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MOST LIVESTOCK AND GRAIN PRICES DOWN OR UNCHANGED

Prices received by **Kentucky** farmers for livestock and grain were generally down or unchanged from last October.

Steers and heifers 500 lbs. and over at mid-October averaged \$78.00 per cwt., \$4.00 less than last month and \$2.00 below a year ago. Historically, this was the lowest prices have been since December 1999. Prices received for **beef cows** were \$4.00 below last month at \$38.00 per cwt. This was \$1.00 above a year ago while the lowest in 9 months. **Calves** under 500 lbs. were \$2.00 less than last year at \$90.00 per cwt. and \$5.00 below September 2001. The October mid-month price was the lowest in 22 months.

Barrows and gilts at mid-October averaged \$36.00 per cwt., \$7.00 below last month while \$3.00 below October 2000. This was the lowest price in 9 months. **Sows** were at their lowest in 8 months at \$31.00 per cwt., averaging \$3.00 below last month and last year.

The **all wholesale milk** price decreased from last month to \$18.00 per cwt. This was 10 cents below last month and \$3.90 above last October. **Milk cow** prices were at a record high \$1,650.00 each at mid-October, \$110.00 above July and \$340.00 above last year.

Prices received for **all corn** averaged \$1.85 per bushel at mid-October. This was 14 cents below last month and the lowest in 12 months. **Soybean** prices averaged \$4.25 per bushel the lowest in 27 months. This was 32 cents below last month and 33 cents below last year. **Winter wheat** prices were unchanged from September at \$2.45 per bushel while up 49 cents from last October. The preliminary **U.S.** All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in October was 95

based on 1990-92=100, down a record 10 points (9.5 percent) from the September Index. When compared to the historical base of 1910-1914, the index shows a 66 point decline, becoming the largest month-to-month decrease in recorded history. The previous record one-month decline was 57 points, and occurred between the months of August and September, 1973. A significant downturn in prices for lettuce, milk, soybeans, hogs, corn, broilers, and cattle combined with seasonal shifts in marketings set the stage for the monthly downturn in the index. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell often affects the overall index. Overall marketing changes accounted for 6 of the 10 point decrease in the October index (1990-92=100). When compared with October 2000, however the All Farm Products Index was still 2 points (2.2 percent) higher. Price increases from October 2000 for milk, broilers, feed grains, fruits, and potatoes more than offset decreases in oilseeds, cotton, vegetables and eggs.

AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS - (Dollars)

COMMODITY	UNIT	KENTUCKY			US
		OCT 2000	SEPT 2001	OCT 2001	OCT 2001
		Entire Month		Mid-Month ^{a/}	
All Corn ^{b/ c/}	Bu.	1.81	1.99	1.85	1.79
Soybeans ^{b/}	Bu.	4.58	4.57	4.25	4.10
Winter Wheat ^{b/}	Bu.	1.96	2.45	2.45	2.81
Alfalfa Hay, baled	Ton	110.00	95.00	95.00	108.00
All Other Hay,	Ton	72.00	55.00	55.00	70.00
All Hogs	Cwt.	38.80	42.60	35.80	41.00
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	39.00	43.00	36.00	41.40
Sows	Cwt.	34.00	34.00	31.00	33.60
All Beef Cattle ^{d/}	Cwt.	69.40	72.40	68.40	67.50
Steers & Heifers ^{e/}	Cwt.	80.00	82.00	78.00	70.80
Cows	Cwt.	37.00	42.00	38.00	38.50
Calves ^{f/}	Cwt.	92.00	95.00	90.00	101.00
Milk Cows ^{g/}	Ea.	1,310.00	-	1,650.00	1,700.00
Milk Wholesale					
All	Cwt.	14.10	18.10	18.00	16.20
Fluid ^{h/}	Cwt.	14.10	18.10	--	16.20
Manufactured	Cwt.	10.10	13.80	--	15.10
Hog-Corn Ratios ^{i/}	Bu.	21.4	21.4	19.4	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/} Includes surplus diverted to manufacturing. ^{i/} Number of bushels of corn equal in value to 100 lbs. of hog live weight.

COLD STORAGE HIGHLIGHTS

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

All U.S. Warehouse Stocks				Sept 01 as % of	
Commodity	Sept 30 2000	Aug 31 2001	Sept 30 2001	Sept 2000	Aug 2001
Frozen Poultry	1,000 lbs		Percent		
Chicken:					
Broilers (Whole)	30,739	20,404	22,543	73	110
Other Chicken	779,554	595,056	593,602	76	100
Total Chicken <u>1/</u>	819,057	624,409	624,365	76	100
Turkey	528,066	545,311	537,515	102	99
Total Frozen Poultry <u>2/</u>	1,352,856	1,179,001	1,171,959	87	99
Meat					
Total Frozen Beef	405,703	373,213	383,168	94	103
Pork:					
Bellies	21,341	12,754	8,983	42	70
Total Frozen Pork <u>3/</u>	439,519	332,567	367,802	84	111
Total Meat <u>4/</u>	871,114	732,556	776,885	89	106

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 3.66 billion pounds in September, down 5 percent from the 3.86 billion pounds produced in September 2000. September 2000 contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and 5 Saturdays. September 2001 contained 20 weekdays (including one holiday) and 5 Saturdays. Beef production, at 2.12 billion pounds, was 7 percent below the previous year, a record September tonnage. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.81 million head, down 7 percent from September 2000. The average live weight was up 9 pounds from the previous year, at 1,240 pounds. Pork production totaled 1.51 billion pounds, down 3 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 7.81 million head, 4 percent below September 2000. The average live weight was 3 pounds above the previous year, at 262 pounds.

COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION: UNITED STATES & KENTUCKY 1/

Class	Sept 2000	Aug 2001	Sept 2001	Sept 01 as % of	
				Sept 2000	Aug 2001
	Million Pounds			Percent	
Beef	2,275	2,424	2,120	93	87
Veal	17	17	15	90	87
Pork	1,554	1,600	1,513	97	95
Lamb & Mutton	17	19	16	94	88
Total U.S.	3,863	4,060	3,664	95	90
Total Kentucky	36.9	36.4	34.8	94	96

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

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

Class	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001
	1,000 head		1,000 lbs.		Pounds	
Kentucky						
Cattle	0.9	1.2	822	1,051	871	903
Hogs	185.7	173.7	48,464	45,631	261	263
Sheep & Lambs	1.0	0.7	163	103	169	140
United States						
Cattle	3,034.5	2,807.3	3,734,196	3,481,256	1,231	1,240
Hogs	8,118.4	7,810.5	2,104,149	2,045,377	259	262
Sheep & Lambs	269.5	243.3	35,113	32,872	130	135

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

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 11.1 million head on October 1, 2001. The inventory was 1 percent above October 1, 2000 and 8 percent above October 1, 1999. The inventory included 6.63 million steers and steer calves, up 1 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 60 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.45 million head, up 1 percent from 2000.

Placements in feedlots during September totaled 2.14 million, 20 percent below 2000 and 23 percent below 1999. Net placements were 2.09 million. During September, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 528,000, 600-699 pounds were 447,000, 700-799 pounds were 559,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 602,000. **Marketings** of fed cattle during September totaled 1.82 million, 9 percent below 2000 and 7 percent below 1999. **Other disappearance** totaled 46,000 during September, 15 percent below 2000 and 26 percent below 1999.

CATTLE ON FEED 7 STATES 1/

Cattle on feed October 1, 2001, in the 7 States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 9.61 million, up 1 percent from the previous year and 9 percent above October 1, 1999. The inventory included 5.69 million steers and steer calves, up 2 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 59 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.88 million head, up slightly from 2000.

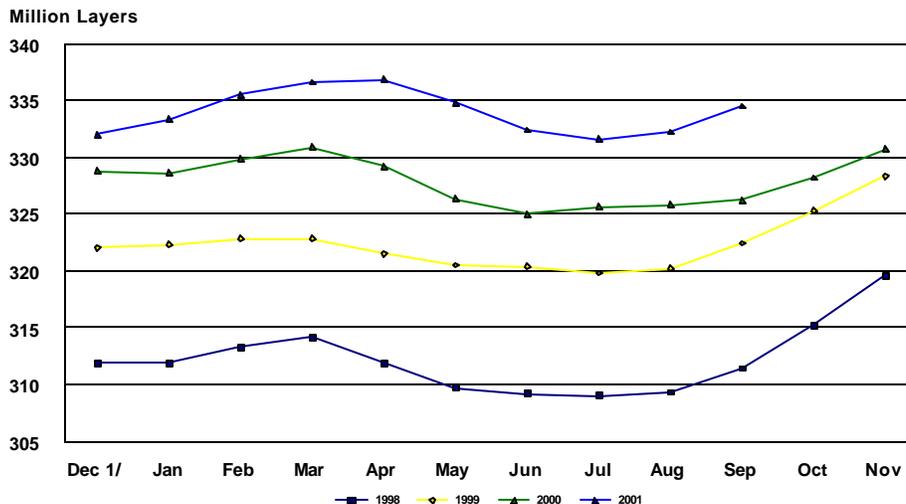
Placements in feedlots during September totaled 1.81 million, 21 percent below 2000 and 23 percent below 1999.

Marketings during September totaled 1.54 million, 10 percent below 2000 and 9 percent below 1999.

Other disappearance during September was 40,000 head, 17 percent below 2000 and 27 percent below 1999.

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

AVERAGE NUMBER OF LAYERS U.S., 1998-2001



UNITED STATES EGG PRODUCTION & HATCH

Type	Sept 2000	Sept 2001	Sept 01 as % of Sept 00
Egg Production			
Eggs Produced (Million)	6,854	7,037	103
Average Layers (000)	326,237	334,526	103
Eggs Per 100 Layers	2,101	2,104	100
Egg Type Hatchery			
Eggs Set Oct 1 (000)	30,797	32,330	105
Chicks Hatched (000)	36,316	36,594	101
Broiler Type Hatchery			
Eggs Set Oct 1 (000)	585,831	608,018	104
Chicks Hatched (000)	702,625	729,962	104

U.S. MILK PRODUCTION DOWN 0.7 PERCENT

Kentucky milk production for September 2001 totaled 125 million pounds. This was down 3 percent from September 2000 production and down 2 percent from August 2001. The average **number of cows** on farms, at 127,000 head, was down 5,000 head from a year earlier and down 1,000 head from last month. **Milk per cow** averaged 985 pounds, up 5 pounds from September 2000 but down 15 pounds from August 2001.

Milk production in the **20 major States** during September totaled 11.4 billion pounds, down 0.7

percent from September 2000. August revised production, at 11.8 billion pounds, was down 1.3 percent from August 2000. The August revision represented a decrease of 0.5 percent or 56 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate. **Production per cow** in the 20 major States averaged 1,471 pounds for September, 7 pounds above September 2000. The **number of cows** on farms in the 20 major States was 7.73 million head, 91,000 head less than September 2000, and 8,000 head less than August 2001.

MILK COWS & MILK PRODUCTION FOR SEPTEMBER, SELECTED STATES

STATE	Milk Cows <u>1/</u>		Milk Per Cow <u>2/</u>		Production <u>2/</u>		2001 as % of 2000
	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	
	Thousands		Pounds		Million Pounds		Percent
CA	1,540	1,601	1,685	1,700	2,595	2,722	105
IL	120	115	1,350	1,345	162	155	96
IN	148	154	1,275	1,320	189	203	107
KY	132	127	980	985	129	125	97
MO	153	142	1,080	1,020	165	145	88
OH	264	257	1,360	1,370	359	352	98
VA	119	118	1,220	1,220	145	144	99
WI	1,339	1,280	1,405	1,360	1,881	1,741	93
20-State							
Total	7,820	7,729	1,464	1,471	11,451	11,372	99

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

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