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U. S. HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ **Winter wheat production** was forecast at 1.72 billion bushels. This was up 6 percent from last month and 50 percent above 2002.
- ▶ **Winter wheat yield** was forecast at 47.0 bushels per acre, up 2.4 bushels from last month.
- ▶ **Winter wheat harvesting progress** in the 18 major producing States, was 47 percent complete by June 29. This was 10 percentage points behind last year and 3 points behind the 5 year average.

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The **winter wheat** crop was forecast at 17.7 million bushels. This was up 4 percent from the June estimate, while down 2 percent from the 2002 crop. The estimated production for

2003 would be the smallest winter wheat crop since 1991. The forecast was based on crop conditions as of July 1 or the date of harvest if harvest occurred before July 1. Yield was estimated at 59 bushels per acre, up 2 bushels from the June estimate and 6 bushels from the previous year. Acres for harvest as grain was estimated at 300,000 acres, unchanged from June while down 40,000 acres from the previous year. The 180,000 acres not harvested for grain were plowed down for a cover crop prior to setting tobacco, cut for hay, chopped as grain hay or abandoned.

Harvesting this crop season had been slowed by persistent rainy weather. Favorable weather during the first week of July enabled farmers to make good harvesting progress. By July 5th, 92 percent of the crop had been harvested. Even with head scab experienced to various degrees and a delayed harvest, farmers experienced yields and crop test weights better than previously expected.

WINTER WHEAT, SELECTED STATES & U.S., JULY 1, 2003

STATE	AREA HARVESTED		YIELD		PRODUCTION		
	2002	Ind. 2003	2002	Ind. 2003	2001	2002	Ind. 2003
	(1,000 Acres)		(Bushels)		(1,000 Bushels)		
Colorado	1,650	2,200	22.0	35.0	66,000	36,300	77,000
Illinois	650	780	49.0	62.0	43,920	31,850	48,360
Indiana	330	420	53.0	65.0	25,080	17,490	27,300
Kansas	8,100	9,700	33.0	49.0	328,000	267,300	475,300
KENTUCKY	340	300	53.0	59.0	23,760	18,020	17,700
Missouri	760	780	45.0	58.0	41,040	34,200	45,240
Montana	750	1,750	28.0	37.0	19,140	21,000	64,750
Nebraska	1,520	1,700	32.0	47.0	59,200	48,640	79,900
Ohio	810	960	62.0	66.0	60,300	50,220	63,360
Oklahoma	3,500	4,700	28.0	41.0	122,100	98,000	192,700
Oregon	710	950	41.0	53.0	28,000	29,110	50,350
Tennessee	300	270	46.0	52.0	18,360	13,800	14,040
Texas	2,700	3,600	29.0	29.0	108,800	78,300	104,400
Washington	1,750	1,800	59.0	64.0	106,750	103,250	115,200
U.S.	29,651	36,491	38.5	47.0	1,361,479	1,142,802	1,715,912

COLD STORAGE HIGHLIGHTS

Frozen food stocks in refrigerated warehouses on May 31, 2003, were greater than year earlier levels for butter, frozen eggs, total turkey, and orange juice.

All U.S. Warehouse Stocks				May 2003 as % of	
Commodity	May 31 2002	April 30 2003	May 31 2003	May 2002	April 2003
Frozen Poultry		1,000 lbs		Percent	
Chicken:					
Broilers (Whole)	34,544	29,451	30,705	89	104
Other Chicken	795,538	697,754	660,919	83	95
Total Chicken <u>1/</u>	836,967	731,962	696,668	83	95
Turkey	578,229	573,451	655,995	113	114
Total Frozen Poultry <u>2/</u>	1,422,202	1,311,456	1,358,658	96	104
Meat					
Total Frozen Beef	401,760	389,615	388,067	97	100
Pork:					
Bellies	62,269	48,542	45,858	74	94
Total Frozen Pork <u>3/</u>	548,002	519,955	500,778	91	96
Total Meat <u>4/</u>	972,950	926,700	908,415	93	98

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 3.94 billion pounds in May, down 2 percent from the 4.02 billion pounds produced in May 2002. May 2002 contained 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays. May 2003 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and 5 Saturdays. Beef production, at 2.36 billion pounds, was 1 percent above the previous year and a monthly record high for May. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.25 million head, up 3 percent from May 2002. The average live weight was 1,208 pounds, down 15 pounds from May a year ago. Pork production totaled 1.55 billion pounds, down 6 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 7.81 million head, 6 percent below May 2002. The average live weight was 267 pounds, unchanged from May a year ago.

COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION: UNITED STATES & KENTUCKY 1/

Type	May 2002	April 2003	May 2003	May 03 % of	
				May 2002	April 2003
	Million Pounds			Percent	
Beef	2,336	2,153	2,363	101	110
Veal	15.5	16.0	15.8	102	98
Pork	1,646	1,657	1,550	94	94
Lamb & Mutton	19.5	19.4	15.2	78	78
Total U.S.	4,017	3,846	3,943	98	103
Total Kentucky	35.4	34.8	32.7	92	94

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

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER: KENTUCKY & U.S. MAY 2002 & 2003 1/

Type	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	1,000 head		1,000 lbs.		Pounds	
Kentucky						
Cattle	1.3	1.3	1,106	1,170	869	909
Hogs	175.3	161.2	46,301	42,850	264	266
Sheep & Lambs	1.0	1.0	139	133	140	137
United States						
Cattle	3,146.6	3,248.4	3,847,942	3,922,833	1,223	1,208
Hogs	8,323.1	7,809.4	2,218,700	2,088,018	267	267
Sheep & Lambs	285.7	221.9	39,199	30,432	137	137

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

U. S. DAIRY PRODUCTS, MAY 2003

PRODUCT	May 2002	Apr. 2003 ^{1/}	May 2003	Percent of May 02 Apr. 03	
	(000) Pounds			Percent	
BUTTER	125,484	122,715	114,629	91	93
CHEESE					
American Types ^{2/}	329,921	308,599	319,146	97	103
Mozzarella	247,659	242,905	251,253	101	103
All Other Types ^{3/}	167,993	162,017	164,893	99	100
Total	748,263	721,438	740,014	99	103
	(000) Gallons			Percent	
FROZEN PRODUCTS					
Ice Cream (Hard)	77,609	79,402	78,716	101	99
Frozen Yogurt (Total)	6,932	6,370	6,501	94	102
MIX FOR FROZEN PRODUCTS					
Ice Cream Mix	46,465	48,187	48,481	104	101
Yogurt Mix	4,159	3,747	3,824	92	102

^{1/}Revised. ^{2/}Includes Cheddar, Colby, Monterey, and Jack. ^{3/}Includes Swiss, Cream and all other types. Excludes cottage cheese.

UNITED STATES EGG PRODUCTION & HATCH

	May 2002	May 2003	May 03 % of May 02
Egg Production			
Eggs Produced (Million)	7,297	7,274	100
Average Layers (000)	335,865	333,716	99
Eggs Per 100 Layers	2,173	2,180	100
Egg Type Hatchery			
Eggs Set June 1 (000)	32,442	33,705	104
Chicks Hatched (000)	38,751	38,206	99
Broiler Type Hatchery			
Eggs Set June 1 (000)	658,430	651,893	99
Chicks Hatched (000)	799,262	791,905	99

PEACH PRODUCTION

Commercial peach production for **Kentucky** was forecast at 2.00 million pounds, up 800,000 pounds from the 2002 crop. Growers are expecting a good peach production year. Peaches were generally frost free this Spring. Good fruit quality and good prices are expected.

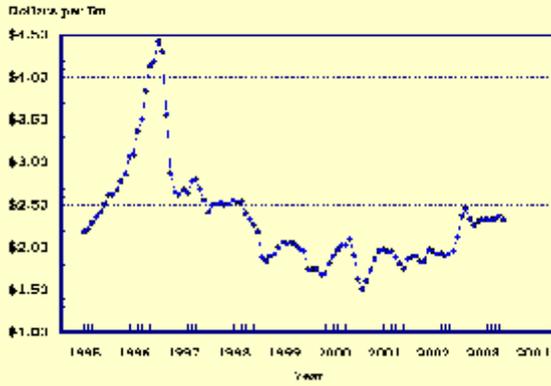
U.S. commercial peach production was forecast at 2.62 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 2002 and 8 percent above two years ago. Nineteen States forecast increases in production from last year, while 7 States expect declines and 3 States remain unchanged.

COMMERCIAL PEACH PRODUCTION 2002 & 2003 FORECAST

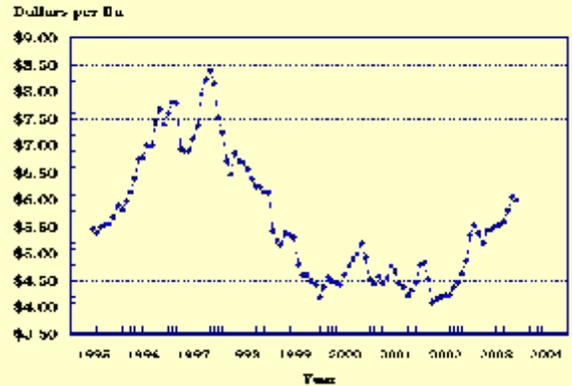
2003 Rank	STATE	2002	2003 ^{1/}
(Million Pounds)			
TOP FIVE STATES			
1.	California	1,920.0	1,920.0
2.	Georgia	100.0	125.0
3.	South Carolina	160.0	120.0
4.	New Jersey	62.0	80.0
5.	Pennsylvania	60.0	70.0
KENTUCKY & SURROUNDING STATES			
9.	Illinois	17.2	18.7
16.	Ohio	9.4	10.2
19.	Missouri	13.0	9.5
24.	Tennessee	4.0	3.5
25.	Indiana	3.1	3.4
28.	KENTUCKY	1.2	2.0
UNITED STATES		2,575.4	2,623.1

^{1/} July 1, 2003

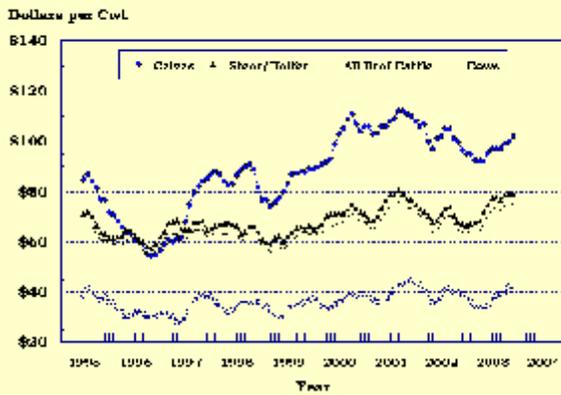
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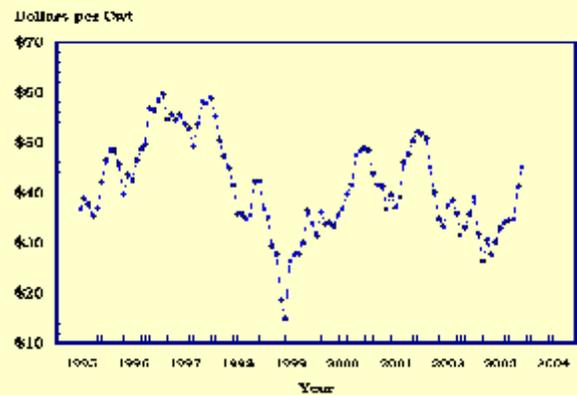
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