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MAY CROP REPORT

U.S. HIGHLIGHTS

- * **Winter wheat production** was forecast at 1.30 billion bushels, down 4 percent from 2001. This was the lowest production since 1978.
- * **Winter wheat harvested acreage** was forecast at 30.2 million acres, down 4 percent from 2001. If realized this would be the smallest winter wheat harvested area since 1917.
- * **Winter wheat yield** was forecast at 43.1 bushels per acre, 0.4 bushels less than last year.
- * **Kansas**, the number one wheat state, was expecting 296.0 million bushels, down 10 percent from 2001.

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Winter wheat production by farmers in 2002 was forecast at 25.1 million bushels. The expected crop for 2002 was up

6 percent from the previous year and largest wheat crop in 6 years. Based on crop conditions as of May 1 and assuming a normal growing season, farmers expect a yield of 66 bushels per acre, the same as the 2001 crop. Farmers seeded 550,000 acres in the fall of 2001 and intend to harvest 380,000 acres for grain this year. Harvested acreage was up 20,000 acres from a year earlier. This leaves 170,000 acres that is used for cover crop that was plowed down prior to setting tobacco or will be cut as grain hay and silage.

The weather last winter was relatively mild and this helped keep the winter wheat crop in mostly good condition. Little if any snow cover was received. There were some freezes this spring but the overall effect on the crop was minimal. As of May 3, the wheat crop in the field was in mostly good to fair condition. As of May 5, 60 percent of the crop was headed out, behind the 77 percent of last year and 62 percent for the 5 year average. Yield looked very promising as of May 1. Plants will need adequate moisture and good growing weather during May and June for the crop to develop into a good yielding crop.

WINTER WHEAT, SELECTED STATES & U.S., MAY 1, 2002

STATE	AREA HARVESTED		YIELD		PRODUCTION		
	2001	Ind. 2002	2001	Ind. 2002	2000	2001	Ind. 2002
	(1,000 Acres)		(Bushels)		(1,000 Bushels)		
Colorado	2,000	1,800	33.0	30.0	68,150	66,000	54,000
Illinois	720	650	61.0	60.0	52,440	43,920	39,000
Indiana	380	330	66.0	62.0	35,190	25,080	20,460
Kansas	8,200	8,000	40.0	37.0	347,800	328,000	296,000
KENTUCKY	360	380	66.0	66.0	23,940	23,760	25,080
Missouri	760	760	54.0	55.0	49,400	41,040	41,800
Montana	870	1,000	22.0	28.0	44,550	19,140	28,000
Nebraska	1,600	1,600	37.0	36.0	59,400	59,200	57,600
Ohio	900	825	67.0	66.0	79,920	60,300	54,450
Oklahoma	3,700	3,600	33.0	31.0	142,800	122,100	111,600
Oregon	700	750	40.0	50.0	45,260	28,000	37,500
Tennessee	340	270	54.0	54.0	20,900	18,360	14,580
Texas	3,200	2,500	34.0	32.0	66,000	108,800	80,000
Washington	1,750	1,700	61.0	66.0	131,400	106,750	112,200
U.S.	31,295	30,174	43.5	43.1	1,566,023	1,361,479	1,300,726

FINAL 2001 TOBACCO

BURLEY: The final production estimate for **Kentucky** burley tobacco for 2001 was estimated at 220.5 million pounds, down 9 percent from the 243.0 million pounds produced in 2000 and the smallest crop since 1936. The reduced crop was brought about by a reduction in quota. A farmer's quota regulates the amount of tobacco that can be sold. The final production estimate reflects marketing adjusted for carryover but does not include unharvested or destroyed poundage. Carryover tobacco not sold was estimated at 23 million pounds, 16 million pounds lower than the 2000 crop carryover. Harvested acreage was estimated at 105,000 acres, down 15,000 acres from the previous year and the smallest on record. Burley tobacco acreage records started in 1919. Yield per acre was estimated at 2,100 pounds per acre, up 75 pounds from the previous year. Growing conditions for the 2001 crop year were very good while some areas of the State experienced dry weather that limited yields. Fewer problems from Blue Mold and Black Shank were experienced. Average price received per pound was 197.7 cents per pound, up .9 cents from the previous year and a record high price. Tobacco continued to be sold by two methods, auction market and direct contract.

Burley production for the **8-State Burley Belt** totaled 334.1 million pounds, down 8 percent from the previous year. Kentucky, the leading producer of burley tobacco, produced 66 percent of all burley grown in the United States.

DARK TOBACCO: Production of **Kentucky** dark tobacco was down for all four types grown. Reduction in production was brought about by a decrease in the acreage quota that farmers can set and harvest. Type 22 fire-cured production at 11.2 million pounds was down 13 percent from the 2000 crop. Production of Type 23 fire-cured at 10.7 million pounds was down 17 percent from 2000. One sucker, Type 35 air-cured production was down 15 percent from the 2000 crop at 7.91 million pounds. Green River, Type 36 air-cured production was 4.30 million pounds, down 13 percent from a year earlier. The prices received for the four dark tobacco types were mixed. The market year average price for Type 23 at 210.1 cents per pound was up 1.9 cents from the 2000 crop. Price per pound for Types 22, 35 and 36 all decreased from a year earlier. Type 22 at 219.5 cents per pound was down .6 cents, Type 35 at 183.5 cents was down 13.0 cents and Type 36 at 182.2 cents per pound was down 11.8 cents.

TOBACCO ACREAGE, YIELD, PRODUCTION & PRICE PER POUND, BY TYPE, STATE & U.S.

Type & State	Acreage Harvested		Yield Per Acre		Production		Market Yr. Avg. Price Per Lb.	
	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	Rec'd by Farmers	
	(Acres)		(Pounds)		(1,000 Pounds)		2000	2001
							(Cents)	
BURLEY, TYPE 31								
KENTUCKY	120,000	105,000	2,025	2,100	243,000	220,500	196.8	197.7
Indiana	3,800	4,200	2,100	2,250	7,980	9,450	193.7	194.4
Missouri	1,400	1,300	2,120	2,370	2,968	3,081	185.4	189.5
N. Carolina	7,400	6,700	1,600	1,600	11,840	10,720	196.8	195.0
Ohio	7,500	6,100	1,760	1,960	13,200	11,956	192.8	193.8
Tennessee	37,000	32,000	1,920	2,000	71,040	64,000	195.7	197.7
Virginia	7,000	7,700	1,600	1,620	11,200	12,474	197.4	197.9
W. Virginia	1,300	1,300	1,200	1,450	1,560	1,885	190.1	196.0
U.S.	185,400	164,300	1,957	2,033	362,788	334,066	196.3	197.3
FIRE CURED, TYPE 22								
KENTUCKY	4,100	3,300	3,150	3,400	12,915	11,220	220.1	219.5
Tennessee	7,700	6,500	2,760	3,000	21,252	19,500	219.7	215.4
U.S.	11,800	9,800	2,896	3,135	34,167	30,720	219.9	216.9
FIRE CURED, TYPE 23								
KENTUCKY	3,800	3,100	3,400	3,460	12,920	10,726	208.2	210.1
Tennessee	640	520	3,125	3,175	2,000	1,651	208.6	210.2
U.S.	4,440	3,620	3,360	3,419	14,920	12,377	208.3	210.1
ONE SUCKER, TYPE 35								
KENTUCKY	3,100	2,750	3,000	2,875	9,300	7,906	196.5	183.5
Tennessee	680	670	2,450	2,600	1,666	1,742	204.1	181.5
U.S.	3,780	3,420	2,901	2,821	10,966	9,648	197.7	183.1
GREEN RIVER, TYPE 36								
KENTUCKY	1,700	1,550	2,900	2,775	4,930	4,301	194.0	182.2
ALL TOBACCO								
KENTUCKY	132,700	115,700	2,133	2,201	283,065	254,653	198.3	198.5
U.S.	472,410	432,400	2,229	2,293	1,052,999	991,519	191.0	192.0

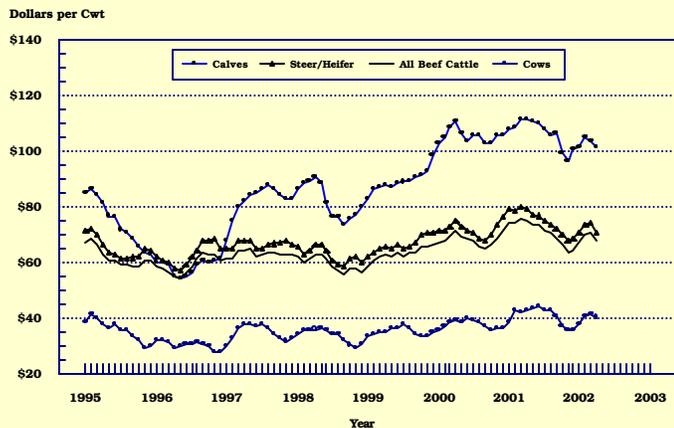
2001 POULTRY - PRODUCTION & VALUE, KENTUCKY & U.S.

ITEM	KENTUCKY		2001 % of 2000	UNITED STATES		2001 % of 2000
	2000	2001		2000	2001	
BROILERS						
Numbers Produced (000)	230,000	253,400	110	8,284,000	8,389,100	101
Pounds Produced (000)	1,150,000	1,292,300	112	41,623,100	42,445,900	102
Live Weight Equiv. \$/lb.	0.330	0.390	118	0.336	0.393	117
Value of Production (000)	379,500	503,997	133	13,988,434	16,693,569	119
EGG PRODUCTION						
Eggs Produced (million)	940	933	99	84,386	85,702	102
Price Per Dozen (dollars)	0.904	0.935	103	0.618	0.622	101
Value of Production (000)	70,813	72,696	103	4,345,382	4,444,864	102
CHICKENS						
Number Sold (000)	2,800	2,800	100	218,212	200,100	92
Pounds Sold (000)	16,240	16,520	102	1,111,717	1,016,747	91
Price per Pound (dollars)	0.053	0.060	113	0.057	0.045	79
Value of Sales (000 dollars)	861	991	115	63,925	46,027	72

UNITED STATES EGG PRODUCTION & HATCH

Type	March 2001	March 2002	Mar. 02 % of Mar. 01
Egg Production			
Eggs Produced (Million)	7,336	7,412	101
Average Layers (000)	336,820	337,338	100
Eggs Per 100 Layers	2,178	2,197	101
Egg Type Hatchery			
Eggs Set Apr. 1 (000)	36,668	32,802	89
Chicks Hatched (000)	40,993	36,717	90
Broiler Type Hatchery			
Eggs Set Apr. 1 (000)	633,019	644,107	102
Chicks Hatched (000)	773,760	790,342	102

Prices Received, Cattle, US



Prices Received, Wheat, US



ANNUAL DAIRY PRODUCTS

Butter production in the United States during 2001 totaled 1.24 billion pounds, 1.5 percent below 2000. California accounted for 27.6 percent of the production, followed by Wisconsin with 26.3 percent.

Total cheese production, excluding cottage cheeses, was 8.13 billion pounds, 1.6 percent below 2000 production. Wisconsin was the leading State with 26.2 percent of the production. American type cheese production was 3.52 billion pounds, 3.4 percent below 2000 and accounted for 43.3 percent of total cheese in 2001. Italian varieties, with 3.33 billion pounds were 1.2 percent above 2000 production. Mozzarella accounted for 80.1 percent of the Italian production followed by Provolone with 7.5 percent and Ricotta with 7.1 percent. Wisconsin was the leading State in Italian cheese production with 28.5 percent of the production.

Ice cream production was mixed in 2001. Regular ice cream production totaled 981 million gallons, up slightly from 2000. Lowfat ice cream, at 407 million gallons, was up 8.9 percent. Nonfat dry milk for human food production, at 1.41 billion pounds, was down 2.6 percent from 2000. Dry whole milk, at 41 million pounds, was down 62.9 percent.

Kentucky plants produced 14.7 million pounds of cottage cheese curd in 2001, down 3 percent from 2000. Lowfat cottage cheese production totaled 9.5 million pounds, up 3 percent from 2000. Creamed cottage cheese production totaled 17.2 million pounds, down 3 percent from last year. Sixteen Kentucky plants produced one or more dairy products in 2001. Totals for most dairy products manufactured in Kentucky are not published to avoid disclosing individual plant production.

U. S. DAIRY PRODUCTS, MARCH 2002

PRODUCT	Mar. 2001	Feb. 2002 <u>1/</u>	Mar. 2002	Percent of Mar. Feb. 2001 2002	
(000) Pounds				Percent	
BUTTER	111,374	125,352	128,972	116	103
CHEESE					
American Types <u>2/</u>	297,097	287,383	316,452	107	110
Mozzarella	238,805	213,429	234,694	98	110
All Other Types <u>3/</u>	177,820	146,279	165,993	93	113
Total	713,722	647,091	717,139	100	111
(000) Gallons				Percent	
FROZEN PRODUCTS					
Ice Cream (Hard)	77,071	71,034	76,692	100	108
Frozen Yogurt (Total)	7,388	6,348	7,184	97	113
MIX FOR FROZEN					
Ice Cream Mix	43,879	40,595	45,536	104	112
Yogurt Mix	3,807	3,734	4,226	111	113

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

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