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GRAIN PRICES UP, LIVESTOCK PRICES MIXED

Prices received by **Kentucky** farmers at mid-December were up for grain while mixed for livestock.

Steers and heifers at mid-December averaged \$76.00 per cwt. This was \$3.00 above November, down \$7.00 from last year and the second lowest price of 2001. **Beef cow** prices at \$36.00 per cwt. were unchanged from last month and last year and were the lowest since December 2000. Prices received for **calves** 500 lbs. and under averaged \$90.00 per cwt. at mid-December. This was \$6.00 above last month while averaging \$4.00 below a year ago.

Barrow and gilt prices at mid-December continued to decline and at \$32.00 per cwt. were the lowest price since November 1999. This was \$2.00 below November and \$6.00 below December 2000. **Sows** averaged \$24.00 per cwt., \$5.00 below last month, \$6.00 below last year and the lowest price in 2 years.

The **all milk** price was \$14.00 per cwt. at mid-December. This was \$2.60 below last month and 60 cents below last year. Prices have been on the decline for the last 3 months.

Prices received for **corn** have been up and down all year and were \$2.00 per bushel at mid-December, the highest in 4 months. Corn prices averaged 9 cents above November while decreasing 23 cents from last year. The **soybean** price at \$4.25 per bushel was 1 cent above last month but 69 cents below December 2000. **Winter wheat** prices averaged \$2.75 per bushel. This was 14 cents above November and 44 cents above last year. This was the highest wheat price in 43 months.

The preliminary **U.S.** All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in December was 93 based on 1990-92=100, unchanged from the November index. Higher prices for lettuce, corn, broccoli, and strawberries offset lower prices for milk, broilers, turkeys, and eggs. The seasonal changes in the mix of commodities farmers sell often effects the overall index. Higher seasonal marketings of tobacco, wheat, milk, and oranges offset lower marketings of cattle, grapes, soybeans, and corn.

Compared with last year the current All Farm Products Index was 6 points (6.1 percent) lower. Price decreases from December 2000 for cotton (lowest December price since 1973), cattle, eggs, and soybeans more than offset increases in milk, broilers, oranges, and lettuce.

AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS - (Dollars)

COMMODITY	UNIT	KENTUCKY			US
		DEC 2000	NOV 2001	DEC 2001	DEC 2001
		Entire Month		Mid-Month ^{a/}	
All Corn ^{b/} _{c/}	Bu.	2.23	1.91	2.00	1.92
Soybeans ^{b/}	Bu.	4.94	4.24	4.25	4.13
Winter Wheat ^{b/}	Bu.	2.31	2.61	2.75	2.84
Alfalfa Hay, baled	Ton	110.00	105.00	100.00	102.00
All Other Hay,	Ton	72.00	61.00	58.00	73.00
All Hogs	Cwt.	37.70	33.80	31.60	33.60
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	38.00	34.00	32.00	34.00
Sows	Cwt.	30.00	29.00	24.00	25.00
All Beef Cattle ^{d/}	Cwt.	71.70	64.10	66.40	64.20
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	83.00	73.00	76.00	68.30
Cows	Cwt.	36.00	36.00	36.00	35.60
Calves ^{f/}	Cwt.	94.00	84.00	90.00	100.00
Milk Wholesale					
All	Cwt.	14.60	16.60	14.00	13.60
Fluid ^{g/}	Cwt.	14.70	16.60	--	13.60
Manufactured	Cwt.	9.50	11.80	--	12.40
Hog-Corn Ratios ^{h/}	Bu.	16.9	17.7	15.8	17.5

^{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/} Includes surplus diverted to manufacturing. ^{h/} Number of bushels of corn equal in value to 100 lbs. of hog live weight.

DECEMBER 1 HOG & PIG INVENTORY

There were 405,000 hogs and pigs on Kentucky farms as of December 1, 2001, down 6 percent from a year ago. Breeding inventory at 50,000 head was unchanged from a year ago, while market hog inventory at 355,000 head was 7 percent below December 1, 2000. There were 1,300 operations with hogs during 2001, unchanged from a year ago.

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2001, was 58.8 million head. This was 1 percent below December 2000, and slightly below September 1, 2001. Breeding inventory, at 6.21 million head, was down 1 percent from December 1, 2000, but 1 percent above last quarter. Market hog inventory, at 52.6 million head, was 1 percent below last year and last quarter.

The September-November 2001 U.S. pig crop, at 25.0 million head, was 1 percent less than 2000, and slightly less than 1999. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.85 million head, slightly above last year. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 46 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs per litter was 8.78 pigs saved per litter for the September-November 2001 period, compared to 8.85 pigs last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of

operation ranged from 7.40 for operations with 1-99 hogs to 8.90 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

U.S. hog producers intend to have 2.84 million sows farrow during the December 2001-February 2002 quarter, 3 percent above the actual farrowings during the same period in 2001, and 2 percent above 2000. Intended farrowings for March-May 2002, at 2.90 million sows, are 1 percent above the same period in 2001, and up 1 percent from 2000.

The number of hog operations with hogs totaled 81,130 during 2001, down 6 percent from last year and 18 percent below 1999. Places with 2,000 or more hogs on hand accounted for 9 percent of the operations and 75 percent of the inventory. This is the sixth time operations with inventories over 2,000 head have controlled over 50 percent of the total inventory. The number of operations with over 5,000 head of inventory at 2,204, accounted for 52.5 percent of the total inventory, up from 50.5 percent a year ago. The total number of hogs under contract, owned by these over 5,000 head operations, but raised by contractees, accounted for 33 percent of the total U.S. hog inventory, up from 30 percent last year.

HOGS AND PIGS: INVENTORY NUMBERS BY CLASS & WEIGHT GROUPS
December 1, 2000 - 2001, SELECTED STATES AND U.S.

State	TOTAL		BREEDING		MARKET		MARKET HOGS							
	2001	2001	2001	2001	2001	2001	Under 60 lbs.		60-119 lbs		120-179 lbs		180 lbs +	
	1,000	% of	1,000	% of	1,000	% of	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001
Head	2000	Head	2000	Head	2000	(1,000 Head)								
AR	570	83	100	91	470	82	210	220	135	75	125	75	105	100
GA	310	82	50	91	260	80	120	102	90	68	60	50	55	40
IL	4,250	102	450	100	3,800	103	1,310	1,380	920	920	810	840	660	660
IN	3,150	94	340	91	2,810	94	1,110	1,000	725	700	590	590	550	520
IA	15,000	99	1,130	101	13,870	99	4,360	4,310	3,790	3,800	3,090	3,060	2,740	2,700
KS	1,560	103	170	106	1,390	102	495	475	285	285	210	255	370	375
KY	405	94	50	100	355	93	130	120	95	90	85	80	70	65
MI	960	101	110	100	850	101	320	310	200	210	170	175	150	155
MN	5,600	97	570	95	5,030	97	2,110	2,040	1,270	1,240	1,040	950	780	800
MO	3,000	103	380	100	2,620	104	1,010	1,140	680	600	510	520	320	360
NE	2,900	95	370	103	2,530	94	1,010	1,020	700	620	550	500	430	390
NC	9,500	102	1,000	100	8,500	102	3,400	3,350	1,800	1,950	1,650	1,750	1,450	1,450
OH	1,420	95	160	94	1,260	95	540	510	320	310	280	270	180	170
OK	2,470	107	340	100	2,130	108	880	840	355	350	245	315	490	625
PA	1,060	103	130	108	930	102	330	360	235	240	190	180	155	150
SD	1,280	97	145	104	1,135	96	430	400	290	290	260	250	200	195
WI	540	89	65	87	475	89	190	180	125	105	110	100	110	90
U.S.	58,774	99	6,209	99	52,564	99	19,421	19,304	12,933	12,750	10,846	10,792	9,669	9,718

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 11.9 million head on December 1, 2001. The inventory was slightly below December 1, 2000 but 1 percent above December 1, 1999.

Placements in feedlots during November totaled 1.91 million, 5 percent below 2000 and 12 percent below 1999. Net placements were 1.83 million. During November, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 655,000, 600-699 pounds were 588,000, 700-799 pounds were 381,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 284,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during November totaled 1.80 million, 1 percent below 2000 and 1,000 head below 1999. **Other disappearance** totaled 80,000 during November, 24 percent below 2000 and 4 percent below 1999.

CATTLE ON FEED 7 STATES ^{1/}

Cattle on feed December 1, 2001, in the 7 States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.2 million, down slightly from the previous year but 2 percent above December 1, 1999.

Placements in feedlots during November totaled 1.58 million, 6 percent below 2000 and 13 percent below 1999.

Marketings during November totaled 1.54 million, 2 percent below 2000 but 1 percent above 1999.

Other disappearance during November was 68,000 head, 24 percent below 2000 but 10 percent above 1999.

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

COLD STORAGE HIGHLIGHTS

Frozen food stocks in refrigerated warehouses on November 30, 2001, were greater than year earlier levels for orange juice.

All U. S. Warehouse Stocks				Nov. 01 as % of	
Commodity	Nov. 30, 2000	Oct. 31, 2001	Nov. 30, 2001	Nov. 2000	Oct. 2001
Frozen Poultry	1,000 lbs		Percent		
Chicken:					
Broilers (Whole)	31,734	21,553	22,332	70	104
Other Chicken	718,343	606,308	653,874	90	108
Total Chicken <u>1/</u>	758,061	633,833	681,411	90	108
Turkey	261,118	497,625	255,632	98	51
Total Frozen Poultry <u>2/</u>	1,023,505	1,140,650	945,343	92	83
Meat					
Total Frozen Beef	411,844	393,578	427,001	104	108
Pork:					
Bellies	38,674	28,209	36,290	94	129
Total Frozen Pork <u>3/</u>	445,607	430,314	432,831	97	101
Total Meat <u>4/</u>	882,972	847,188	879,905	100	104

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

RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.97 billion pounds in November, up 1 percent from the 3.92 billion pounds produced in November 2000 and a new record high for November. November 2000 contained 22 weekdays (including two holidays) and 4 Saturdays. November 2001 contained 22 weekdays (including two holidays) and 4 Saturdays. Beef production, at 2.20 billion pounds, was 1 percent above the previous year and a new record high for November. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.90 million head, down 1 percent from November 2000. The average live weight was up 25 pounds from the previous year, at 1,255 pounds. Pork production totaled 1.73 billion pounds, a new record high for November and up 1 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.72 million head, slightly below November 2000. The average live weight was 4 pounds above the previous year, at 269 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 20 million pounds, was down 3 percent from November 2000. Sheep slaughter totaled 287,000 head, 3 percent below last year. The average live weight was 138 pounds, unchanged from November a year ago.

COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION: UNITED STATES & KENTUCKY 1/

Type	Nov 2000	Oct 2001	Nov 2001	Nov. 01 as % of	
				Nov 2000	Oct 2001
	Million Pounds			Percent	
Beef	2,169	2,388	2,201	101	92
Veal	18	18	16	90	91
Pork	1,714	1,838	1,733	101	94
Lamb & Mutton	20	20	20	97	100
Total U.S.	3,921	4,263	3,969	101	93
Total Kentucky	41.7	42.0	39.9	96	95

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

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER: KENTUCKY & U.S. NOVEMBER 2000 & 2001 1/

Type	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001
	1,000 head		1,000 lbs.		Pounds	
Kentucky						
Cattle	1.3	1.4	1,079	1,211	818	889
Hogs	205.8	197.9	54,852	52,652	267	266
Sheep & Lambs	0.8	0.8	150	122	179	155
United States						
Cattle	2,929.3	2,903.3	3,604,431	3,643,850	1,230	1,255
Hogs	8,756.8	8,715.7	2,324,043	2,345,166	265	269
Sheep & Lambs	297.0	287.0	40,893	39,606	138	138

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

U. S. MILK PRODUCTION UP 0.4 PERCENT

Kentucky milk production for November 2001 totaled 127 million pounds, down 4 percent from November 2000 and down 2 percent from October 2001. Average number of cows, at 125,000 head, was down 6,000 head from last year and down 1,000 head from last month. Milk per cow, at 1,015 pounds, was up 5 pounds from a year earlier, but down 15 pounds from October 2001.

Milk production in the **20 major States** during November totaled 11.4 billion pounds, up 0.4 percent from November 2000. October

revised production, at 11.7 billion pounds was down 0.7 percent from October 2000. The October revision represented a decrease of 0.4 percent or 53 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,480 pounds for November, 21 pounds above November 2000. The number of milk cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.73 million head, 78,000 head less than November 2000, but 8,000 head more than October 2001.

MILK COWS & MILK PRODUCTION FOR NOVEMBER, SELECTED STATES

STATE	Milk Cows 1/		Milk Per Cow 2/		Production 2/		2001 as %
	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	of 2000
	Thousands		Pounds		Million Pounds		Percent
CA	1,550	1,611	1,670	1,690	2,589	2,723	105
IL	118	115	1,390	1,375	164	158	96
IN	148	155	1,320	1,345	195	208	107
KY	131	125	1,010	1,015	132	127	96
MO	151	141	1,170	1,080	177	152	86
OH	264	256	1,325	1,360	350	348	99
VA	119	118	1,270	1,270	151	150	99
WI	1,334	1,280	1,370	1,350	1,828	1,728	95
20-State							
Total	7,805	7,727	1,459	1,480	11,385	11,436	100

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

UNITED STATES EGG PRODUCTION & HATCH

Type	Nov 2000	Nov 2001	'01 as % of '00
Egg Production			
Eggs Produced (Million)	7,027	7,173	102
Average Layers (000)	330,678	337,113	102
Eggs Per 100 Layers	2,125	2,128	100
Egg Type Hatchery			
Eggs Set Dec 1 (000)	31,219	29,016	93
Chicks Hatched (000)	32,290	31,649	98
Broiler Type Hatchery			
Eggs Set Dec 1 (000)	617,034	634,083	103
Chicks Hatched (000)	675,038	695,711	103

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