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## KENTUCKY CROP AND LIVESTOCK PRICES DOWN

Crop prices received by **Kentucky** farmers were down from September along with livestock prices with the exception of increases for sows and milk.

**Steers and heifers** 500 lbs. and over averaged \$105.00 per cwt. (hundred pounds) at mid-October. This was down \$2.00 from the September price while up \$5.00 from October 2004. **Beef cow** price at mid-month was \$45.00 per cwt., down \$3.00 from September and \$5.00 from a year earlier. **Calves** less than 500 lbs. averaged \$117.00 per cwt. at mid-October. This was down \$6.00 from September while up \$3.00 from October 2004. Calf prices have declined since setting a record high of \$133.00 in May 2005.

Hog prices for the month were mixed. **Barrows and gilts** at mid-October averaged \$49.00 per cwt., unchanged from September while down \$3.00 from October 2004. **Sow** prices were up \$3.00 at \$42.00 per cwt. for mid-month. Price was unchanged from the previous year.

Sheep and lamb prices for September were both up from the previous month. The **sheep** price was \$50.00 per cwt., up \$5.00 and the **lamb** price was \$103.00 per cwt., up \$1.00.

Price of **all milk** for mid-October was 16.90 per cwt. This was up 40 cents from the September price and 20 cents from October 2004. This was the highest price since January 2005. The final monthly all milk price will vary from the projected mid-month price due to price changes announced by the Milk Marketing Orders, actual milk fat content and quantity sold by milk class. **Milk cow** price for mid-October was \$1,790.00 per head, up \$10.00 from the July price and \$150.00 from October 2004. The October price was the highest milk cow price on record.

Grain prices received by farmers declined from the previous month. The mid-October **corn** price was \$1.85 per bushel, down 21 cents from the September price and 31 cents from October a year earlier. This would be the lowest corn price since October 2000. The **soybean** price for mid-month

was \$5.30 per bushel. This was down 34 cents from September and 46 cents from a year earlier and would be the lowest soybean price since June 2002. The **winter wheat** mid-October price was \$3.00 per bushel, down five cents from September while up 36 cents from a year earlier.

The preliminary **U.S.** All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in October, at 110, based on 1990-92=100, decreased 7 points (6.0 percent) from September. The Crop Index was down 11 points (9.8 percent) while the Livestock Index was unchanged. Producers received lower commodity prices for broilers, corn, eggs, and soybeans. Higher prices were received for cattle, sweet corn, wheat, and turkeys. The overall index was also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities a producer sells. Decreased average marketings of dairy, sweet corn, grapes, and wheat offset increased marketings of soybeans, corn, cotton, and cottonseed. Preliminary All Farm Products Index was down 4 points (3.5 percent) from October 2004.

### AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS - (Dollars)

COMMODITY	UNIT	KENTUCKY		US	
		OCT 2004	SEPT 2005	OCT 2005	OCT 2005
		Entire Month		Mid-Month a/	
All Corn b/ c/	Bu.	2.16	2.06	1.85	1.74
Soybeans b/	Bu.	5.76	5.64	5.30	5.44
Winter Wheat b/	Bu.	2.64	3.05	3.00	3.42
Alfalfa Hay, baled	Ton	100.00	120.00	120.00	106.00
All Other Hay, baled	Ton	58.00	70.00	70.00	76.50
All Hogs	Cwt.	51.60	48.60	48.70	48.80
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	52.00	49.00	49.00	49.10
Sows	Cwt.	42.00	39.00	42.00	41.80
All Beef Cattle d/	Cwt.	88.00	92.80	90.60	90.80
Steers & Heifers e/	Cwt.	100.00	107.00	105.00	96.00
Cows	Cwt.	50.00	48.00	45.00	47.70
Calves f/	Cwt.	114.00	123.00	117.00	132.00
Sheep	Cwt.	--	50.00	--	--
Lambs	Cwt.	--	103.00	--	--
Milk Cows g/	Ea.	1,640.00	--	1,790.00	1,870.00
Milk Wholesale					
All	Cwt.	16.70	16.50	16.90	15.40
Hog-Corn Ratios h/	Bu.	23.9	23.6	26.3	28.0

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/ 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, 2005, were greater than year earlier levels for pork and eggs.

Commodity	All U.S. Warehouse Stocks			Sept 05 as % of	
	Sept 30 2004	Aug 31 2005	Sept 30 2005	Sept 2004	Aug 2005
Frozen Poultry		1,000 lbs		Percent	
Chicken	777,874	705,719	737,121	95	104
Turkey	527,388	526,602	493,887	94	94
Ducks	918	622	2,452	267	394
Total Frozen Poultry	1,306,180	1,232,943	1,233,460	94	100
Meat					
Total Frozen Beef	457,244	410,592	443,741	97	108
Frozen Pork					
Bellies	11,344	22,098	13,990	123	63
Total Frozen Pork <u>1/</u>	413,823	414,414	427,011	103	103
Total Meat <u>2/</u>	886,104	848,840	893,239	101	105

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 3.93 billion pounds in September, up 1 percent from the 3.91 billion pounds produced in September 2004. September 2004 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays. September 2005 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays. Beef production, at 2.16 billion pounds, was 3 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.78 million head, up 1 percent from September 2004. The average live weight was up 11 pounds from the previous year, at 1,276 pounds. Pork production totaled 1.74 billion pounds, down 2 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.87 million head, 1 percent below September 2004. The average live weight was unchanged from the previous year, at 265 pounds.

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

Class	Sept 2004	Aug 2005	Sept 2005	Sept 05 as % of	
				Sept 2004	Aug 2005
	Million Pounds			Percent	
Beef	2,105	*2,320	2,161	103	93
Veal	12.9	13.7	13.2	102	97
Pork	1,772	1,751	1,743	98	100
Lamb & Mutton	16.3	15.4	15.6	96	102
Total U.S.	3,906	4,099	3,933	101	96
Total Kentucky	43.0	43.6	42.7	99	98

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

### COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER: KENTUCKY & U.S. SEPTEMBER 2004 & 2005 1/

Class	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	1,000 head		1,000 lbs.		Pounds	
<b>Kentucky</b>						
Cattle	1.1	1.2	1,030	1,102	896	928
Hogs	214.9	215.3	56,630	56,135	263	261
Sheep & Lambs	1.1	1.2	136	158	123	132
<b>United States</b>						
Cattle	2,737.1	2,777.6	3,463,716	3,543,498	1,265	1,276
Hogs	8,999.2	8,869.9	2,387,426	2,349,204	265	265
Sheep & Lambs	243.9	231.3	32,370	31,136	133	135

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

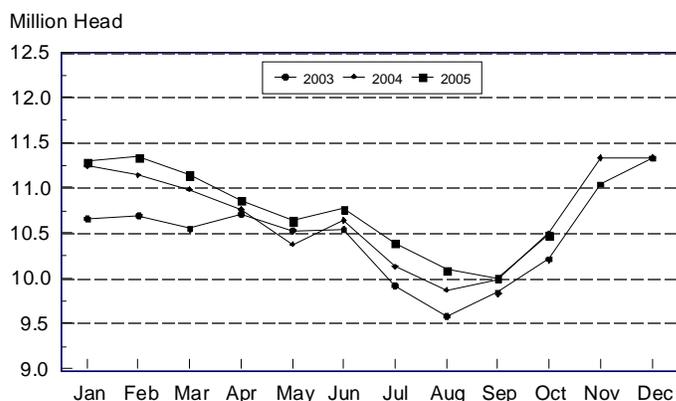
## CATTLE ON FEED

**Cattle and calves on feed** for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.5 million head on October 1, 2005. The inventory was slightly below October 1, 2004 but up 3 percent from October 1, 2003. The inventory included 6.87 million steers and steer calves, up 6 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 66 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.55 million head, down 11 percent from 2004.

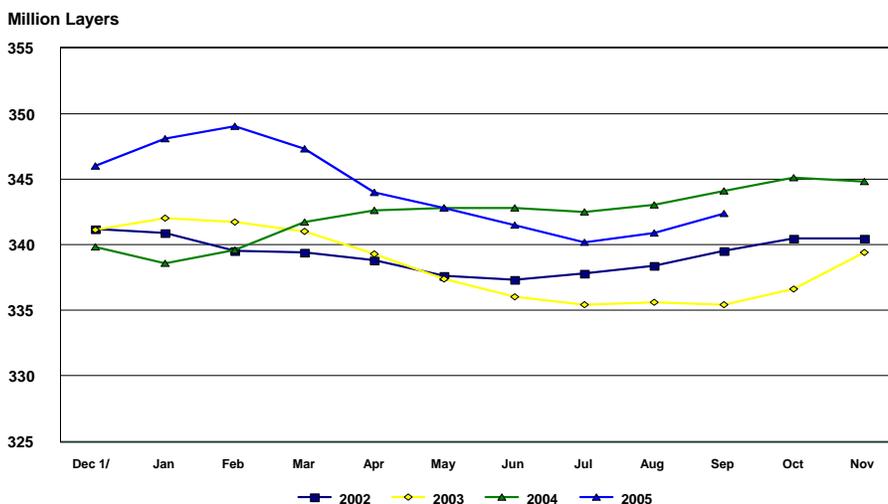
**Placements** in feedlots during September totaled 2.36 million, 1 percent below 2004 and 5 percent below 2003. Net placements were 2.30 million head. During September, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 565,000, 600-699 pounds were 505,000, 700-799 pounds were 550,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 735,000. **Marketings** of fed cattle during September totaled 1.82 million, 1

percent above 2004 but 11 percent below 2003. **Other disappearance** totaled 57,000 during September, 7 percent below 2004 and 10 percent below 2003.

United States Cattle on Feed  
1,000+ Capacity Feedlots



## AVERAGE NUMBER OF LAYERS U.S., 2002-2005



## UNITED STATES EGG PRODUCTION & HATCH

Type	Sept 2004	Sept 2005	Sept 05 as % of Sept 04
<b>Egg Production</b>			
Eggs Produced (Million)	7,344	7,379	100
Average Layers (000)	344,118	342,382	99
Eggs Per 100 Layers	2,134	2,155	101
<b>Egg Type Hatchery</b>			
Eggs Set Oct 1 (000)	33,475	31,844	95
Chicks Hatched (000)	36,631	33,788	92
<b>Broiler Type Hatchery</b>			
Eggs Set Oct 1 (000)	617,612	631,739	102
Chicks Hatched (000)	769,934	769,771	100

# MILK PRODUCTION

**Kentucky milk production** for September 2005 totaled 105 million pounds. This was down 3 percent from September 2004 production and down 4 percent from August 2005. The average **number of cows** on farms, at 105,000 head, was down 4,000 head from a year earlier and down 1,000 head from last month. **Milk per cow** averaged 1,000 pounds, up 10 pounds from September 2004 but down 30 pounds from August 2005.

**Milk production** in the **23 major States** during September totaled 13.0 billion pounds, up 4.9 percent

from September 2004. August revised production, at 13.6 billion pounds, was up 4.8 percent from August 2004. The August revision represented an increase of 22 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate. **Production per cow** in the 23 major States averaged 1,597 pounds for September, 64 pounds above September 2004. The **number of cows** on farms in the 23 major States was 8.16 million head, 54,000 head more than September 2004, and 1,000 head more than August 2005.

**MILK COWS & MILK PRODUCTION FOR SEPTEMBER, SELECTED STATES**

STATE	Milk Cows <u>1/</u>		Milk Per Cow <u>2/</u>		Production <u>2/</u>		2005 as %
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	of 2004
	Thousands		Pounds		Million Pounds		Percent
CA	1,737	1,765	1,715	1,745	2,979	3,080	103
IL	107	104	1,440	1,450	154	151	98
IN	150	156	1,540	1,615	231	252	109
<b>KY</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>990</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>97</b>
MO	121	115	1,150	1,125	139	129	93
OH	266	270	1,370	1,410	364	381	105
VA	104	105	1,290	1,300	134	137	102
WI	1,239	1,237	1,440	1,520	1,784	1,880	105
23-State							
Total	8,104	8,158	1,533	1,597	12,426	13,032	105

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

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