but \$4.00 above a year ago. **Calves** under 500 lbs. averaged \$101.00 per cwt. at mid-July. This was \$1.00 below last month and last year.

Barrow and gilt prices received were \$1.00 above last month averaging \$51.00 per cwt., and were \$5.00 above the June 2000 price of \$46.00. The mid-July price was the highest since September 1997. **Sows** at mid-July averaged \$41.00 per cwt., unchanged from June and \$6.00 above July a year ago.

Prices received for **all milk** averaged \$17.70 per cwt., 40 cents above last month and \$3.30 above last year. This was the highest price received since November 1999. **Milk cow** prices at mid-July averaged \$1,540 per head, \$200 above the April price and \$230 above July a year ago. The mid-July price was the highest on record.

Corn prices at mid-month were \$2.10 per bushel. This price averaged three cents above June and 25 cents above last July. **Soybean** prices at mid-July were \$5.10 per bushel. This was up 44 cents from last month and a year earlier. The mid-July soybean price was the highest in 13 months. **Winter wheat** prices were \$2.50 per bushel, up 15 cents from last month, and up 40 cents from last year.

The **U.S.** preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received in July was 106 based on 1990-92=100, down 1 point (0.9 percent) from the June Index. Lower prices for cattle, grapes, celery, and peaches were partially offset by higher prices for soybeans, corn, cantaloupes, and broilers. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell often affects the overall index. Higher seasonal marketings of grapes, wheat, tomatoes, and grain sorghum were more than offset by lower marketings of milk, cantaloupes, strawberries, and potatoes.

Compared with July 2000, the All Farm Products Index was 10 points (10 percent) higher. Price increases from July 2000 for milk, broilers, wheat, cattle, and corn were partially offset by lower prices for lettuce, sweet corn, turkeys, and barley.

AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS - (Dollars)

COMMODITY	UNIT	KENTUCKY			US
		JULY 2000	JUNE 2001	JULY 2001	JULY 2001
		Entire Month		Mid-Month ^{a/}	
All Corn ^{b/ c/}	Bu.	1.85	2.07	2.10	1.88
Soybeans ^{b/}	Bu.	4.66	4.66	5.10	4.92
Winter Wheat ^{b/}	Bu.	2.10	2.35	2.50	2.69
Alfalfa Hay, baled	Ton	100.00	100.00	95.00	105.00
All Other Hay, baled	Ton	65.00	58.00	55.00	72.50
All Hogs	Cwt.	45.60	49.60	50.60	51.40
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	46.00	50.00	51.00	52.00
Sows	Cwt.	35.00	41.00	41.00	41.50
All Beef Cattle ^{d/}	Cwt.	75.00	78.20	77.40	70.80
Steers & Heifers ^{e/}	Cwt.	86.00	88.00	88.00	74.10
Cows	Cwt.	40.00	47.00	44.00	42.80
Calves ^{f/}	Cwt.	102.00	102.00	101.00	108.00
Milk Cows ^{g/}	Ea.	1,310.00	---	1,540.00	1,590.00
Milk Wholesale					
All	Cwt.	14.40	17.30	17.70	16.30
Fluid ^{h/}	Cwt.	14.40	17.30	--	16.30
Manufactured	Cwt.	10.00	13.10	--	15.40
Hog-Corn Ratios ^{i/}	Bu.	24.6	24.0	24.1	27.3

^{a/} Preliminary. ^{b/} Includes contract sales paid during month. ^{c/} Includes yellow and white corn. ^{d/} "Steers and heifers" and "cows" combined. ^{e/} 500 lbs. and over. ^{f/} Under 500 lbs. ^{g/} Published only in Jan., Apr., July & Oct. ^{h/} Includes surplus diverted to manufacturing. ^{i/} Number of bushels of corn equal in value to 100 lbs. of hog live weight.

JULY 1 CATTLE INVENTORY DOWN SLIGHTLY

All cattle and calves in the **United States** as of July 1, 2001, totaled 105.8 million head, slightly below the 106.3 million on July 1, 2000 and 1 percent below the 107.0 million two years ago. **All cows and heifers** that have calved, at 43.0 million, were slightly below the 43.2 million on July 1, 2000 and 1 percent below the 43.3 million two years ago. **Beef cows**, at 33.9 million,

were down slightly from July 1, 2000 and 1 percent below two years ago. **Milk cows**, at 9.15 million, were down 1 percent from July 1, 2000 but was unchanged from two years ago. The 2001 **calf crop** is expected to be 38.4 million, down 1 percent from 2000 and 1999. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 28.2 million, down 1 percent from both years.

Other class estimates on July 1, 2001, and the changes from July 1 last year and two years ago, respectively, are as follows:

All heifers 500 pounds and over, 16.4 million, down 1 percent from both years.

Beef replacement heifers, 4.6 million, down 2 percent and down 4 percent.

Milk replacement heifers, 3.6 million, down 3 percent from both years.

Other heifers, 8.2 million, up 1 percent for both years.

Steers weighing 500 pounds and over, 14.6 million, up 2 percent and up 1 percent.

Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over, 2.1 million, unchanged and down 5 percent.

Calves under 500 pounds, 29.7 million, down 2 percent and down 3 percent.

All cattle and calves on feed for slaughter, 13.1 million, up 7 percent and up 14 percent.

JULY 1, 2001, ALL SHEEP AND LAMB INVENTORY TOTALS 8.30 MILLION HEAD 2001 LAMB CROP EXPECTED TO TOTAL 4.42 MILLION HEAD

All **sheep and lamb** inventory in the **United States** on July 1, 2001, totaled 8.30 million head, 2 percent below July 1, 2000. Breeding sheep inventory declined to 4.90 million head on July 1, 2001, 3 percent below July 1, 2000. Market sheep and lambs (including newborn lambs), at 3.40 million head, were 2 percent below last July.

The 2001 **lamb crop** in the **United States** is expected to total 4.42 million head, down 4 percent from the 2000 lamb crop of 4.62 million head. Lambs born during January through June 2001 totaled 3.94 million head or 89 percent of the yearly total. An additional 480,000 head are expected to be born during the period July through December 2001.

UNITED STATES EGG PRODUCTION & HATCH

	June 2000	June 2001	'01 % '00
Egg Production			
Eggs Produced (Million)	6,801	6,973	103
Average Layers (000)	324,957	332,221	102
Eggs Per 100 Layers	2,093	2,099	100
Egg Type Hatchery			
Eggs Set July 1 (000)	30,337	35,064	116
Chicks Hatched (000)	37,265	40,601	109
Broiler Type Hatchery			
Eggs Set July 1 (000)	612,938	625,754	102
Chicks Hatched (000)	747,327	756,556	101

RED MEAT PRODUCTION

COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION ^{1/}

Commercial red meat production for the U.S. totaled 3.76 billion pounds in June, down 5 percent from the 3.94 billion pounds produced in June 2000. June 2000 contained 22 weekdays and 4 Saturdays. June 2001 contained 21 weekdays and 5 Saturdays.

Beef production, at 2.27 billion pounds, was 4 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.12 million head, down 4 percent from June 2000. The average live weight was down 7 pounds from the previous year, at 1,198 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.46 billion pounds, down 5 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 7.48 million head, 6 percent below June 2000. The average live weight was 1 pound above the previous year, at 263 pounds.

Type	June 2000	May 2001	June 2001	Jun 01 % of	
				June 2000	May 2001
	Million Pounds			Percent	
Beef	2,369	2,293	2,269	96	99
Veal	18	16	16	84	98
Pork	1,538	1,555	1,457	95	94
Lamb & Mutton	17	17	16	95	97
Total U.S.	3,943	3,881	3,758	95	97
Total Kentucky	34.9	31.5	30.8	88	98

^{1/} Based on packer's dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter.

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, KY & U.S. JUNE 2000 & 2001 ^{1/}

Type	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001
	1,000 head		1,000 pounds		Pounds	
Kentucky						
Cattle	0.9	1.1	776	941	863	888
Hogs	174.2	153.0	45,498	40,475	261	265
Sheep & Lambs	1.2	0.7	170	100	141	135
United States						
Cattle	3,236.7	3,120.3	3,901,709	3,738,094	1,205	1,198
Hogs	7,952.4	7,483.2	2,083,982	1,968,813	262	263
Sheep & Lambs	260.3	232.7	34,622	32,738	133	141

^{1/} Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other Commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter.

COLD STORAGE HIGHLIGHTS

Frozen food stocks in refrigerated warehouses on June 30, 2001, were greater than year earlier levels for potatoes.

ALL U.S. WAREHOUSE STOCKS					
Commodity	June 30 2000	May 31 2001	June 30 2001	June 01 as % of	
				Jun '00	May '01
Frozen Poultry	1,000 lbs			Percent	
Chicken:					
Broilers (Whole)	45,933	15,438	26,555	58	172
Other Chicken	769,790	645,407	654,665	85	101
Total Chicken ^{1/}	825,872	671,142	690,050	84	103
Turkey	506,785	454,648	510,131	101	112
Total Frozen Poultry ^{2/}	1,338,228	1,132,834	1,208,851	90	107
Meat					
Total Frozen Beef	405,064	325,385	332,847	82	102
Pork:					
Bellies	60,097	46,029	39,554	66	86
Total Frozen Pork ^{3/}	495,460	421,228	381,013	77	90
Total Meat ^{4/}	926,745	772,487	741,214	80	96

^{1/} Includes broilers, hens and other chickens. ^{2/} Includes chicken, turkey and ducks. ^{3/} Includes picnics, hams, bellies, loins, trimmings, and other frozen pork. ^{4/} Includes frozen beef, pork, veal, lamb and mutton, other frozen meat, canned hams, and other canned meat.

MILK PRODUCTION

Kentucky milk production for June 2001 totaled 139 million pounds, up 5 percent from June 2000 but down 10 percent from May 2001. Average number of cows on farms, at 130,000, was down 2,000 head from a year earlier but up 1,000 head from last month. Milk per cow averaged 1,070 pounds, up 70 pounds from June 2000 but down 130 pounds from the previous month.

Milk production in the **20 major States** during June totaled 12.0

billion pounds, down 0.5 percent from June 2000. May revised production, at 12.6 billion pounds, was down 0.9 percent from May 2000. The May revision represented an increase of 0.2 percent or 24 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,552 pounds for June, 5 pounds above June 2000. The number of cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.75 million head, 61,000 head less than June 2000, but 2,000 head more than May 2001.

MILK COWS & MILK PRODUCTION FOR JUNE, SELECTED STATES

STATE	Milk Cows ^{1/}		Milk Per Cow ^{2/}		Production ^{2/}		2001 as % of 2000
	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	
	Thousands		Pounds		Million Pounds		Percent
CA	1,518	1,585	1,760	1,740	2,672	2,758	103
IL	120	115	1,440	1,480	173	170	98
IN	144	154	1,340	1,470	193	226	117
KY	132	130	1,000	1,070	132	139	105
MO	155	148	1,200	1,140	186	169	91
OH	262	261	1,400	1,450	367	378	103
VA	120	118	1,250	1,270	150	150	100
WI	1,345	1,290	1,450	1,460	1,950	1,883	97
20 State Total	7,808	7,747	1,547	1,552	12,082	12,023	100

^{1/} Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. ^{2/} Excludes milk sucked by calves.

CATFISH

Commercial catfish operations in the four major producing States (Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Mississippi) had 370 million foodsize fish on hand on July 1, 2001, up 29 percent from the July 1, 2000 total of 288 million. The breakouts of foodsize fish inventory numbers on July 1, 2001, with their respective percent change from the previous year are: large foodsize, 6.17 million, up 54 percent; medium foodsize, 76.1 million, up 46 percent; and small foodsize, 287 million, up 24 percent. The four major States also had 1.28 million broodfish on hand on July 1, 2001, up 1 percent from last year's 1.27 million.

The water surface area to be used for catfish production during July 1 through December 31, 2001, totaled 185,700 acres, up 4 percent from a year ago. Of the total acres, 4,420 acres are to be renovated during the period from July 1, 2001 to December 31, 2001. Acres used for foodsize fish totaled

151,700 acres, up 5 percent from July 2000. Acres for broodfish were down 12 percent to 4,910 acres, while acres used for fingerling production increased 7 percent to 26,100 acres. An additional 2,910 acres are under construction and expected to be in use by January 1, 2002. During the January 1, 2001 through June 30, 2001 period, 4,420 acres were taken out of production. The total number of operations on July 1, 2001 in the four major States was 908, up 1 percent from the year ago total of 900.

CATFISH WATER ACRES & OPERATIONS

State	Operations		Water Surface Acres	
	Jul 1 '00	Jul 1 '01	Jul 1-Dec 31 '00	Jul 1 - Dec 31 '01
AL	260	270	22,800	26,000
AR	160	160	31,000	33,000
LA	80	78	13,900	13,200
MS	400	400	111,500	113,500
Total	900	908	179,200	185,700

U.S. CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.01 million head on July 1, 2001. The inventory was 6 percent above July 1, 2000 and 15 percent above July 1, 1999. The inventory included 6.50 million steers and steer calves, up 4 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 59 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.45 million head, up 7 percent from 2000. **Placements** in feedlots during June totaled 1.97 million, 18 percent above 2000 and 10 percent above 1999. Net placements were 1.89 million. During June, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 419,000, 600-699 pounds were 442,000, 700-799 pounds were 631,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 475,000. **Marketings** of fed cattle during June totaled 2.12 million, 2 percent below 2000 and 1 percent below 1999. **Other disappearance** totaled 77,000 during June, 35 percent above 2000 and 22 percent above 1999.

CATTLE ON FEED 7 STATES 1/

Cattle on feed July 1, 2001, in the 7 States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 9.47 million, up 6 percent from the previous year and 16 percent above July 1, 1999. The inventory included 5.52 million steers and steer calves, up 4 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 58 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.89 million head, up 8 percent from 2000. **Placements** in feedlots during June totaled 1.69 million, 20 percent above 2000 and 12 percent above 1999. **Marketings** during June totaled 1.82 million, 1 percent below both 2000 and 1999. **Other disappearance** during June was 60,000 head, 62 percent above 2000 and up 36 percent from 1999.

1/AZ, CA, CO, IA, KS, NE, and TX.

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