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LIVESTOCK AND GRAIN PRICES MOSTLY DOWN

Kentucky farmers received lower prices for most livestock and grain prices at mid-September.

Steers and heifers 500 lbs. and over at mid-September averaged \$84.00 per cwt., unchanged from last month while up \$4.00 from last year.

Beef cow prices at \$42.00 per cwt. averaged \$2.00 less than last month while \$4.00 above September a year ago. The mid-September price was the lowest in 6 months. Prices received for **calves** under 500 lbs. were \$98.00 per cwt., \$2.00 above August and \$6.00 above last September.

Barrows and gilts decreased \$5.00 from last month to \$44.00 per cwt. at mid-September while increasing \$5.00 from last year. This was the lowest price in 5 months. **Sow** prices averaged \$33.00 per cwt. This was \$6.00 below last month and \$2.00 below September a year ago and the lowest price in seven months.

All wholesale milk prices were \$18.30 per cwt. at mid-September, a 30 cent increase over last month and \$4.00 over last year. This was the highest price since February 1999.

The **all corn** price of \$2.05 per bushel at mid-September was 8 cents below last month while up 19 cents from last September. Corn prices were at their lowest level in 10 months. Prices received for **soybeans** were down 42 cents from August to \$4.60 per bushel. This was 22 cents below last year. **Winter wheat** prices at \$2.45 per bushel were 13 cents below last month while 41 cents above September a year ago.

The preliminary **U.S.** All Farm Products Index of

Prices Received in September was 106 based on 1990-92=100, down 3 points (2.8 percent) from the August index. Higher prices for lettuce, milk, broilers, and wheat were partially offset by lower prices for hogs, soybeans, strawberries, and cattle. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell often affects the overall index. Lower seasonal marketings of cattle, broilers, wheat, and milk were partially offset by higher marketings of soybeans, peanuts, corn, and potatoes. Compared with September 2000, the All Farm Products Index was 9 points (9.3 percent) higher. Price increases from September 2000 for milk, corn, broilers, and cattle were partially offset by lower prices for cotton, apples, tomatoes, and turkeys.

AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS - (Dollars)

COMMODITY	UNIT	KENTUCKY			US
		SEPT 2000	AUG 2001	SEPT 2001	SEPT 2001
		Entire Month		Mid-Month <u>a/</u>	
All Corn <u>b/ c/</u>	Bu.	1.86	2.13	2.05	1.92
Soybeans <u>b/</u>	Bu.	4.82	5.02	4.60	4.59
Winter Wheat <u>b/</u>	Bu.	2.04	2.58	2.45	2.77
Alfalfa Hay, baled	Ton	103.00	90.00	95.00	106.00
All Other Hay,	Ton	67.00	52.00	55.00	72.80
All Hogs	Cwt.	38.80	48.60	43.60	45.80
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	39.00	49.00	44.00	46.30
Sows	Cwt.	35.00	39.00	33.00	35.50
All Beef Cattle <u>d/</u>	Cwt.	69.90	74.40	73.90	70.00
Steers & Heifers <u>e/</u>	Cwt.	80.00	84.00	84.00	73.00
Cows	Cwt.	38.00	44.00	42.00	41.60
Calves <u>f/</u>	Cwt.	92.00	96.00	98.00	106.00
Milk Wholesale					
All	Cwt.	14.30	18.00	18.30	16.80
Fluid <u>g/</u>	Cwt.	14.30	18.00	--	16.80
Manufactured	Cwt.	10.50	13.50	--	15.70
Hog-Corn Ratios <u>h/</u>	Bu.	20.9	22.8	21.3	23.9

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/ Includes surplus diverted to manufacturing. h/ Number of bushels of corn equal in value to 100 lbs. of hog live weight.

SEPTEMBER 1 HOG & PIG INVENTORY

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on September 1, 2001, was 58.6 million head. This was 1 percent below September 2000, but 1 percent above June 1, 2001. Breeding inventory, at 6.16 million head, was down 1 percent from September 1, 2000, and down slightly from June 1, 2001. Market hog inventory, at 52.5 million head, was 1 percent below last year, but 1 percent above last quarter.

The June-August 2001 U.S. pig crop, at 25.0 million head, was 2 percent less than 2000, and 3 percent less than 1999. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.84 million head, 2 percent below last year. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 46 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs per litter was 8.82 pigs saved per litter for the

June-August 2001 period, compared to 8.84 pigs last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.40 for operations with 1-99 hogs to 8.90 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

U.S. hog producers intend to have 2.88 million sows farrow during the September-November 2001 quarter, 1 percent above the actual farrowings during the same period in 2000, and 1 percent above 1999. Intended farrowings for December 2001-February 2002, at 2.84 million sows, are 3 percent above the same period in 2001, and up 1 percent from 2000. The total number of hogs under contract, owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 35 percent of the total U.S. hog inventory, up from 33 percent last year.

HOGS AND PIGS: INVENTORY NUMBERS BY CLASS & WEIGHT GROUPS September 1, 2000 - 2001, SELECTED STATES AND U.S.

State	TOTAL		BREEDING		MARKET		MARKET HOGS							
	2001	2001	2001	2001	2001	2001	Under 60 lbs.		60-119 lbs		120-179 lbs		180 lbs +	
	1,000	% of	1,000	% of	1,000	% of	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001
	Head	2000	Head	2000	Head	2000	(1,000 Head)							
AR	705	104	100	95	605	105	220	250	135	125	120	115	100	115
CO	770	87	175	85	595	87	400	335	80	75	80	75	125	110
IL	4,150	102	420	100	3,730	103	1,260	1,360	900	890	820	800	650	680
IN	3,050	92	330	92	2,720	93	1,130	1,020	710	660	570	520	530	520
IA	14,700	96	1,120	97	13,580	96	4,420	4,200	3,900	3,710	3,140	3,070	2,680	2,600
KS	1,600	105	165	106	1,435	104	540	480	280	280	255	275	300	400
MI	960	94	110	100	850	93	360	320	230	225	180	175	140	130
MN	5,800	104	590	102	5,210	104	2,080	2,140	1,220	1,260	950	1,070	770	740
MO	3,000	100	380	100	2,620	100	1,120	1,150	690	590	520	500	290	380
NE	2,850	95	360	95	2,490	95	1,100	990	650	640	490	480	380	380
NC	9,700	100	1,000	100	8,700	100	3,450	3,450	2,000	2,100	1,750	1,750	1,500	1,400
OH	1,460	103	160	100	1,300	103	550	540	285	320	255	270	170	170
OK	2,300	99	330	97	1,970	99	925	870	325	310	245	220	495	570
PA	1,060	102	125	109	935	101	345	360	240	245	190	180	150	150
SD	1,270	99	140	108	1,130	98	420	390	290	285	255	260	185	195
TX	870	94	95	112	775	92	240	290	175	165	180	145	250	175
WI	560	95	75	115	485	92	195	195	120	110	110	90	100	90
Other 1/	3,837	100	483	97	3,354	100	1,200	1,174	825	850	707	719	607	612
U.S.	58,642	99	6,158	99	52,484	99	19,955	19,514	13,055	12,840	10,817	10,714	9,422	9,417

1/ Individual State estimates not available for the 33 other states. Kentucky included in other States.

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 10.87 million head on September 1, 2001. The inventory was 5 percent above September 1, 2000 and 14 percent above September 1, 1999.

Placements in feedlots during August totaled 2.20 million, 10 percent below 2000 and 9 percent below 1999. Net placements were 2.15 million. During August, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 510,000, 600-699 pounds were 472,000, 700-799 pounds were 667,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 555,000. **Marketings** of fed cattle during August totaled 2.18 million, 1 percent below 2000 but 6 percent above 1999. **Other disappearance** totaled 54,000 during August, 10 percent above 2000 but 2 percent below 1999.

CATTLE ON FEED 7 STATES 1/

Cattle on feed September 1, 2001, in the 7 States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 9.39 million, up 5 percent from the previous year and 15 percent above September 1, 1999.

Placements in feedlots during August totaled 1.91 million, 9 percent below 2000 and 1999.

Marketings during August totaled 1.85 million, 2 percent below 2000 but 6 percent above 1999.

Other disappearance during August was 46,000 head, 28 percent above 2000 and 10 percent above 1999.

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

MILK PRODUCTION

Kentucky milk production for August 2001 totaled 134 million pounds, unchanged from August 2000, and down 1 percent from July 2001. Average number of cows, at 128,000 head, was 4,000 head below the previous year and 1,000 head below last month. Milk per cow, at 1,045 pounds during August, was up 30 pounds from a year ago, and unchanged from last month.

Milk production in the **20 major States** during August totaled 11.8 billion pounds, down 0.8 percent from August

2000. July revised production, at 12.0 billion pounds, was down 1.5 percent from July 2000. The July revision represented a decrease of 0.3 percent or 33 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate. **Production per cow** in the 20 major States averaged 1,529 pounds for August, 4 pounds above August 2000. **The number of cows** on farms in the 20 major States was 7.74 million head, 82,000 head less than August 2000, and 7,000 head less than July 2001.

RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Commercial red meat production for the U.S. totaled 4.06 billion pounds in August, down 1 percent from the 4.12 billion pounds produced in 2000. August 2000 contained 23 weekdays and 4 Saturdays. August 2001 contained 23 weekdays and 4 Saturdays.

Beef production, at 2.42 billion pounds, was 1 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.24 million head, down 1 percent from August 2000. The average live weight was up 2 pounds from the previous year, at 1,228 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.60 billion pounds, down 3 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.37 million head, 3 percent below August 2000. The average live weight was unchanged from the previous year, at 258 pounds.

COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION ^{1/}

Type	Aug 2000	Jul 2001	Aug 2001	Aug. 01 % of	
				Aug 2000	Jul 2001
Million Pounds			Percent		
Beef	2,437	2,176	2,424	99	111
Veal	17	16	17	99	110
Pork	1,643	1,434	1,600	97	112
Lamb & Mutton	18	17	19	104	110
Total U.S.	4,116	3,643	4,060	99	111
Total Kentucky	38.3	31.9	36.4	95	114

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

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, AUGUST 2000 & 2001 ^{1/}

Type	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001
	1,000 head		1,000 lbs.		Pounds	
Kentucky						
Cattle	0.8	1.0	726	897	878	908
Hogs	195.3	185.7	50,261	47,784	257	257
Sheep & Lambs	1.1	1.0	190	131	169	137
United States						
Cattle	3,259.4	3,238.7	3,996,329	3,975,942	1,226	1,228
Hogs	8,622.5	8,374.4	2,224,080	2,159,318	258	258
Sheep & Lambs	283.6	273.2	36,226	37,455	128	137

^{1/} Includes slaughterer under Federal inspection and other Commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter.

COLD STORAGE HIGHLIGHTS

Frozen food stocks in refrigerated warehouses on August 31, 2001, were greater than year earlier levels for orange juice, turkeys and potatoes. Cooler stocks of apples were also higher than a year earlier.

ALL U.S. WAREHOUSE STOCKS

Commodity	Aug 31 2000	Jul 31 2001	Aug 31 2001	Aug 01 as % of	
				Aug '00	Jul '01
Frozen Poultry	1,000 lbs		Percent		
Chicken:					
Broilers (Whole)	33,427	26,124	20,185	60	77
Other Chicken	769,552	607,617	598,553	77	99
Total Chicken ^{1/}	811,809	642,841	627,697	77	98
Turkey	524,927	534,222	541,839	103	101
Total Frozen Poultry ^{2/}	1,341,846	1,185,758	1,178,819	88	99
Meat					
Total Frozen Beef	398,803	347,128	367,743	92	106
Pork:					
Bellies	33,005	24,996	12,162	37	49
Total Frozen Pork ^{3/}	455,592	339,533	331,316	73	98
Total Meat ^{4/}	881,015	713,191	725,959	82	102

^{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.

SMALL GRAINS

Farmers in **Kentucky** planted 550,000 acres of **winter wheat** in 2000. This was down 120,000 acres from the 670,000 acres seeded the previous year and the smallest acreage since 1988. Harvested for grain acreage for the year 2001 at 360,000 acres was down 60,000 acres from the 2000 acreage harvested. It was the smallest acreage in 14 years. Yield at 66 bushels per acre was a record high, up 9 bushels from the previous year. The previous record yield was 60 bushels in 1999. Quality was excellent this crop season and test weights were among the highest in years. The 190,000 acres of winter wheat not harvested for grain was used for other purposes like plow down cover crop prior to setting tobacco and cutting the crop for hay and silage. **U.S. all wheat** production totaled 1.96 billion bushels in 2001, down 2 percent from the last forecast and 12 percent below 2000. This was the lowest production

since 1988. Grain area at 48.7 million acres was down 8 percent from last year and the smallest area harvested since 1972. The yield was 40.2 bushels per acre, down 1.8 bushels from a year earlier.

Barley production by **Kentucky** farmers totaled 680,000 bushels, up 13 percent from the previous year and the highest in 5 years. Yield was estimated at a record high 85 bushels per acre, up 10 bushels from last year. Acreage for grain at 8,000 acres equaled the last two years. **U.S. barley** was estimated at 250 million bushels, down 5 percent from the last forecast and 22 percent from last year's estimate. The 2001 production was the lowest since 1953. Average yield per acre at 58.2 bushels was down 2.9 bushels from 2000. The area harvested for grain was estimated at 4.29 million acres, 18 percent below a year ago.

SEPTEMBER 1 GRAIN STOCKS

Kentucky corn stocks totaled 10.1 million bushels on September 1, 2001. This was 7 percent above September 1, 2000 and 11 percent above September 1, 1999. Corn stored on farms totaled 5.80 million bushels, 3 percent below the previous year and the smallest holdings since September 1, 1996. Corn stored on farms accounted for 58 percent of total stocks. Corn stored in off-farm facilities, at 4.28 million bushels, was up 26 percent from September 2000, and the largest total since September 1993. Off-farm stocks accounted for 42 percent of the total. Off-farm stocks include grain stored at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals and processors. Soybean, wheat and oat stocks estimates in Kentucky were made only for off-farm stocks. Off-farm stocks of **oats** was 318,000 bushels, compared with 76,000 bushels a year ago. Stocks of **soybeans** totaled 2.41 million bushels. Off-farm stocks of **all wheat** totaled 10.0 million bushels, 4 percent below September 2000. **Grain sorghum** and **barley** stored in off-farm facilities were not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

U.S. old crop **corn** stocks in all positions on September 1, 2001 totaled 1.90 billion bushels, up 11 percent from September 1, 2000

and the highest level since September 1993. Of the total stocks, 753 million bushels were stored on farms, down 5 percent from a year earlier. Off-farm stocks, at 1.15 billion bushels, were up 24 percent from the previous year. The June - August 2001 indicated disappearance was 2.03 billion bushels, compared with 1.87 billion bushels during the same period last year. Old crop **soybeans** stored in all positions on September 1, 2001 totaled 248 million bushels, down 15 percent from September 1, 2000. On-farm stocks totaled 83.5 million bushels, down 26 percent from a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 164 million bushels were down 7 percent below a year ago. Indicated disappearance for the June - August 2001 quarter totaled 460 million bushels, down 5 percent from the same quarter in 2000. **All wheat** stored in all positions on September 1, 2001 totaled 2.16 billion bushels, down 8 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks were estimated at 697 million bushels, down 14 percent from last year. Off-farm stocks, at 1.46 billion bushels, were down 6 percent from a year ago. The indicated June - August 2001 disappearance was 678 million bushels, down 18 percent from the same period a year earlier.

KENTUCKY AND UNITED STATES STOCKS OF GRAIN SEPTEMBER 1, 2001 WITH COMPARISONS

CROP	POSITION	KENTUCKY			UNITED STATES		
		Sept. 1 2000	June 1 2001	Sept. 1 2001	Sept. 1 2000	June 1 2001	Sept. 1 2001
(Thousand Bushels)							
Corn (Old Crop)	On-Farm	6,000	18,000	5,800	793,000	2,230,800	753,150
	Off-Farm ^{1/}	3,393	10,830	4,278	924,549	1,693,158 ^{5/}	1,145,557
	Total	9,393	28,830	10,078	1,717,549	3,923,958 ^{5/}	1,898,707
Sorghum (Old Crop)	On-Farm	^{2/}	^{2/}	^{2/}	12,200	19,000 ^{5/}	8,900
	Off-Farm ^{1/}	^{4/}	^{4/}	^{4/}	53,175	57,411 ^{5/}	32,851
	Total	^{2/}	^{2/}	^{2/}	65,375	76,411 ^{5/}	41,751
Oats	On-Farm	^{3/}	^{3/}	^{3/}	101,200	32,050	74,800
	Off-Farm ^{1/}	76	109	318	49,177	40,677 ^{5/}	40,923
	Total	76	109	318	150,377	72,727 ^{5/}	115,723
Barley	On-Farm	^{2/}	^{2/}	^{2/}	151,700	28,850	134,800
	Off-Farm ^{1/}	^{4/}	^{4/}	^{4/}	142,341	77,409	110,554
	Total	^{2/}	^{2/}	^{2/}	294,041	106,259	245,354
All Wheat	On-Farm	^{2/}	^{2/}	^{2/}	808,390	197,270	696,850
	Off-Farm ^{1/}	10,443	3,428	10,028	1,544,280	678,912 ^{5/}	1,458,613
	Total	^{2/}	^{2/}	^{2/}	2,352,670	876,182 ^{5/}	2,155,463
Soybeans (Old Crop)	On-Farm	^{2/}	^{2/}	^{2/}	112,500	365,000	83,500
	Off-Farm ^{1/}	^{4/}	2,538	2,406	177,662	343,180 ^{5/}	164,433
	Total	^{2/}	^{2/}	^{2/}	290,162	708,180 ^{5/}	247,933

^{1/} Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals and processors. ^{2/} Kentucky is a minor State, not published separately. ^{3/} On-farm stocks estimates not made. ^{4/} Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations. ^{5/} Revised.

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