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### U. S. CATTLE ON FEED 1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.70 million head on March 1, 2001. The inventory was up 3 percent from March 1, 2000 and 12 percent above March 1, 1999.

Placements in feedlots during February totaled 1.58 million, 16 percent below 2000 and 13 percent below 1999. Net placements were 1.50 million. During February, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 336,000, 600-699 pounds were 402,000, 700-799 pounds were 517,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 325,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during February totaled 1.75 million, 15 percent below 2000 and 5 percent below 1999.

Other disappearance totaled 81,000 during February, 4 percent above 2000 and 25 percent above 1999.

### CATTLE ON FEED IN HISTORIC 7 STATES

Cattle on feed March 1, 2001, in the historic 7 States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.01 million, up 3 percent from the previous year and 13 percent above March 1, 1999.

Placements in feedlots during February totaled 1.33 million, 17 percent below 2000 and 15 percent below 1999.

Marketings during February totaled 1.48 million, 16 percent below 2000 and 5 percent below 1999.

Other disappearance during February was 64,000 head, 36 percent above 2000 and 52 percent above 1999.

Cattle on Feed: U.S. Number Placed on Feed, by weight groups, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, January and February 2001

| Month      | Less than 600 lbs | 600-699 lbs | 700-799 lbs | 800+ lbs | Total |
|------------|-------------------|-------------|-------------|----------|-------|
| 1,000 head |                   |             |             |          |       |
| Jan        | 499               | 716         | 664         | 384      | 2,263 |
| Feb        | 336               | 402         | 517         | 325      | 1,580 |

Cattle and Calves on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, 7 Historic States and United States

| State     | Number on feed February 1 |        |         | Placed during February |       |         | Marketed during February |       |         | Other disappearance during February |      |         | Number on feed March 1 |        |         |
|-----------|---------------------------|--------|---------|------------------------|-------|---------|--------------------------|-------|---------|-------------------------------------|------|---------|------------------------|--------|---------|
|           | 2000                      | 2001   | 2001-00 | 2000                   | 2001  | 2001-00 | 2000                     | 2001  | 2001-00 | 2000                                | 2001 | 2001-00 | 2000                   | 2001   | 2001-00 |
|           | 1,000 head                |        | Percent | 1,000 head             |       | Percent | 1,000 head               |       | Percent | 1,000 head                          |      | Percent | 1,000 head             |        | Percent |
| AZ        | 275                       | 302    | 110     | 27                     | 41    | 152     | 24                       | 28    | 117     | 3                                   | 8    | 267     | 275                    | 307    | 112     |
| CA        | 415                       | 445    | 107     | 50                     | 55    | 110     | 52                       | 50    | 96      | 8                                   | 10   | 125     | 405                    | 440    | 109     |
| CO        | 1,200                     | 1,230  | 103     | 250                    | 195   | 78      | 265                      | 225   | 85      | 5                                   | 10   | 200     | 1,180                  | 1,190  | 101     |
| IA        | 385                       | 385    | 100     | 39                     | 45    | 115     | 48                       | 44    | 92      | 1                                   | 1    | 100     | 375                    | 385    | 103     |
| KS        | 2,340                     | 2,500  | 107     | 420                    | 335   | 80      | 430                      | 350   | 81      | 10                                  | 15   | 150     | 2,320                  | 2,470  | 106     |
| NE        | 2,370                     | 2,430  | 103     | 390                    | 310   | 79      | 440                      | 350   | 80      | 10                                  | 10   | 100     | 2,310                  | 2,380  | 103     |
| TX        | 2,900                     | 2,930  | 101     | 430                    | 350   | 81      | 490                      | 430   | 88      | 10                                  | 10   | 100     | 2,830                  | 2,840  | 100     |
| 7 States  | 9,885                     | 10,222 | 103     | 1,606                  | 1,331 | 83      | 1,749                    | 1,477 | 84      | 47                                  | 64   | 136     | 9,695                  | 10,012 | 103     |
| Oth. Sts. | 1,689                     | 1,719  | 102     | 274                    | 249   | 91      | 297                      | 268   | 90      | 31                                  | 17   | 55      | 1,635                  | 1,683  | 103     |
| U.S.      | 11,574                    | 11,941 | 103     | 1,880                  | 1,580 | 84      | 2,046                    | 1,745 | 85      | 78                                  | 81   | 104     | 11,330                 | 11,695 | 103     |

Average prices, Nebraska, dollars per cwt

| Week ended | Slaughter steers     |  |       |  | Slaughter heifers    |  |       |  |
|------------|----------------------|--|-------|--|----------------------|--|-------|--|
|            | Choice 1100-1300 lbs |  |       |  | Choice 1000-1200 lbs |  |       |  |
|            | 2000                 |  | 2001  |  | 2000                 |  | 2001  |  |
| Feb 10     | 68.88                |  | 78.00 |  | 68.92                |  | 78.00 |  |
| Feb 17     | 68.08                |  | 78.96 |  | 68.21                |  | 78.60 |  |
| Feb 24     | 67.84                |  | 79.87 |  | 67.91                |  | 79.79 |  |

## CHICKENS AND EGGS

### FLORIDA

Table eggs sold in mid-March 2001, averaged 52.0 cents per dozen, up 2.0 cents. Table egg production in Florida during February was 200 million eggs, 11 percent below the previous month.

### UNITED STATES

U.S. egg production totaled 6.52 billion during February 2001, down 2 percent from last year. Production included 5.51 billion table eggs and 1.01 billion hatching eggs, of which 947 million were broiler-type and 60.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during February 2001 averaged 336 million, up 2 percent from the total average number of layers during February 2000. February egg production per 100 layers was 1,943 eggs, down 4 percent from 2,016 eggs in February 2000. February 2001 contained 20 weekdays, 1 holiday and four Saturdays, compared to 21 weekdays, 1 holiday and 4 Saturdays in February 2000.

All layers in the U.S. on March 1, 2001, totaled 336 million, up two percent from a year ago. The 336 million layers consisted of 276 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 56.8 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.78 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on March 1, 2001, averaged 69.5 eggs per 100 layers, down slightly from 69.8 eggs a year ago.

Laying flocks in the 30 major egg producing States was 6.11 billion eggs during February 2001, down 2 percent from February 2000. The average number of layers during February, at 315 million, was up 1 percent from a year earlier.

**LAYERS AND EGGS:** Selected States and U.S.,  
February 2001

| Selected States      | Avg. layers<br>on hand | Egg<br>production | Rate of lay |
|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------|-------------|
|                      | Thousands              | Millions          |             |
| Alabama              | 10,232                 | 180               | 62.8        |
| Arkansas             | 15,578                 | 278               | 63.8        |
| California           | 23,679                 | 448               | 67.6        |
| <b>Florida</b>       | <b>10,896</b>          | <b>213</b>        | <b>69.8</b> |
| Georgia              | 20,749                 | 379               | 65.3        |
| Indiana              | 23,082                 | 452               | 69.9        |
| Iowa                 | 31,302                 | 633               | 72.2        |
| Maine                | 4,058                  | 82                | 71.8        |
| Maryland             | 3,021                  | 62                | 73.3        |
| Michigan             | 6,315                  | 127               | 71.9        |
| Minnesota            | 12,338                 | 244               | 70.6        |
| Mississippi          | 6,779                  | 120               | 63.2        |
| Missouri             | 7,046                  | 141               | 71.5        |
| Nebraska             | 11,700                 | 231               | 70.5        |
| New York             | 4,205                  | 90                | 76.4        |
| North Carolina       | 11,271                 | 196               | 62.1        |
| Ohio                 | 30,304                 | 597               | 70.4        |
| Pennsylvania         | 24,496                 | 517               | 75.4        |
| South Carolina       | 5,522                  | 102               | 66.0        |
| Texas                | 18,851                 | 364               | 69.0        |
| Virginia             | 3,533                  | 57                | 57.6        |
| Washington           | 5,006                  | 100               | 71.5        |
| <b>Other States</b>  | <b>45,575</b>          | <b>410</b>        | <b>69.5</b> |
| <b>United States</b> | <b>335,538</b>         | <b>6,519</b>      | <b>69.4</b> |

<sup>1/</sup> Production year begins December 1.

## UNITED STATES: HOGS AND PIGS

**U.S. INVENTORY** of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 2001, was 58.8 million head. This was 2 percent above March 2000, but 1 percent below December 1, 2000.

Breeding inventory, at 6.24 million head, was up 1 percent from March 1, 2000, but down slightly from December 1, 2000. Market hog inventory, at 52.5 million head, was 2 percent above last year, but 1 percent below last quarter.

The December 2000-February 2001 U.S. pig crop, at 24.9 million head, was 2 percent more than 2000, but 1 percent less than 1999. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.84 million head, 1 percent above last year. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 45 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs per litter was 8.78 pigs saved per litter for the December 2000-February 2001 period, compared to 8.76 pigs last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.50 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 2.91 million sows farrow during the March-May 2001 quarter, 1 percent above the actual farrowings during the same period in 2000, but 3 percent below 1999. Intended farrowings for June-August, at 2.92 million sows, are 1 percent above the same period in 2000, but slightly below 1999. The total number of hogs under contract, owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 32 percent of the total U.S. hog inventory, up from 31 percent last year.

**Hogs and Pigs:** Inventory number, sows farrowing and pig crop,  
1999-00, United States

|                                  | 2000       | 2001   | 2001<br>as % of<br>2000 |
|----------------------------------|------------|--------|-------------------------|
|                                  | 1,000 head |        |                         |
| March 1 Inventory                |            |        |                         |
| All hogs and pigs                | 57,782     | 58,754 | 102                     |
| Kept for breeding                | 6,190      | 6,244  | 101                     |
| Market                           | 51,593     | 52,510 | 102                     |
| Market hogs and pigs             |            |        |                         |
| by weight groups:                |            |        |                         |
| Under 60 pound                   | 19,217     | 19,594 | 102                     |
| 60 - 119 pounds                  | 12,409     | 12,704 | 102                     |
| 120 - 179 pounds                 | 10,552     | 10,808 | 102                     |
| 180 pounds                       | 9,414      | 9,405  | 100                     |
| Sows farrowing:                  |            |        |                         |
| December <sup>1/</sup> -February | 2,798      | 2,836  | 101                     |
| March-May                        | 2,885      | 2,907  | 101                     |
| December <sup>1/</sup> -May      | 5,683      | 5,743  | 101                     |
| June-August                      | 2,889      | 2,917  | 101                     |
| September-November               | 2,848      |        |                         |
| June-November                    | 5,737      |        |                         |
| Pig crop:                        |            |        |                         |
| December <sup>1/</sup> -February | 24,522     | 24,896 | 102                     |
| March-May                        | 25,565     |        |                         |
| June-August                      | 25,548     |        |                         |
| September-November               | 24,208     |        |                         |

<sup>1/</sup> December preceding year.

## HATCHERY PRODUCTION

### FLORIDA

The February hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 8,143,000 was 8 percent below a year earlier. Broiler-type eggs in incubators on March 1, at 7,874,000, were 6 percent below a year ago.

Egg-type hatch during February at 1,135,000 chicks, was 13 percent above last year. Egg-type eggs in incubators on March 1, at 817,000 was 7 percent below last year.

### UNITED STATES

The February 2000 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 670 million, was down 4 percent from February of the previous year. There were 627 million eggs in incubators on March 1, 2001, up 1 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 6.75 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during February 2001, down 4 percent from February 2000.

Egg-type chicks hatched during February totaled 38 million, up 8 percent from February 2000. Eggs in incubators totaled 35.5 million on March 1, 2001, down 2 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 302,000 during February 2001, up 20 percent from February 2000

| Hatchery production, United States   |         |         |                      |
|--|---------|---------|----------------------|
| Item   | 2000    | 2001    | 2001<br>% of<br>2000 |
| -- Thousands --  |         |         |                      |
| <b>Egg-Type:</b>   |         |         |                      |
| Eggs in incubators: Mar 1  | 36,078  | 35,521  | 98                   |
| Chicks hatched during Feb  | 35,491  | 38,198  | 108                  |
| Pullets hatched during Feb<br>for intended placements<br>in hatchery supply flocks | 251     | 302     | 120                  |
| 7-18 months earlier <sup>1/</sup>  | 2,945   | 3,235   | 110                  |
| <b>Broiler-Type:</b>   |         |         |                      |
| Eggs in incubators: Mar 1  | 620,879 | 627,218 | 101                  |
| Chicks hatched during Feb  | 700,967 | 670,498 | 96                   |
| Pullets hatched during Feb<br>for intended placements<br>in hatchery supply flocks | 7,001   | 6,748   | 96                   |
| 7-14 months earlier <sup>2/</sup>  | 64,344  | 62,487  | 97                   |

<sup>1/</sup> 2001 includes pullet chicks hatched August 1999 through July 2000 <sup>2/</sup> 2001 includes pullet chicks hatched November 1999 through July 2000.

## MILK PRODUCTION

### FLORIDA

Florida dairy farms produced 211 million pounds of milk during February 2001, 5 percent less than the previous February. Production per cow of 1,360 pounds was 4 percent below last year. Milk cow numbers on Florida dairy farms in February totaled 155,000, 1 percent below last year.

### UNITED STATES

Milk production in the 20 major States during February totaled 11.2 billion pounds, down 4.3 percent from February 2000. Most of the decline is due to an extra day of production in February 2000, because of leap year. Adjusting production for the additional day would put February 2001 milk production down 0.9 percent from last year. January revised production, at 12.1 billion pounds, was down 1.6 percent from January 2000. The January revision represented a decrease of 0.1 percent or 11 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,440 pounds for February, 66 pounds below February 2000.

The number of cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.77 million head, 7,000 head more than February 2000, but 10,000 head less than January 2001.

Milk cows and production, Florida and U.S.

| Month<br>and year       | Milk<br>cows | Monthly milk<br>production |                  |
|-------------------------|--------------|----------------------------|------------------|
|                         |              | Per cow                    | Monthly<br>Total |
|                         | Thous.       | Lbs.                       | Mil. Lbs.        |
| <b>Florida:</b>         |              |                            |                  |
| February 2000           | 157          | 1,410                      | 221              |
| January 2001            | 155          | 1,415                      | 219              |
| February 2001           | 155          | 1,360                      | 211              |
| <b>20 Major States:</b> |              |                            |                  |
| February 2000           | 7,766        | 1,506                      | 11,694           |
| January 2001            | 7,783        | 1,550                      | 12,062           |
| February 2001           | 7,773        | 1,440                      | 11,194           |
| <b>United States</b>    |              |                            |                  |
| February 2000           | --           | --                         | 13,606           |
| January 2001            | --           | --                         | 13,998           |
| February 2001           | --           | --                         | 12,991           |

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-Mar         | 9,128                   | 9,187 | 4,437                      | 4,636  | 40,505          | 42,593  |
| Apr-Jun         | 9,155                   | 9,217 | 4,591                      | 4,684  | 42,029          | 43,171  |
| Jul-Sep         | 9,171                   | 9,253 | 4,337                      | 4,465  | 39,771          | 41,311  |
| Oct-Dec         | 9,170                   | 9,250 | 4,406                      | 4,419  | 40,406          | 40,877  |
| Annual<br>Total | 9,156                   | 9,227 | 17,771                     | 18,202 | 162,711         | 167,952 |

<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 February 2001 was 4.7 million pounds, 7 percent above the same month last year. Commercial production

of red meat in the United States for February at 3.40 billion pounds, was 10 percent below 2000.

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

| Source and kind                      | February 2000 | January 2001 | February 2001 | Year to date 2000 | Year to date 2001 |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Florida <sup>1/</sup></b>         |               |              |               |                   |                   |
| Cattle slaughtered (1000 head)       | 6             | 7            | 7             | 12                | 14                |
| Hogs:                                |               |              |               |                   |                   |
| Head slaughtered (1,000 head)        | 7             | 9            | 8             | 14                | 17                |
| Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)      | 1,362         | 1,671        | 1,495         | 2,557             | 3,166             |
| Red meat production (million pounds) | 4.4           | 5.1          | 4.7           | 8.6               | 9.8               |
| <b>United States</b>                 |               |              |               |                   |                   |
| Cattle:                              |               |              |               |                   |                   |
| Head slaughtered (1,000 head)        | 2,937         | 3,002        | 2,580         | 5,873             | 5,582             |
| Total liveweight (million pounds)    | 3,598         | 3,679        | 3,142         | 7,207             | 6,821             |
| Average liveweight (pounds)          | 1,225         | 1,226        | 1,218         | 1,227             | 1,222             |
| Beef production (million pounds)     | 2,175         | 2,205        | 1,883         | 4,353             | 4,088             |
| Calves:                              |               |              |               |                   |                   |
| Head slaughtered (1,000 head)        | 95            | 91           | 79            | 188               | 170               |
| Total liveweight (million pounds)    | 30            | 29           | 26            | 59                | 55                |
| Average liveweight (pounds)          | 318           | 322          | 328           | 314               | 325               |
| Veal production (million pounds)     | 18            | 18           | 16            | 35                | 34                |
| Hogs:                                |               |              |               |                   |                   |
| Head slaughtered (1,000 head)        | 8,077         | 8,643        | 7,604         | 16,217            | 16,247            |
| Liveweight (million pounds)          | 2,113         | 2,287        | 2,005         | 4,248             | 4,292             |
| Average liveweight (pounds)          | 262           | 265          | 265           | 262               | 264               |
| Pork production (million pounds)     | 1,558         | 1,693        | 1,486         | 3,130             | 3,179             |
| Red meat production (million pounds) | 3,771         | 3,934        | 3,402         | 7,557             | 7,336             |

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

### Average Dollars Per Cwt Received through 12 Florida Auctions February 2000 and 2001

| Stocker calves under 300 lbs. |        |         |        |         | Stocker calves over 300 lbs. |        |         |        |         |
|-------------------------------|--------|---------|--------|---------|------------------------------|--------|---------|--------|---------|
| Grade                         | 2000   |         | 2001   |         | Grade                        | 2000   |         | 2001   |         |
|                               | Steers | Heifers | Steers | Heifers |                              | Steers | Heifers | Steers | Heifers |
| Medium #1                     | 127.67 | 105.81  | 149.42 | 123.09  | Medium #1                    | 108.99 | 92.89   | 112.69 | 101.37  |
| Medium #2                     | 111.19 | 92.75   | 119.80 | 101.13  | Medium #2                    | 94.85  | 83.72   | 101.19 | 90.39   |
| All grades                    | 123.50 | 100.82  | 140.76 | 118.20  | All grades                   | 104.70 | 89.91   | 108.94 | 98.97   |

SOURCE: FDA/CS, Div. Of Marketing and Development, Market News Service.