



# LIVESTOCK

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## FLORIDA AGRICULTURE

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### JULY 1 CATTLE INVENTORY DOWN 1 PERCENT

All cattle and calves in the United States as of July 1, 2000, totaled 106.4 million head, 1 percent below the 107.0 million on July 1, 1999, and 1 percent below the 107.7 million two years ago.

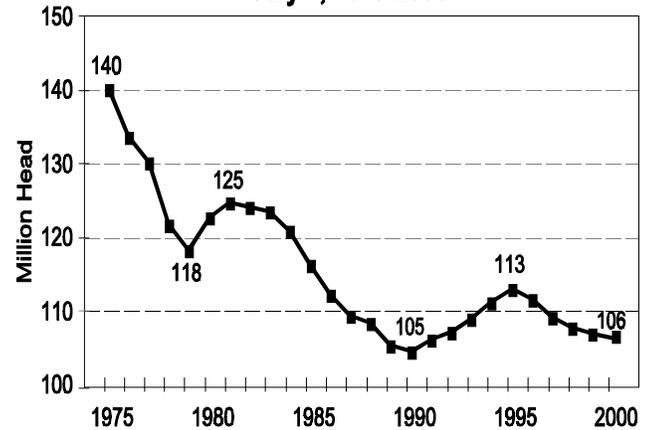
All cows and heifers that have calved, at 43.2 million, were slightly below the 43.3 million on July 1, 1999 and 1 percent below the 43.6 million two years ago.

- Beef cows, at 34.0 million, were down 1 percent from July 1, 1999, and 1 percent below two years ago.
- Milk cows, at 9.25 million, were up 1 percent from July 1, 1999 and 1 percent below two years ago.

Other class estimates on July 1, 2000, and the changes from July 1 last year and two years ago, respectively, are as follows:

- All heifers 500 pounds and over, 16.5 million, down 1 percent from both years.
- Beef replacement heifers, 4.7 million, down 2 percent and down 6 percent.
- Milk replacement heifers, 3.7 million, unchanged and up 3 percent.
- Other heifers, 8.1 million, unchanged from both years.

**United States Cattle Inventory  
July 1, 1975-2000**



- Steers, weighing 500 pounds and over, 14.3 million, down 1 percent and down 2 percent.
- Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over, 2.1 million, down 5 percent from both years.
- Calves under 500 pounds, 30.3 million, down 1 percent from both years.
- All cattle and calves on feed for slaughter, 12.3 million, up 7 percent and up 12 percent.

### CALF CROP UP SLIGHTLY

The 2000 calf crop is expected to be 38.9 million, up slightly from 1999 and 1998. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 28.6 million, up slightly from both years.

**CATTLE AND CALVES: By class, and calf crop, United States, July 1, 1998-00**

Class	1998	1999	2000	2000 as % of 1999
1,000 head				
Cattle and calves:	107,700	107,000	106,400	99
Cows and heifers that have calved	43,600	43,300	43,200	100
Beef cows	34,400	34,150	33,950	99
Milk cows	9,200	9,150	9,250	101
Heifers 500 pounds and over:	16,700	16,600	16,500	99
Beef cow replacement	5,000	4,800	4,700	98
Milk cow replacement	3,600	3,700	3,700	100
Other heifers	8,100	8,100	8,100	100
Steers 500 pounds and over	14,600	14,400	14,300	99
Bulls 500 pounds and over	2,200	2,200	2,100	95
Calves under 500 pounds	30,600	30,500	30,300	99
Calf crop <sup>1/</sup>	38,812	38,700	38,900	100
Cattle on Feed	11,000	11,500	12,300	107

<sup>1/</sup> For the current year, the calf crop is the number of calves born before July 1 plus the number expected to be born on and after July 1.

**CATTLE ON FEED: Historic 7 Monthly States**

Cattle on feed July 1, 2000, in the historic 7 monthly States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 8.96 million, up 9 percent from the previous year and 14 percent above July 1, 1998. The inventory included 5.33 million steers and steer calves, up 10 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 59 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.60 million head, up 9 percent from 1999.

Placements in feedlots during June totaled 1.41 million, 7 percent below 1999 but 8 percent above 1998. Marketings during June totaled 1.83 million, slightly below 1999 but 6 percent above 1998. Other disappearance during June was 37,000 head, 16 percent below 1999 and down 27 percent from 1998.

**CATTLE ON FEED: Number on feed, placements, marketings, and other disappearance, July 1998-00, 7 States**

Item		Number			2000 as % of	
		1998	1999	2000	1998	1999
On feed	June 1	9,703	9,987	*10,937	113	110
Placed on feed during	June	1,564	1,794	1,664	106	93
Fed cattle marketed during	June	2,034	2,153	2,155	106	100
Other disappearance during	June	72	63	57	79	90
On feed	July 1	9,161	9,565	10,389	113	109

\*Revised.

**CHICKENS AND EGGS**

**FLORIDA**

Table eggs sold in mid-July 2000 averaged 38.0 cents, an increase from mid-June of 1.0 cents. Table egg production in Florida during June was 202 million eggs, down 5 percent from the previous month.

**UNITED STATES**

U.S. egg production totaled 6.80 billion eggs during June 2000, up 1 percent from 1999. Production included 5.72 billion table eggs and 1.08 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.02 billion were broiler-type and 65.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during June 2000 averaged 325 million, up 1 percent from June 1999. June egg production per 100 layers was 2,092 eggs, down 1 percent from June 1999.

All layers in the U.S. on July 1, 2000 totaled 325 million, up 1 percent from a year ago. The 325 million layers consisted of 266 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 56.5 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.72 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on July 1, 2000, averaged 69.4 eggs per 100 layers, 1 percent less than a year ago.

Laying flocks in the 30 major egg producing States produced 6.66 billion eggs during June, up 2 percent from June 1999. The average number of layers during June, at 306 million, was up 1 percent from a year earlier.

**Florida: Layers on hand first of month; percentages by molting stage**

	July 1999	May 2000	June 2000	July 2000
Total layers on hand: Thous.	10,185	10,444	10,202	10,671
Percent of layers:				
Being molted	8.50	4.05	8.05	7.55
Molt completed	39.50	36.00	36.00	34.00

**Layers and eggs: Selected States and U.S.**

Selected States	Avg. layers on hand, June 2000	Eggs produced	
		June 2000	Year to date 1/
	Thousands	Millions	
Alabama	10,406	192	1,395
Arkansas	15,269	292	2,397
California	23,735	501	4,576
<b>Florida</b>	<b>10,138</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>1,580</b>
Georgia	20,480	402	3,031
Indiana	22,643	502	3,591
Iowa	27,863	622	4,338
Maine	4,183	90	691
Maryland	3,262	62	521
Michigan	6,325	131	939
Minnesota	12,631	273	1,916
Mississippi	6,778	131	937
Missouri	6,254	136	1,037
Nebraska	12,052	238	1,726
New York	3,913	90	637
North Carolina	11,151	202	1,474
Ohio	30,972	662	4,809
Pennsylvania	22,491	497	1,591
South Carolina	5,126	101	695
Texas	16,749	348	1,589
Virginia	3,334	67	488
Washington	4,954	110	767
<b>Other States</b>	<b>19,908</b>	<b>428</b>	<b>4,301</b>
<b>United States</b>	<b>325,110</b>	<b>6,801</b>	<b>49,228</b>

1/ Production year begins December 1.

**Mid-month table egg prices received by Florida egg producers.**

Month	Cents per dozen	
	1999	2000
January	49.0	41.0
February	45.0	38.0
March	44.0	41.0
April	37.0	43.0
May	28.0	35.0
June	37.0	37.0
July	34.0	38.0
August	41.0	
September	32.0	
October	26.0	
November	42.0	
December	38.0	

## HATCHERY PRODUCTION

### FLORIDA

The June hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 9,896,000 was 4 percent above a year earlier. Broiler-type eggs in incubators on July 1, at 8,406,000, were 1 percent above a year ago.

Egg-type hatch during June at 971,000 chicks, was 4 percent below last year. Egg-type eggs in incubators on July 1, at 848,000 was 4 percent below last year.

### UNITED STATES

The June 2000 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 748 million, was up slightly from June of the previous year. There were 615 million eggs in incubators on July 1, 2000, down 2 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 6.83 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during June 2000, down 3 percent from June 1999.

Egg-type chicks hatched during June totaled 36.6 million, down 12 percent from June 1999. Eggs in incubators totaled 30.6 million on July 1, 2000, down slightly from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 223,000 during June 2000, up 19 percent from June 1999

Hatchery production, United States

Item	1999	2000	2000 % of 1999
-- Thousands --			
Egg-Type:			
Eggs in incubators: Jul 1	30,663	30,611	100
Chicks hatched during Jun	41,474	36,575	88
Pullets hatched during Jun for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks	187	223	119
7-18 months earlier <sup>1/</sup>	3,132	2,945	94
Broiler-Type:			
Eggs in incubators: Jul 1	629,384	615,421	98
Chicks hatched during Jun	744,372	748,008	100
Pullets hatched during Jun for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks	7,041	6,829	97
7-14 months earlier <sup>2/</sup>	62,877	64,827	103

<sup>1/</sup> 2000 includes pullet chicks hatched December 1998 through November 1999 <sup>2/</sup> 2000 includes pullet chicks hatched March 1999 through November 1999.

## MILK PRODUCTION

### FLORIDA

Florida dairy farms produced 209 million pounds of milk during June 2000, 2 percent above the previous June. Production per cow, at 1,320 pounds, was 2 percent above last year. Milk cow numbers on Florida dairy farms in June totaled 158,000, slightly below last year.

### UNITED STATES

Milk production in the 20 major States during June totaled 12.1 billion pounds, up 2.8 percent from production in these same States in June 1999. The May revision represented a decrease of 0.2 percent or 28 million pounds from last months preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,546 pounds for June, 30 pounds above June 1999.

The number of cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.81 million head, 65,000 head more than June 1999 and 10,000 head more than May 2000.

Milk cows and production, Florida and U.S.

Month and year	Milk cows	Monthly milk production	
		Per cow	Monthly Total
	Thous.	Lbs.	Mil. Lbs.
Florida:			
June 1999	159	1,290	205
May 2000	158	1,460	231
June 2000	158	1,320	209
20 Major States:			
June 1999	7,740	1,516	11,737
May 2000	7,795	1,635	12,743
June 2000	7,805	1,546	12,070
United States			
June 1999	--	--	13,633
May 2000	--	--	14,772
June 2000	--	--	13,992

Milk production by quarters, United States

Month	Milk cows <sup>1/</sup>		Milk per cow <sup>2/</sup>		Milk production	
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000
	Thousand		Pounds		Mil. Lbs	
Jan-	9,128	9,187	4,437	4,636	40,505	42,593
Apr-Jun	9,155	9,213	4,591	4,682	42,029	43,137
Jul-Sep	9,171		4,337		39,771	
Oct-	9,170		4,406		40,406	
Annual Total	9,156		17,771		162,711	

<sup>1/</sup> Dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh.

<sup>2/</sup> Excludes milk sucked by calves.

## LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

Commercial red meat output in Florida for June 2000 was 4.6 million pounds, 18 percent above the same month last year. Commercial production of red meat in the United States for June at 3.94 billion pounds, was unchanged from 1999.

### Commercial slaughter and red meat production, Florida and United States

Source and kind	June 1999	May 2000	June 2000	Year to date 1999	Year to date 2000
<b>Florida <sup>1/</sup></b>					
Cattle slaughtered (1000 head)	5	6	7	38	37
Hogs:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	8	8	7	48	43
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	1,501	1,562	1,305	8,797	8,049
Red meat production (million pounds)	3.9	4.2	4.6	20.6	25.9
<b>United States</b>					
Cattle:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	3,207	3,176	3,237	17,909	18,200
Total liveweight (million pounds)	3,832	3,799	3,902	21,606	22,055
Average liveweight (pounds)	1,195	1,196	1,205	1,206	1,212
Beef production (million pounds)	2,321	2,302	2,369	13,026	13,350
Calves:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	105	92	95	613	559
Total liveweight (million pounds)	31	31	31	179	182
Average liveweight (pounds)	297	340	322	293	325
Veal production (million pounds)	19	19	19	109	110
Hogs:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	8,319	7,945	7,950	49,867	48,124
Liveweight (million pounds)	2,157	2,087	2,081	12,916	12,610
Average liveweight (pounds)	259	263	262	259	262
Pork production (million pounds)	1,584	1,540	1,536	9,496	9,294
Red meat production (million pounds)	3,940	3,878	3,940	22,752	22,874

<sup>1/</sup> Florida calves data not printed to avoid disclosing individual operations.

### Average Dollars Per Cwt Received through 13 Florida Auctions June 1999 and 2000

Stocker calves under 300 lbs.					Stocker calves over 300 lbs.				
Grade	1999		2000		Grade	1999		2000	
	Steers	Heifers	Steers	Heifers		Steers	Heifers	Steers	Heifers
Medium #1	109.90	91.27	132.54	110.81	Medium #1	90.59	76.75	91.95	86.50
Medium #2	93.82	79.68	110.98	94.58	Medium #2	81.12	69.40	93.22	83.02
All grades	104.30	87.44	125.27	103.94	All grades	87.27	75.49	101.40	89.70

**SOURCE:** FCA & CS, Div. of Marketing and Development, Market News Service.