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## U. S. HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ **Winter wheat production** was forecast at 1.47 billion bushels. This was down 4 percent from last month and 14 percent below 2003.
- ▶ **Winter wheat yield** was forecast at 42.2 bushels per acre, down 1.4 bushels from last month.
- ▶ **Winter wheat harvesting progress** in the 18 major producing States, was 51 percent complete by June 27. This was 12 percentage points ahead of last year and 10 points ahead of the 5-year average.

## KENTUCKY

**Winter wheat** production was forecast at 20.4 million bushels. This was down 6 percent from the June estimate and less than 1 percent from a year earlier. The forecast was based on crop conditions as of July 1 or the date of harvest if harvest occurred prior to July 1. Yield was

estimated at 55 bushels per acre, down 7 bushels from June 1 and from a year earlier. Acres for harvest was estimated at a revised 370,000 acres, up 20,000 acres from the June 1 yield estimate and 40,000 acres from the 2003 crop. Farmers surveyed in the June Acreage Survey indicated that they intended to harvest more acres of winter wheat for grain. Planted acreage was revised upward to 520,000 acres. The 150,000 acres not harvested for grain were plowed down for a cover crop prior to setting tobacco, cut as grain hay, chopped as grain silage or abandoned.

The decrease in production was brought about by a decrease in yield per acre. As of July 4th, 92 percent of the winter wheat crop for grain had been harvested. This compared to 85 percent last year and the five-year average of 92 percent. Harvest this year was slowed by persistent rainy weather during harvest time in late June. The anticipated yield as of June 1 did not materialize on many farms. Head scab was present and farmers reported test weights being light. In some cases winter wheat delivered for sale was refused due to light test weight.

## **WINTER WHEAT, SELECTED STATES & U.S., JULY 1, 2004**

STATE	AREA HARVESTED		YIELD		PRODUCTION		
	2003	Ind. 2004	2003	Ind. 2004	2002	2003	Ind. 2004
	(1,000 Acres)		(Bushels)		(1,000 Bushels)		
Colorado	2,200	1,750	35.0	27.0	36,300	77,000	47,250
Illinois	810	970	65.0	58.0	31,850	52,650	56,260
Indiana	430	440	69.0	65.0	17,490	29,670	28,600
Kansas	10,000	8,700	48.0	36.0	267,300	480,000	313,200
<b>KENTUCKY</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>62.0</b>	<b>55.0</b>	<b>17,160</b>	<b>20,460</b>	<b>20,350</b>
Missouri	870	940	61.0	50.0	34,200	53,070	47,000
Montana	1,720	1,550	37.0	38.0	21,000	63,640	58,900
Nebraska	1,820	1,800	46.0	32.0	48,640	83,720	57,600
Ohio	1,000	880	68.0	64.0	50,220	68,000	56,320
Oklahoma	4,600	4,600	39.0	36.0	98,000	179,400	165,600
Oregon	940	850	51.0	59.0	29,110	47,940	50,150
Tennessee	270	280	50.0	48.0	13,800	13,500	13,440
Texas	3,450	3,700	28.0	31.0	78,300	96,600	114,700
Washington	1,800	1,700	65.0	66.0	103,250	117,000	112,200
<b>U.S.</b>	<b>36,541</b>	<b>34,825</b>	<b>46.7</b>	<b>42.2</b>	<b>1,142,802</b>	<b>1,707,069</b>	<b>1,469,735</b>

## COLD STORAGE HIGHLIGHTS

Frozen food stocks in refrigerated warehouses on May 31, 2004, were greater than year earlier levels for frozen eggs, orange juice, potatoes, beef, cheese and vegetables.

All U.S. Warehouse Stocks				May 2004 as % of	
Commodity	May 31 2003	April 30 2004	May 31 2004	May 2003	April 2004
Frozen Poultry		1,000 lbs		Percent	
Chicken	687,241	645,821	670,479	98	104
Turkey	658,839	548,773	567,636	86	103
Ducks	5,995	1,020	1,020	17	100
Total Frozen Poultry	1,352,075	1,195,614	1,239,135	92	104
Meat					
Total Frozen Beef	385,122	421,180	398,535	103	95
Frozen Pork					
Bellies	45,870	48,363	41,444	90	86
Total Frozen Pork <u>1/</u>	499,719	455,141	419,972	84	92
<b>Total Meat <u>2/</u></b>	<b>901,508</b>	<b>890,191</b>	<b>831,766</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>93</b>

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.

## RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.60 billion pounds in May, down 9 percent from the 3.94 billion pounds produced in May 2003. May 2003 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and 5 Saturdays. May 2004 contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and 5 Saturdays. Beef production, at 2.07 billion pounds, was 12 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.84 million head, down 13 percent from May 2003. The average live weight was down 4 pounds from the previous year, at 1,204 pounds. Pork production totaled 1.50 billion pounds, down 3 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 7.58 million head, 3 percent below May 2003. The average live weight was 1 pound below the previous year, at 266 pounds.

### COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION: UNITED STATES & KENTUCKY 1/

Type	May 2003	April 2004	May 2004	May 04 % of	
				May 2003	April 2004
	Million Pounds			Percent	
Beef	2,360	1,957	2,070	88	106
Veal	15.8	13.9	13.8	87	99
Pork	1,551	1,725	1,500	97	87
Lamb & Mutton	15.2	17.4	13.0	86	75
Total U.S.	3,942	3,713	3,597	91	97
Total Kentucky	32.7	41.9	38.2	117	91

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

### COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER: KENTUCKY & U.S. MAY 2003 & 2004 1/

Type	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
	1,000 head		1,000 lbs.		Pounds	
<b>Kentucky</b>						
Cattle	1.3	1.2	1,170	1,042	909	862
Hogs	161.2	191.3	42,850	50,188	266	262
Sheep & Lambs	1.0	1.0	133	122	137	126
<b>United States</b>						
Cattle	3,247.6	2,836.2	3,921,750	3,415,563	1,208	1,204
Hogs	7,815.8	7,578.7	2,090,599	2,014,254	267	266
Sheep & Lambs	222.2	188.5	30,517	26,049	137	138

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

## U. S. DAIRY PRODUCTS, MAY 2004

PRODUCT	May 2003	Apr. 2004 <u>1/</u>	May 2004	Percent of May 03 Apr. 04	
(000) Pounds			Percent		
<b>BUTTER</b>	114,895	96,521	102,393	89	106
<b>CHEESE</b>					
American Types <u>2/</u>	319,462	322,411	327,101	102	101
Mozzarella	246,188	249,677	244,875	99	98
All Other Types <u>3/</u>	171,377	184,690	172,168	100	93
Total	737,027	756,778	744,144	101	98
(000) Gallons			Percent		
<b>FROZEN PRODUCTS</b>					
Ice Cream (Hard)	80,900	77,391	74,820	92	97
Frozen Yogurt (Total)	6,558	6,016	6,321	96	105
<b>MIX FOR FROZEN PRODUCTS</b>					
Ice Cream Mix	48,686	48,744	44,769	92	92
Yogurt Mix	4,135	3,539	3,718	90	105

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 2003	May 2004	May 04 % of May 03
<b>Egg Production</b>			
Eggs Produced (Million)	7,327	7,499	102
Average Layers (000)	336,164	342,085	102
Eggs Per 100 Layers	2,180	2,192	101
<b>Egg Type Hatchery</b>			
Eggs Set June 1 (000)	33,634	34,395	102
Chicks Hatched (000)	37,631	38,631	103
<b>Broiler Type Hatchery</b>			
Eggs Set June 1 (000)	652,394	660,095	101
Chicks Hatched (000)	792,813	809,725	102

## PEACH PRODUCTION

Commercial peach production for Kentucky was forecast at 1.60 million pounds, down 200,000 pounds from a year earlier. Farmers experienced a generally frost free Spring and are expecting a good crop of peaches. Good fruit quality and prices are expected. The decline in production was the result of a decline in bearing acres.

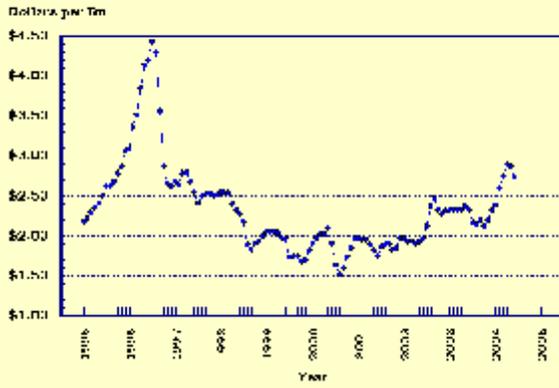
U.S. commercial peach production was forecast at 2.61 billion pounds, up 4 percent from 2003 and 3 percent above two years ago. Fourteen States forecast increases in production from last year, while 11 States expect declines and 4 States remain unchanged.

## COMMERCIAL PEACH PRODUCTION 2003 & 2004 FORECAST

2004 Rank	STATE	2003	2004 <u>1/</u>
(Million Pounds)			
<b>TOP FIVE STATES</b>			
1.	California	1,898.0	1,930.0
2.	South Carolina	100.0	140.0
3.	Georgia	110.0	110.0
4.	New Jersey	70.0	70.0
5.	Pennsylvania	73.0	54.0
<b>KENTUCKY &amp; SURROUNDING STATES</b>			
10.	Illinois	20.5	22.0
14.	Missouri	10.0	11.0
22.	Ohio	11.3	7.4
23.	Tennessee	3.5	3.5
25.	Indiana	3.4	2.4
27.	<b>KENTUCKY</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>1.6</b>
<b>UNITED STATES</b>		2,519.0	2,612.4

1/ July 1, 2004

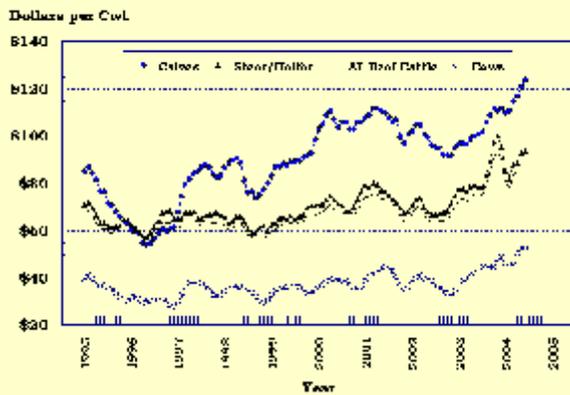
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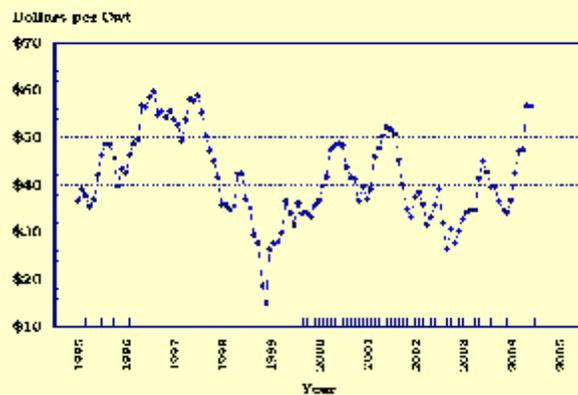
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