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

| Commodities                 | 1990-92 = 100 |                |               |
|-----------------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
|                             | November 2003 | October 2004 * | November 2004 |
| All farm products . . . . . | 115           | 109            | 108           |
| All crops . . . . .         | 101           | 101            | 98            |
| Livestock and products . .  | 122           | 113            | 113           |

\* Revised.

## AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS AND RANCHERS

| Commodity and Unit  | Texas                      |                           |                            | United States              |                           |                            | U. S. parity prices        |
|---|----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
|   | November 2003 <sup>1</sup> | October 2004 <sup>1</sup> | November 2004 <sup>2</sup> | November 2003 <sup>1</sup> | October 2004 <sup>1</sup> | November 2004 <sup>2</sup> | November 2004 <sup>3</sup> |
| <b>CROPS</b>  |                            |                           |                            |                            |                           |                            |                            |
| Barley . . . . . Dollars per bushel                             | -                          | -                         | -                          | 2.83                       | 2.29                      | 2.42                       | 6.71                       |
| Corn . . . . . Dollars per bushel                               | 2.54                       | 2.74                      | 2.27                       | 2.20                       | 2.15                      | 2.00                       | 6.77                       |
| Cotton, Upland . . . . . Cents per pound                        | 61.1                       | 52.5                      | 51.8                       | 63.0                       | 49.5                      | 47.1                       | -                          |
| Cottonseed . . . . . Dollars per ton                            | 142.00                     | 96.00                     | 11000                      | 120.00                     | 107.00                    | 104.00                     | 282.00                     |
| Grapefruit, all, 80-lb. . . . . Dollars per box <sup>4</sup>    | 4.52                       | 28.17                     | 19.00                      | 4.16                       | 19.06                     | 14.22                      | 6.91                       |
| Hay, alfalfa, baled . . . . . Dollars per ton                   | 152.00                     | 129.00                    | 128.00                     | 86.80                      | 97.80                     | 94.00                      | -                          |
| Hay, other, baled . . . . . Dollars per ton                     | 60.00                      | 60.00                     | 60.00                      | 67.50                      | 68.60                     | 67.80                      | -                          |
| Hay, all, baled . . . . . Dollars per ton                       | 72.00                      | 70.00                     | 69.00                      | 81.50                      | 89.80                     | 86.20                      | -                          |
| Oats . . . . . Dollars per bushel                               | -                          | -                         | -                          | 1.29                       | 1.45                      | 1.36                       | 3.94                       |
| Oranges, all, 85-lb. . . . . Dollars per box <sup>4</sup>       | 4.64                       | 14.68                     | 5.00                       | 2.32                       | 20.91                     | 7.41                       | 11.00                      |
| Peanuts . . . . . Cents per pound                               | -                          | -                         | -                          | 18.4                       | 20.3                      | 21.6                       | 66.0                       |
| Potatoes . . . . . Dollars per cwt                              | -                          | -                         | -                          | 5.46                       | 4.73                      | 4.98                       | 15.20                      |
| Rice . . . . . Dollars per cwt                                  | -                          | -                         | -                          | 6.99                       | 7.59                      | 7.49                       | 29.10                      |
| Sorghum grain . . . . . Dollars per cwt                         | 4.29                       | 3.46                      | 3.52                       | 4.13                       | 3.15                      | 3.07                       | 11.00                      |
| Soybeans . . . . . Dollars per bushel                           | -                          | -                         | -                          | 7.05                       | 5.56                      | 5.31                       | 15.90                      |
| Sweetpotatoes . . . . . Dollars per cwt                         | -                          | -                         | -                          | -                          | -                         | -                          | 40.20                      |
| Wheat . . . . . Dollars per bushel                              | 3.41                       | 3.03                      | 3.27                       | 3.61                       | 3.44                      | 3.51                       | 10.10                      |
| <b>LIVESTOCK AND PRODUCTS</b>                                   |                            |                           |                            |                            |                           |                            |                            |
| Beef cattle . . . . . Dollars per cwt <sup>5</sup>              | 92.40                      | 86.60                     | 86.50                      | 93.40                      | 86.10                     | 84.20                      | 170.00                     |
| Cows . . . . . Dollars per cwt <sup>6</sup>                     | 44.30                      | 48.70                     | 48.20                      | 47.70                      | 49.90                     | 48.60                      | -                          |
| Steers and heifers . . . . . Dollars per cwt                    | 97.70                      | 91.30                     | 90.70                      | 99.90                      | 91.00                     | 89.10                      | -                          |
| Calves . . . . . Dollars per cwt                                | 108.00                     | 128.00                    | 128.00                     | 111.00                     | 126.00                    | 124.00                     | 228.00                     |
| Milk cows . . . . . Dollars per head <sup>7</sup>               | -                          | 1,730                     | -                          | -                          | 1,640                     | -                          | -                          |
| Hogs . . . . . Dollars per cwt                                  | 36.20                      | 48.40                     | 51.80                      | 34.70                      | 52.10                     | 55.30                      | 105.00                     |
| Lambs . . . . . Dollars per cwt <sup>8</sup>                    | 112.00                     | 107.00                    | -                          | 99.70                      | 98.20                     | -                          | 202.00                     |
| Sheep . . . . . Dollars per cwt <sup>8</sup>                    | 47.40                      | 43.30                     | -                          | 40.50                      | 40.70                     | -                          | 83.90                      |
| Broilers . . . . . Cents per pound <sup>9</sup>                 | -                          | -                         | -                          | 37.0                       | 39.0                      | 39.0                       | -                          |
| Eggs . . . . . Cents per dozen <sup>10</sup>                    | 93.0                       | 30.0                      | 44.0                       | 92.5                       | 30.3                      | 30.3                       | 169.0                      |
| Turkeys, live . . . . . Cents per pound                         | -                          | -                         | -                          | 41.2                       | 48.4                      | 49.0                       | 102.0                      |
| All milk sold to plants . . . . . Dollars per cwt <sup>11</sup> | 15.10                      | 15.70                     | 15.80                      | 14.40                      | 15.50                     | 15.80                      | 35.20                      |

<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> Market (table) eggs, including eggs sold retail by producers. <sup>11</sup> Fat test percent: October all milk, Texas 3.76, U.S. 3.73; November all milk, Texas 3.81, U.S. 3.77.

## U. S. INDEX SUMMARY TABLE

| Index  | 1910-14 = 100 |                |               | 1990-92 = 100 |                |               |
|--|---------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
|  | November 2003 | October 2004 * | November 2004 | November 2003 | October 2004 * | November 2004 |
| Prices Received . . . . .                                  | 736           | 720            | 724           | 116           | 113            | 114           |
| Prices Paid, Interest, Taxes and Farm Wage Rates . . . . . | 1,722         | 1,793          | 1,785         | 129           | 135            | 134           |
| Ratio <sup>1</sup> . . . . .                               | 43            | 40             | 41            | 90            | 84             | 85            |

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

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

| Species                  | Texas                 |                |              | United States <sup>2</sup> |                |              |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|--------------|----------------------------|----------------|--------------|
|                          | October 2003          | September 2004 | October 2004 | October 2003               | September 2004 | October 2004 |
| <b>HEAD SLAUGHTERED</b>  | <i>Thousand head</i>  |                |              |                            |                |              |
| Cattle .....             | 546.5                 | 521.3          | 511.8        | 3,009.5                    | 2,735.5        | 2,745.7      |
| Calves .....             | 2.0                   | 1.0            | 1.1          | 87.2                       | 67.3           | 62.5         |
| Hogs .....               | 32.2                  | 33.0           | 28.5         | 9,649.2                    | * 8,998.3      | 8,970.2      |
| Sheep and lambs .....    | 30.9                  | 24.0           | 19.0         | 265.1                      | * 243.7        | 241.4        |
| <b>TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT</b> | <i>Million pounds</i> |                |              |                            |                |              |
| Cattle .....             | 645.3                 | 637.6          | 617.2        | 3,704.3                    | 3,462.3        | 3,479.5      |
| Calves .....             | 1.1                   | 0.6            | 0.6          | 26.9                       | 21.6           | 20.6         |
| Hogs .....               | 9.2                   | 8.5            | 7.2          | 2,578.6                    | * 2,384.5      | 2,392.9      |
| Sheep and lambs .....    | 3.9                   | 3.0            | 2.3          | 35.6                       | * 32.4         | 32.4         |

<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. \* Revised.

**POULTRY: TEXAS AND UNITED STATES**

| Item                             | Texas        |                |              | United States |                  |              |
|----------------------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|------------------|--------------|
|                                  | October 2003 | September 2004 | October 2004 | October 2003  | September 2004 * | October 2004 |
| Average number of layers .....   | 18,454       | 18,194         | 18,515       | 335,333       | 343,169          | 344,194      |
| Egg production .....             | 396          | 395            | 411          | 7,439         | 7,324            | 7,643        |
| Table eggs <sup>1</sup> .....    | -            | -              | -            | 6,381         | 6,269            | 6,559        |
| Hatching eggs <sup>1</sup> ..... | -            | -              | -            | 1,058         | 1,056            | 1,084        |
| Eggs per 100 layers .....        | 2,146        | 2,171          | 2,220        | 2,218         | 2,134            | 2,221        |
| <b>HATCHERY PRODUCTION</b>       |              |                |              |               |                  |              |
| Egg type <sup>1</sup> .....      | -            | -              | -            | 34,812        | 36,750           | 35,971       |
| Broiler type .....               | 51,365       | 54,142         | 53,247       | 734,961       | 769,865          | 757,530      |
| <b>PLACEMENTS</b>                |              |                |              |               |                  |              |
| Turkey poults <sup>1</sup> ..... | -            | -              | -            | 22,805        | 21,268           | 20,806       |

<sup>1</sup> Texas data not shown to avoid disclosing individual operations. \* 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> |                  |                     |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
|                           | October 12-18, 2003          | July 11-17, 2004 | October 10-16, 2004 | October 12-18, 2003        | July 11-17, 2004 | October 12-18, 2004 |
| <b>WORKERS HIRED FOR:</b> | <i>Thousands</i>             |                  |                     |                            |                  |                     |
| 150 days or more .....    | 43                           | 48               | 32                  | 626                        | 637              | 605                 |
| 149 days or less .....    | 11                           | 20               | 12                  | 265                        | * 324            | 246                 |
| <b>TOTAL HIRED</b> .....  | 54                           | 68               | 44                  | 891                        | * 961            | 851                 |
|                           | <i>Hours</i>                 |                  |                     |                            |                  |                     |
| Hours worked .....        | 41.7                         | 37.8             | 40.3                | 40.2                       | * 39.2           | 40.5                |
|                           | <i>Dollars per hour</i>      |                  |                     |                            |                  |                     |
| <b>WAGE RATES FOR:</b>    |                              |                  |                     |                            |                  |                     |
| All hired .....           | 8.01                         | 8.58             | 9.34                | 9.05                       | * 9.04           | 9.30                |
| Field workers .....       | 7.12                         | 7.59             | 8.44                | 8.42                       | * 8.34           | 8.60                |
| Livestock workers .....   | 7.70                         | 8.18             | 8.68                | 8.64                       | * 8.74           | 8.91                |

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

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

| Species                         | Texas             |                |              | United States     |                |                |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|--------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
|                                 | October 2003      | September 2004 | October 2004 | October 2003      | September 2004 | October 2004   |
| <b>CATTLE</b>                   | <u>1,000 head</u> |                |              | <u>1,000 head</u> |                |                |
| Steers .....                    | 265.4             | 281.4          | 254.0        | 1,366.6           | 1,371.3        | 1,304.1        |
| Heifers .....                   | 185.1             | 163.3          | 186.7        | 951.9             | 847.0          | 909.2          |
| Dairy cows .....                | 11.2              | 12.0           | 12.2         | 275.9             | 197.2          | 197.1          |
| Other cows .....                | 69.6              | 49.8           | 53.6         | 292.4             | 220.9          | 234.7          |
| Bulls and stags .....           | 12.3              | 13.1           | 12.1         | 60.4              | 53.0           | 47.8           |
| <b>Total</b> <sup>1</sup> ..... | <b>543.6</b>      | <b>519.6</b>   | <b>509.5</b> | <b>2,953.2</b>    | <b>2,689.3</b> | <b>2,692.9</b> |
| Calves .....                    | 1.9               | 0.8            | 0.7          | 84.9              | 65.7           | 60.5           |
| <b>HOGS</b>                     |                   |                |              |                   |                |                |
| Barrows and gilts .....         | 21.8              | 21.0           | 21.4         | 9,238.9           | 8,600.1        | 8,597.7        |
| Sows .....                      | 7.1               | 5.0            | 5.4          | 286.2             | 277.9          | 263.6          |
| Stags and boars .....           | -                 | -              | -            | 21.4              | 18.9           | 20.4           |
| <b>Total</b> <sup>1</sup> ..... | <b>28.9</b>       | <b>26.1</b>    | <b>26.8</b>  | <b>9,546.6</b>    | <b>8,896.9</b> | <b>8,881.6</b> |
| <b>SHEEP</b>                    |                   |                |              |                   |                |                |
| Mature sheep .....              | 1.5               | 0.8            | 0.9          | 14.3              | 12.7           | 12.1           |
| Lambs and yearlings .....       | 28.2              | 22.7           | 16.7         | 236.5             | 218.0          | 216.2          |
| <b>Total</b> <sup>1</sup> ..... | <b>29.8</b>       | <b>23.5</b>    | <b>17.7</b>  | <b>250.8</b>      | <b>230.7</b>   | <b>228.3</b>   |

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

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

| Item                 | Number Inspected  |           |           | Total Live Weight   |                   |                  | Average Live Weight |           |           | Total Certified <sup>2</sup> |                   |                  |
|----------------------|-------------------|-----------|-----------|---------------------|-------------------|------------------|---------------------|-----------|-----------|------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
|                      | Oct. 2003         | Sep. 2004 | Oct. 2004 | Oct. 2003           | Sep. 2004         | Oct. 2004        | Oct. 2003           | Sep. 2004 | Oct. 2004 | Oct. 2003                    | Sep. 2004         | Oct. 2004        |
| <b>TEXAS</b>         | <u>1,000 head</u> |           |           | <u>1,000 pounds</u> |                   |                  | <u>Pounds</u>       |           |           | <u>1,000 pounds</u>          |                   |                  |
| Chickens:            |                   |           |           |                     |                   |                  |                     |           |           |                              |                   |                  |
| Young                | 58,293            | 57,625    | 57,438    | 287,918             | 298,416           | 282,832          | 4.94                | 5.18      | 4.92      | 223,419                      | 233,259           | 219,974          |
| <b>UNITED STATES</b> |                   |           |           |                     |                   |                  |                     |           |           |                              |                   |                  |
| Chickens:            | 794,216           | *766,639  | 742,516   | 4,193,820           | *4,100,174        | 3,998,464        | 5.28                | 5.35      | 5.39      | 3,096,489                    | *3,016,667        | 2,938,369        |
| Young                | 781,906           | *753,919  | 730,381   | 4,122,769           | *4,025,997        | 3,928,579        | 5.27                | 5.34      | 5.38      | 3,052,753                    | *2,970,171        | 2,894,681        |
| Mature               | 12,310            | 12,720    | 12,135    | 71,051              | 74,177            | 69,885           | 5.77                | 5.83      | 5.76      | 43,736                       | 46,496            | 43,688           |
| Light                | 5,982             | 6,155     | 5,922     | 20,453              | 20,814            | 19,656           | 3.42                | 3.38      | 3.32      | 10,420                       | 10,728            | 10,032           |
| Heavy                | 6,328             | 6,565     | 6,213     | 50,598              | 53,363            | 50,229           | 8.00                | 8.13      | 8.08      | 33,316                       | 35,768            | 33,656           |
| Ducks                | 2,241             | 2,210     | 2,086     | 15,226              | 14,852            | 14,122           | 6.79                | 6.72      | 6.77      | 11,894                       | 10,563            | 10,037           |
| Other poultry        | -                 | -         | -         | 1,518               | *1,762            | 1,740            | -                   | -         | -         | 1,264                        | *1,071            | 1,052            |
| Turkeys:             | 25,389            | 21,644    | 21,736    | 669,654             | 575,436           | 587,238          | 26.38               | 26.58     | 27.01     | 528,440                      | 457,890           | 466,096          |
| Young                | 25,122            | 21,298    | 21,521    | 662,629             | 566,422           | 581,228          | 26.38               | 26.59     | 27.00     | 522,790                      | 451,235           | 461,481          |
| Old                  | 267               | 346       | 215       | 7,025               | 9,014             | 6,010            | 26.33               | 26.02     | 27.91     | 5,650                        | 6,655             | 4,615            |
| <b>TOTAL POULTRY</b> | -                 | -         | -         | <b>4,880,218</b>    | <b>*4,692,224</b> | <b>4,601,564</b> | -                   | -         | -         | <b>3,638,087</b>             | <b>*3,486,191</b> | <b>3,415,534</b> |

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

**LIVESTOCK INSHIPMENTS AND OUTSHIPMENTS, BY SPECIES: TEXAS, 2003-2004 <sup>1</sup>**

| Shipments by species               | October 2003          | September 2004 | October 2004 | Year-to-date January - October |           |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|--------------|--------------------------------|-----------|
|                                    |                       |                |              | 2003                           | 2004      |
| <b>INSHIPMENTS</b>                 |                       |                |              |                                |           |
|                                    | <i>Number of head</i> |                |              |                                |           |
| Cattle and Calves:                 |                       |                |              |                                |           |
| Other states <sup>2</sup> .....    | 353,275               | 267,974        | 226,087      | 2,245,908                      | 1,778,230 |
| Other countries <sup>3</sup> ..... | 119,155               | 95,353         | 73,894       | 586,402                        | 769,093   |
| Dairy cattle <sup>4</sup> .....    | 7,858                 | 3,363          | 7,850        | 46,115                         | 47,576    |
| Sheep and lambs <sup>5</sup> ..... | 9,942                 | 2,564          | 3,380        | 82,835                         | 39,425    |
| <b>OUTSHIPMENTS</b>                |                       |                |              |                                |           |
|                                    | <i>Number of head</i> |                |              |                                |           |
| Cattle and Calves:                 |                       |                |              |                                |           |
| Other states <sup>6</sup> .....    | 113,464               | 99,624         | 99,921       | 1,101,480                      | 1,126,292 |
| Other countries <sup>7</sup> ..... | 765                   | 100            | 0            | 13,233                         | 1,128     |
| Dairy cattle <sup>4</sup> .....    | 476                   | 1,191          | 777          | 17,756                         | 20,752    |
| Sheep and lambs <sup>8</sup> ..... | 9,713                 | 7,225          | 9,794        | 143,479                        | 88,135    |

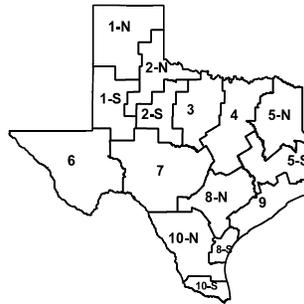
<sup>1</sup> SOURCE: Health certificates issued by TAHC and USDA/APHIS/VIS. <sup>2</sup> Inshipments of cattle and calves from other states exclude animals for slaughter. <sup>3</sup> Inshipments of cattle and calves from other countries include animals for slaughter. <sup>4</sup> Dairy herd replacement 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, 2003-2004 <sup>1</sup>**

| Species               | Oct. 2003         | Sep. 2004 | Oct. 2004 | Year-to-date Jan. - Oct. |       |
|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------|-----------|--------------------------|-------|
|                       |                   |           |           | 2003                     | 2004  |
|                       | <i>1,000 head</i> |           |           |                          |       |
| Cattle & calves . . . | 606               | 504       | 534       | 4,379                    | 3,943 |
| Hogs . . . . .        | 8                 | 5         | 8         | 74                       | 59    |
| Sheep & goats . . .   | 95                | 89        | 99        | 1,104                    | 1,002 |

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

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