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## INDEX NUMBERS OF PRICES RECEIVED BY TEXAS FARMERS AND RANCHERS

Commodities	1990-92 = 100		
	May 2002	April 2003 *	May 2003
All farm products . . . . .	84	93	93
All crops . . . . .	74	82	85
Livestock and products . .	89	99	98

\* Revised.

## AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS AND RANCHERS

Commodity and Unit	Texas			United States			U. S. parity prices
	May 2002 <sup>1</sup>	April 2003 <sup>1</sup>	May 2003 <sup>2</sup>	May 2002 <sup>1</sup>	April 2003 <sup>1</sup>	May 2003 <sup>2</sup>	May 2003 <sup>3</sup>
<b>CROPS</b>							
Barley . . . . . Dollars per bushel	-	-	-	2.24	2.87	2.90	6.53
Corn . . . . . Dollars per bushel	2.32	2.59	2.72	1.93	2.34	2.44	6.60
Cotton, Upland . . . . . Cents per pound	27.3	39.5	38.9	26.7	45.0	46.6	170.0
Cottonseed . . . . . Dollars per ton	-	-	-	-	-	-	265.00
Grapefruit, all, 80-lb. . . . . Dollars per box <sup>4</sup>	0.93	1.88	1.78	1.50	1.29	5.59	6.58
Hay, alfalfa, baled . . . . . Dollars per ton	149.00	137.00	153.00	108.00	96.20	102.00	-
Hay, other, baled . . . . . Dollars per ton	65.00	58.00	58.00	79.20	86.40	87.30	-
Hay, all, baled . . . . . Dollars per ton	87.00	69.00	90.00	103.00	94.50	99.20	-
Oats . . . . . Dollars per bushel	-	-	-	1.99	1.99	1.96	4.12
Oranges, all, 85-lb. . . . . Dollars per box <sup>4</sup>	4.24	6.36	8.11	4.47	4.46	4.57	9.67
Peanuts . . . . . Cents per pound	-	-	-	-	18.4	23.9	65.8
Potatoes . . . . . Dollars per cwt	8.25	-	11.40	8.62	7.49	7.06	13.80
Rice . . . . . Dollars per cwt	-	-	-	3.98	4.33	4.51	26.50
Sorghum grain . . . . . Dollars per cwt	3.39	4.06	4.22	3.17	3.96	4.01	11.20
Soybeans . . . . . Dollars per bushel	-	-	-	4.64	5.82	6.19	14.40
Sweetpotatoes . . . . . Dollars per cwt	-	-	-	-	-	-	37.20
Wheat . . . . . Dollars per bushel	2.68	3.02	3.31	2.81	3.37	3.43	9.66
<b>LIVESTOCK AND PRODUCTS</b>							
Beef cattle . . . . . Dollars per cwt <sup>5</sup>	65.70	75.80	74.20	65.10	74.60	74.90	161.00
Cows . . . . . Dollars per cwt <sup>6</sup>	37.40	38.40	37.90	39.80	40.20	41.10	-
Steers and heifers . . . . . Dollars per cwt	68.50	79.00	77.80	68.10	78.80	79.00	-
Calves . . . . . Dollars per cwt	94.80	99.50	97.40	99.50	99.10	99.30	216.00
Milk cows . . . . . Dollars per head <sup>7</sup>	-	1,350	-	-	1,300	-	-
Hogs . . . . . Dollars per cwt	30.10	31.30	35.60	33.20	34.80	40.60	102.00
Lambs . . . . . Dollars per cwt <sup>8</sup>	69.60	91.20	-	64.40	93.60	-	185.00
Sheep . . . . . Dollars per cwt <sup>8</sup>	35.20	35.50	-	25.30	30.90	-	78.90
Broilers . . . . . Cents per pound <sup>9</sup>	-	-	-	30.0	31.0	33.0	-
Eggs . . . . . Cents per dozen <sup>10</sup>	33.0	47.00	35.00	30.1	52.0	39.7	158.0
Turkeys, live . . . . . Cents per pound	-	-	-	35.8	35.1	34.4	98.3
All milk sold to plants . . . . . Dollars per cwt <sup>11</sup>	12.60	11.80	11.90	12.10	11.00	11.10	33.40

<sup>1</sup> Entire month. <sup>2</sup> Mid-month. <sup>3</sup> 1910-1914 Base. <sup>4</sup> Equivalent on-tree price for all methods of sale. <sup>5</sup> Cows, steers and heifers combined. <sup>6</sup> Beef cows sold for slaughter and herd replacement and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter. <sup>7</sup> Milk cow (replacement) price published quarterly. <sup>8</sup> Mid-month prices not estimated. <sup>9</sup> Live weight equivalent price to producers, includes growers and contractors combined. <sup>10</sup> Mid-month prices for market (table) eggs, including eggs sold retail by producers. <sup>11</sup> Fat test percent: April all milk, Texas 3.59, U.S. 3.67; May all milk, Texas 3.56, U.S. 3.61.

## U. S. INDEX SUMMARY TABLE

Index	1910-14 = 100			1990-92 = 100		
	May 2002	April 2003 *	May 2003	May 2002	April 2003 *	May 2003
Prices Received . . . . .	611	643	681	96	101	107
Prices Paid, Interest, Taxes and Farm Wage Rates . . . . .	1,635	1,699	1,697	123	128	127
Ratio <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	37	38	40	78	79	84

<sup>1</sup> Ratio of Index of Prices Received by Farmers to Index of Prices Paid, Interest, Taxes and Farm Wage Rates. \* Revised.

**FARM AND RANCH WORKERS, HOURS WORKED AND WAGE RATES: SOUTHERN PLAINS AND UNITED STATES**

Workers	Southern Plains <sup>1</sup>			United States <sup>2</sup>		
	April 7-13, 2002	January 5-11,2003	April 6-12, 2003	April 7-13, 2002	January 5-11, 2003	April 6-12, 2003
<b>WORKERS HIRED FOR:</b>	<i>Thousands</i>					
150 days or more .....	50	40	38	722	609	619
149 days or less .....	10	10	11	168	115	162
<b>TOTAL HIRED</b> .....	60	50	49	890	724	781
	<i>Hours</i>					
Hours worked .....	39.6	37.9	40.7	40.2	* 37.7	40.1
	<i>Dollars per hour</i>					
<b>WAGE RATES FOR:</b>						
All hired .....	7.95	8.85	8.31	8.83	9.32	9.16
Field workers .....	6.92	8.13	7.62	8.06	8.29	8.40
Livestock workers .....	7.78	8.51	7.98	8.43	8.91	8.75

<sup>1</sup> Oklahoma and Texas. <sup>2</sup> Excludes Alaska and agricultural service workers.

**POULTRY: TEXAS AND UNITED STATES**

Item	Texas			United States		
	April 2002	March 2003	April 2003	April 2002	March 2003	April 2003
Average number of layers .....	18,476	18,784	18,799	336,776	337,513	335,807
Egg production .....	393	416	401	7,105	7,362	7,129
Table eggs <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	6,016	6,255	6,046
Hatching eggs <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	1,089	1,107	1,083
Eggs per 100 layers .....	2,127	2,215	2,133	2,110	2,181	2,123
<b>HATCHERY PRODUCTION</b>						
Egg type <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	38,088	36,726	37,531
Broiler type .....	55,612	54,588	52,510	765,415	774,836	761,145
<b>PLACEMENTS</b>						
Turkey poults <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	26,184	* 24,902	24,862

<sup>1</sup> Texas data not shown to avoid disclosing individual operations. \* Revised.

**POULTRY SLAUGHTER: TEXAS AND UNITED STATES <sup>1</sup>**

Item	Number Inspected			Total Live Weight			Average Live Weight			Total Certified <sup>2</sup>		
	April 2002	March 2003	April 2003	April 2002	March 2003	April 2003	April 2002	March 2003	April 2003	April 2002	March 2003	April 2003
<b>TEXAS</b>	<i>1,000 head</i>			<i>1,000 pounds</i>			<i>Pounds</i>			<i>1,000 pounds</i>		
Chickens:												
Young	53,306	*51,806	54,638	260,467	*254,540	275,626	4.89	4.91	5.04	205,201	*197,973	211,860
<b>UNITED STATES</b>												
Chickens:	748,619	*694,425	724,612	3,807,249	*3,565,024	3,752,697	5.09	*5.13	5.18	2,799,138	*2,626,915	2,765,206
Young	733,131	*681,866	710,657	3,727,960	*3,497,276	3,679,394	5.08	5.13	5.18	2,751,797	*2,585,779	2,721,610
Mature	15,488	*12,559	13,955	79,289	*67,748	73,303	5.12	5.39	5.25	47,341	*41,136	43,596
Light	9,630	6,963	8,334	32,995	23,584	28,539	3.43	3.39	3.42	17,019	12,002	14,214
Heavy	5,858	*5,596	5,621	46,294	*44,164	44,764	7.90	7.89	7.97	30,322	*29,134	29,382
Ducks	1,948	1,964	2,023	13,058	12,860	13,493	6.70	6.55	6.67	9,495	8,965	9,742
Other poultry	-	-	-	873	*775	843	-	-	-	545	*456	510
Turkeys:	23,177	*21,647	22,079	627,904	*593,994	600,236	27.09	*27.44	27.19	491,298	*468,400	474,237
Young	22,944	*21,458	21,908	621,454	*588,777	595,677	27.09	*27.44	27.19	486,391	*464,573	470,938
Old	233	189	171	6,450	5,217	4,559	27.69	27.55	26.58	4,907	3,827	3,299
<b>TOTAL POULTRY</b>	-	-	-	<b>4,449,084</b>	<b>*4,172,653</b>	<b>4,367,269</b>	-	-	-	<b>3,300,476</b>	<b>*3,104,736</b>	<b>3,249,695</b>

<sup>1</sup> Federally inspected only. Total may not add due to rounding. <sup>2</sup> Ready-to-cook weight. \* Revised.

**LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER AND LIVE WEIGHTS: TEXAS AND UNITED STATES <sup>1</sup>**

Species	Texas			United States <sup>2</sup>		
	April	March	April	April	March	April
	2002	2003	2003	2002	2003	2003
<b>HEAD SLAUGHTERED</b>	<i>Thousand head</i>					
Cattle .....	545.8	494.4	542.1	2,948.7	2,770.2	2,966.2
Calves .....	1.1	1.9	1.5	82.1	85.1	79.3
Hogs .....	37.7	38.3	35.4	8,425.3	8,152.1	8,333.5
Sheep and lambs .....	27.7	34.1	36.6	278.9	264.1	295.6
<b>TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT</b>	<i>Million pounds</i>					
Cattle .....	635.2	579.0	632.7	3,618.8	3,417.5	3,586.2
Calves .....	.6	1.0	.8	26.9	27.5	26.7
Hogs .....	10.4	11.4	10.3	2,253.1	2,181.9	2,231.8
Sheep and lambs .....	3.5	4.5	4.5	38.3	36.4	38.9

<sup>1</sup> Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other commercial slaughter. Excludes farm slaughter. <sup>2</sup> Includes Hawaii; commercial slaughter not estimated in Alaska.

**FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER OF LIVESTOCK: TEXAS AND UNITED STATES**

Species	Texas			United States		
	April	March	April	April	March	April
	2002	2003	2003	2002	2003	2003
<b>CATTLE</b>	<i>1,000 head</i>			<i>1,000 head</i>		
Steers .....	282.9	257.5	285.1	1,452.2	1,305.8	1,496.8
Heifers .....	193.9	162.5	179.2	947.8	871.9	877.0
Dairy cows .....	7.8	10.4	8.3	207.4	249.5	239.3
Other cows .....	46.9	49.3	54.4	239.7	244.3	253.2
Bulls and stags .....	10.7	11.6	11.9	51.9	48.5	51.2
<b>Total <sup>1</sup></b> .....	<b>542.2</b>	<b>491.4</b>	<b>539.0</b>	<b>2,899.1</b>	<b>2,719.9</b>	<b>2,917.5</b>
Calves .....	0.8	1.6	1.2	80.1	83.0	77.2
<b>HOGS</b>						
Barrows and gilts .....	24.2	21.7	20.5	8,039.8	7,766.3	7,947.0
Sows .....	4.5	5.6	6.4	257.3	263.8	261.8
Stags and boars .....	.0	1.1	0.7	23.7	21.6	21.4
<b>Total <sup>1</sup></b> .....	<b>28.8</b>	<b>28.4</b>	<b>27.6</b>	<b>8,320.9</b>	<b>8,051.8</b>	<b>8,230.2</b>
<b>SHEEP</b>						
Mature sheep .....	1.3	1.3	1.4	11.6	9.8	12.1
Lambs and yearlings .....	21.5	31.1	33.0	251.7	241.8	267.5
<b>Total <sup>1</sup></b> .....	<b>22.9</b>	<b>32.4</b>	<b>34.4</b>	<b>263.3</b>	<b>251.6</b>	<b>279.6</b>

<sup>1</sup> Total based on unrounded data.

**LIVESTOCK INSHIPMENTS AND OUTSHIPMENTS, BY SPECIES: TEXAS, 2002-2003 <sup>1</sup>**

Shipments by species	April	March	April	Year-to-date	
				2002	2003
	2002	2003	2003	January-April	
<b>INSHIPMENTS</b>	<i>Number of head</i>				
Cattle and Calves:					
Other states <sup>2</sup> .....	214,993	214,841	221,111	938,856	924,474
Other countries <sup>3</sup> .....	5,520	68,622	46,030	310,201	244,369
Dairy cattle <sup>4</sup> .....	3,418	4,185	3,534	14,819	14,222
Sheep and lambs <sup>5</sup> .....	6,444	12,352	12,142	37,353	51,084
<b>OUTSHIPMENTS</b>	<i>Number of head</i>				
Cattle and Calves:					
Other states <sup>6</sup> .....	135,844	68,843	120,612	289,291	282,687
Other countries <sup>7</sup> .....	5,636	1,387	1,471	23,951	8,071
Dairy cattle <sup>4</sup> .....	2,396	1,302	1,220	6,313	7,184
Sheep and lambs <sup>8</sup> .....	38,857	17,302	18,642	149,704	68,767

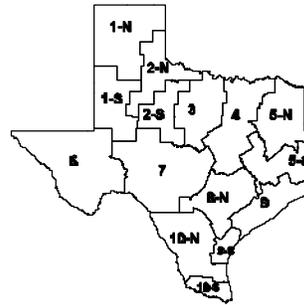
<sup>1</sup> SOURCE: Health certificates issued by TAHC and USDA/APHIS/VIS. <sup>2</sup> Inshipments of cattle and calves from other states **exclude** animals for slaughter. <sup>3</sup> Inshipments of cattle and calves from other countries **include** animals for slaughter. <sup>4</sup> Dairy herd replacement only; not **included** in "cattle and calves". <sup>5</sup> Inshipments of sheep and lambs reflect movement from other states only and **include** animals for slaughter. <sup>6</sup> Outshipments of cattle and calves to other states **exclude** animals for slaughter. <sup>7</sup> Outshipments of cattle and calves to other countries **include** animals for slaughter. <sup>8</sup> Outshipments of sheep and lambs reflect movement to other states and countries and **include** animals for slaughter.

**SALES OF LIVESTOCK AT AUCTION MARKETS,  
BY SPECIES: TEXAS, 2002-2003 <sup>1</sup>**

Species	April 2001	March 2003	April 2003	Year-to-date January-April	
				2002	2003
	<i>1,000 head</i>				
Cattle & calves . . . .	340	383	407	1,457	1,443
Hogs . . . . .	5	10	7	22	34
Sheep & goats . . . .	125	109	135	554	412

<sup>1</sup> SOURCE: Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC).

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