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KENTUCKY LIVESTOCK PRICES GENERALLY DOWN WITH CROP PRICES MIXED

Crop prices received by **Kentucky** farmers were mixed for crops while generally down for livestock. Corn and soybean prices were up while wheat prices were down. Livestock prices with the exception of barrows and gilts and milk were down.

Cattle prices at mid-month were down from June. **Steers and heifers** 500 lbs. and over averaged \$105.00 per cwt. at mid-July. This was down \$4.00 from the June price while the same as a year earlier. Prices have retreated after setting a record high of \$112.00 per cwt. in May. **Beef cow** prices for mid-July were \$53.00 per cwt., down \$2.00 from the previous month and \$1.00 from July 2004. **Calves** less than 500 pounds averaged \$123.00 per cwt. This was down \$8.00 from June while up \$3.00 from a year earlier. Calf prices have trended downward after setting a record of \$133.00 per cwt. in May.

Hog prices were mixed at mid-July. **Barrows and gilts** averaged \$49.00 per cwt. at mid-July, unchanged from June while down \$7.00 from a year earlier. **Sows** averaged \$40.00 per cwt., down \$4.00 from June and \$10.00 from July 2004.

Sheep and lamb prices for June were down from the May prices. The **sheep** price for June was \$42.00 per cwt., down \$3.00 from the May price. The June **lamb** price was \$111.00 per cwt., down \$4.00 from a month earlier.

Price of **all milk** for mid-July was \$15.70 per cwt., an increase of 20 cents from the June price while down \$3.20 from a July a year earlier. The final monthly all milk price will vary from the projected mid-month price due to price changes announced by the Milk Marketing Orders, actual fat content and quantity sold by milk class. **Milk cow** price for mid-July was \$1,780.00 per head, up \$90.00 per head from April and \$140.00 from July 2004.

The mid-July **corn** price was \$2.35 per bushel, up nine cents from June while down 36 cents from July 2004. The **soybean** mid-month price was \$7.00

per bushel, up 16 cents from the previous month while down \$1.71 from a year earlier. The mid-July **winter wheat** price was \$3.20 per bushel, down two cents from the June price while up 29 cents from July 2004.

The Preliminary **U.S.** All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in July at 119, based on 1990-92=100, decreased 1 point (0.8 percent) from June. The Crop Index was down 3 points (2.5 percent) while the Livestock Index was unchanged. Producers received lower commodity prices for lettuce, cattle, grapes, and broccoli. Higher prices were received for corn, asparagus, eggs, and milk. The overall index was also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities a producer sells. Increased average marketings of grapes, wheat, and tomatoes offset decreased marketings of milk, cantaloupes, and asparagus. The preliminary All Farm Products Index was down 5 points (4.0 percent) from July 2004.

AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS - (Dollars)

COMMODITY	UNIT	KENTUCKY			US
		JULY 2004	JUNE 2005	JULY 2005	JULY 2005
		Entire Month		Mid-Month <i>g/</i>	
All Corn <i>b/ c/</i>	Bu.	2.71	2.26	2.35	2.15
Soybeans <i>b/</i>	Bu.	8.71	6.84	7.00	6.84
Winter Wheat <i>b/</i>	Bu.	2.91	3.22	3.20	3.20
Alfalfa Hay, baled	Ton	100.00	115.00	115.00	109.00
All Other Hay, baled	Ton	61.00	67.00	67.00	75.90
All Hogs	Cwt.	55.80	48.80	48.60	49.30
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	56.00	49.00	49.00	49.80
Sows	Cwt.	50.00	44.00	40.00	38.70
All Beef Cattle <i>d/</i>	Cwt.	92.80	96.00	92.50	86.30
Steers & Heifers <i>e/</i>	Cwt.	105.00	109.00	105.00	89.60
Cows	Cwt.	54.00	55.00	53.00	55.60
Calves <i>f/</i>	Cwt.	120.00	131.00	123.00	133.00
Sheep	Cwt.	--	42.00	--	--
Lambs	Cwt.	--	111.00	--	--
Milk Cows <i>g/</i>	Ea.	1,640.00	--	1,780.00	1,830.00
Milk Wholesale					
All	Cwt.	18.90	15.50	15.70	14.80
Hog-Corn Ratios <i>h/</i>	Bu.	20.6	21.6	20.7	22.9

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/* Number of bushels of corn equal in value to 100 lbs. of hog live weight.

JULY 1 CATTLE INVENTORY UP 1 PERCENT

All cattle and calves in the **United States** as of July 1, 2005, totaled 104.5 million head, 1 percent above the 103.6 million on July 1, 2004 and 1 percent above the 103.9 million two years ago. **All cows and heifers** that have calved, at 42.8 million, were 1 percent above the 42.5 million on July 1, 2004 and slightly above the 42.7 million two years ago. **Beef cows**, at

33.8 million, were up 1 percent from July 1, 2004 and up slightly from two years ago. **Milk cows**, at 9.05 million, were up 1 percent from July 1, 2004 but down 1 percent from two years ago. The 2005 **calf crop** was expected to be 37.8 million, up slightly from 2004 but down slightly from 2003. Calves born during the first half of the year were estimated at 27.5 million, up slightly from 2004 but down 1 percent from 2003.

Other class estimates on July 1, 2005, and the changes from July 1, 2004, are as follows:

- All heifers 500 pounds and over, 16.2 million, up 2 percent.
- Beef replacement heifers, 5.0 million, up 4 percent.
- Milk replacement heifers, 3.7 million, up 3 percent.
- Other heifers, 7.5 million, down 1 percent.
- Steers weighing 500 pounds and over, 14.4 million, up 1 percent.
- Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over, 2.1 million, up 2 percent.
- Calves under 500 pounds, 29.0 million, up slightly.
- All cattle and calves on feed for slaughter, 12.0 million, up 2 percent.

JULY 1, 2005, ALL SHEEP AND LAMB INVENTORY UP 2 PERCENT

All **sheep and lamb** inventory in the **United States** on July 1, 2005, totaled 7.80 million head, 2 percent above July 1, 2004. Breeding sheep inventory at 4.66 million head on July 1, 2005 was 2 percent above July 1, 2004. Market sheep and lambs (including newborn lambs), at 3.14 million head, were 1 percent above last July.

The 2005 **lamb crop** in the **United States** was expected to total 4.12 million head, up 1 percent from the 2004 lamb crop of 4.10 million head. Lambs born during January through June 2005 totaled 3.65 million head or 89 percent of the yearly total. An additional 470,000 head were expected to be born during the period July through December 2005.

UNITED STATES EGG PRODUCTION & HATCH

	June 2004	June 2005	'05 % '04
Egg Production			
Eggs Produced (Million)	7,289	7,342	101
Average Layers (000)	342,835	341,352	100
Eggs Per 100 Layers	2,126	2,151	101
Egg Type Hatchery			
Eggs Set July 1 (000)	35,588	32,991	93
Chicks Hatched (000)	37,508	34,537	92
Broiler Type Hatchery			
Eggs Set July 1 (000)	659,248	657,631	100
Chicks Hatched (000)	786,603	796,001	101

RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Commercial red meat production for the U.S. totaled 3.96 billion pounds in June, up 1 percent from the 3.93 billion pounds produced in June 2004. June 2004 contained 22 weekdays (including no holidays) and 4 Saturdays. June 2005 contained 22 weekdays (including no holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

Beef production, at 2.23 billion pounds, was slightly above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.94 million head, down 2 percent from June 2004. The average live weight was up 21 pounds from the previous year, at 1,246 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.71 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.55 million head, 1 percent above June 2004. The average live weight was 4 pounds above the previous year, at 268 pounds.

COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION 1/

Type	June 2004	May 2005	June 2005	Jun 05 % of	
				June 2004	May 2005
	Million Pounds			Percent	
Beef	2,227	2,075	2,228	100	107
Veal	13.3	13.2	13.2	99	100
Pork	1,672	1,611	1,707	102	106
Lamb & Mutton	15.6	14.8	15.3	99	103
Total U.S.	3,928	3,714	3,963	101	107
Total Kentucky	39.9	34.6	35.5	89	103

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

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, KY & U.S. JUNE 2004 & 2005 1/

Type	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	1,000 head		1,000 pounds		Pounds	
Kentucky						
Cattle	1.2	1.1	1,010	1,028	870	922
Hogs	200.4	174.4	52,393	46,498	261	267
Sheep & Lambs	1.1	1.2	138	171	120	137
United States						
Cattle	2,994.1	2,936.8	3,667,614	3,657,843	1,225	1,246
Hogs	8,505.4	8,553.6	2,246,201	2,295,652	264	268
Sheep & Lambs	231.6	222.9	31,090	30,667	134	138

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, 2005 were greater than year earlier levels for pork, eggs, vegetables, and potatoes.

ALL U.S. WAREHOUSE STOCKS					
Commodity	June 30 2004	May 31 2005	June 30 2005	June 05 as % of	
				Jun '04	May '05
Frozen Poultry		1,000 lbs		Percent	
Chicken	774,553	664,224	685,585	89	103
Turkey	597,576	469,051	508,947	85	109
Ducks	936	467	518	55	111
Total Frozen Poultry	1,373,065	1,133,742	1,195,050	87	105
Meat					
Total Frozen Beef	411,767	318,263	339,848	83	107
Frozen Pork					
Bellies	37,185	81,694	70,509	190	86
Total Frozen Pork 1/	373,007	512,696	491,738	132	96
Total Meat 2/	797,871	848,511	850,554	107	100

1/ Includes picnics, hams, bellies, loins, ribs, trimmings, and other frozen pork. 2/ Includes frozen beef, pork, veal, lamb and mutton, other frozen meat, canned hams, and other canned meat.

MILK PRODUCTION

Kentucky milk production for June 2005 totaled 118 million pounds, down 8 percent from last month but unchanged from June 2004. Average number of milk cows, at 107,000 head, was unchanged from last month but down 5,000 head from last year. Milk per cow averaged 1,105 pounds, down 90 pounds from last month but up 50 pounds from last year.

Milk production in the 23 major States during June totaled 13.7

billion pounds, up 5.4 percent from June 2004. May revised production, at 14.3 billion pounds, was up 4.6 percent from May 2004. The May revision represented an increase of 26 million pounds or 0.2 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,683 pounds for June, 76 pounds above June 2004. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.13 million head, 47,000 head more than June 2004, and 9,000 head more than May 2005.

MILK COWS & MILK PRODUCTION FOR JUNE, SELECTED STATES

STATE	Milk Cows 1/		Milk Per Cow 2/		Production 2/		2005 as % of 2004
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	
	Thousands		Pounds		Million Pounds		Percent
CA	1,724	1,757	1,755	1,810	3,026	3,180	105
IL	108	104	1,540	1,600	166	166	100
IN	150	156	1,650	1,715	248	268	108
KY	112	107	1,055	1,105	118	118	100
MO	124	118	1,250	1,270	155	150	97
OH	265	270	1,440	1,480	382	400	105
VA	105	105	1,350	1,420	142	149	105
WI	1,241	1,235	1,485	1,570	1,843	1,939	105
23 State Total	8,083	8,130	1,607	1,683	12,988	13,684	105

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 292 million foodsize fish on hand on July 1, 2005, down 8 percent from the July 1, 2004 total of 317 million. The breakouts of foodsize fish inventory numbers on July 1, 2005, with their respective percent change from the previous year were: large foodsize, 7.22 million, down 7 percent; medium foodsize, 72.4 million, down 8 percent; and small foodsize, 212 million, down 8 percent. The four major States also had 1.03 million broodfish on hand on July 1, 2005, up 13 percent from last year's 913,000.

The water surface area to be used for catfish production during July 1 through December 31, 2005, totaled 158,000 acres, down 7 percent from a year ago. Acres used for foodsize fish totaled 128,000 acres, down 10 percent from July 2004. Acres for broodfish were up 13 percent to 3,830

acres, and acres used for fingerling production increased 10 percent to 22,700 acres. Acres taken out of production during the January 1, 2005 through June 30, 2005 period totaled 5,940, while 5,490 acres of the total in production were scheduled to be renovated from July 1, 2005 to December 31. The total number of operations on July 1, 2005 in the four major States was 766, down 14 percent from the year ago total of 866.

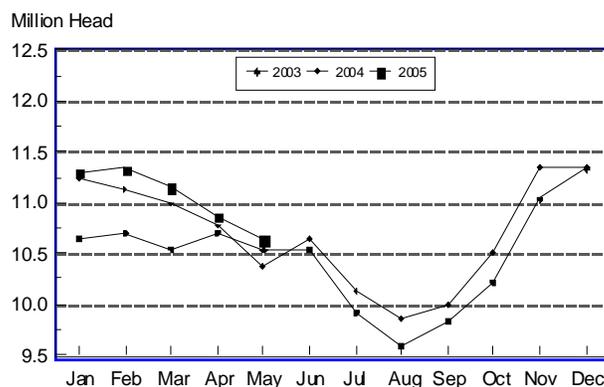
CATFISH WATER ACRES & OPERATIONS

State	Operations		Water Surface Acres	
	Jul 1 '04	Jul 1 '05	Jul 1-Dec 31 '04	Jul 1 - Dec 31 '05
AL	250	210	25,700	23,700
AR	158	124	33,000	29,000
LA	48	32	8,400	7,400
MS	430	400	103,000	98,000
Total	886	766	170,100	158,100

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 10.4 million head on July 1, 2005. The inventory was 3 percent above July 1, 2004 and 5 percent above July 1, 2003. The inventory included 6.81 million steers and steer calves, up 7 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 65 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.53 million head, down 5 percent from 2004. **Placements** in feedlots during June totaled 1.77 million, 7 percent above 2004 and 6 percent above 2003. Net placements were 1.71 million. During June, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 412,000, 600-699 pounds were 347,000, 700-799 pounds were 480,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 530,000. **Marketings** of fed cattle during June totaled 2.07 million, 1 percent below 2004 and 7 percent below 2003. **Other disappearance** totaled 63,000 during June, 10 percent below 2004 but 3 percent above 2003.

United States Cattle on Feed
1,000+ Capacity Feedlots



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