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CATTLE ON FEED IN HISTORIC 7 STATES

Cattle on feed March 1, 2002, in the historic 7 States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 9.91 million, down 1 percent from the previous year but 2 percent above March 1, 2000.

Placements in feedlots during February totaled 1.54 million, 16 percent above 2001 but 4 percent below 2000.

Marketings during February totaled 1.53 million, 4 percent above 2001 but 12 percent below 2000.

Other disappearance during February was 52,000 head, 19 percent below 2001 but 11 percent above 2000.

Cattle on Feed: U.S. Number Placed on Feed, by weight groups, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, January and February 2002

Month	Less than 600 lbs	600-699 lbs	700-799 lbs	800+ lbs	Total
Jan	381	*618	*738	*442	*2,179
Feb	260	410	662	473	1,805

* Revised.

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 11.52 million head on March 1, 2002. The inventory was down 2 percent from the 11.70 million head on March 1, 2001 but 2 percent above March 1, 2000.

Placements in feedlots during February totaled 1.81 million, 14 percent above 2001 but 4 percent below 2000. Net placements were 1.74 million. During February, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 260,000, 600-699 pounds were 410,000, 700-799 pounds were 662,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 473,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during February totaled 1.80 million, 3 percent above 2001 but 12 percent below 2000.

Other disappearance totaled 63,000 during February, 22 percent below 2001 and 19 percent below 2000.

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		
	2001	2002	2002-01	2001	2002	2002-01	2001	2002	2002-01	2001	2002	2002-01	2001	2002	2002-01
	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent
AZ	302	311	103	41	26	63	28	26	93	8	1	13	307	310	101
CA	445	475	107	55	55	100	50	50	100	10	5	50	440	475	108
CO	1,230	1,180	96	195	185	95	225	205	91	10	10	100	1,190	1,150	97
IA	385	390	101	45	57	127	44	51	116	1	1	100	385	400	104
KS	2,500	2,450	98	335	435	130	350	450	129	15	15	100	2,470	2,420	98
NE	2,430	2,290	94	310	370	119	350	350	100	10	10	100	2,380	2,300	97
TX	2,930	2,850	97	350	410	117	430	400	93	10	10	100	2,840	2,850	100
7 States	10,222	9,946	97	1,331	1,538	116	1,477	1,532	104	64	52	81	10,012	9,905	99
Oth. Sts.	1,719	1,613	94	249	267	107	268	264	99	17	11	65	1,683	1,603	95
U.S.	11,941	11,559	97	1,580	1,805	114	1,745	1,796	103	81	63	78	11,695	11,518	98

Average prices, Nebraska, dollars per cwt

Week ended	Slaughter steers				Slaughter heifers			
	Choice 1100-1300 lbs				Choice 1000-1200 lbs			
	2001		2002		2001		2002	
Feb 23	79.87		71.13		79.79		71.24	
Mar 02	82.02		70.52		81.92		77.79	
Mar 09	82.01		73.14		81.71		73.43	

CHICKENS AND EGGS

FLORIDA

Table eggs averaged 47.0 cents per dozen sold in mid-March 2002, up 3.0 cents from last month. Table egg production in Florida during February was 192 million eggs, 12 percent below the previous month.

UNITED STATES

U.S. egg production totaled 6.56 billion during February 2002, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 5.57 billion table eggs and 987 million hatching eggs, of which 929 million were broiler-type and 58.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during February 2002 averaged 337 million, slightly higher than the average number of layers during February 2001. February egg production per 100 layers was 1,946 eggs, up slightly from the 1,943 eggs in February 2001. February 2002 contained 20 weekdays, one holiday and four Saturdays, equal to February 2001.

All layers in the U.S. on March 1, 2002, totaled 336 million, slightly lower than a year ago. The 336 million layers consisted of 277 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 56.9 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.63 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on March 1, 2002, averaged 70.5 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from the 69.5 eggs a year ago.

Laying flocks in the 30 major egg producing States produced 6.15 billion eggs during February 2002, up 1 percent from a year ago. The average number of layers during February, at 316 million, was slightly higher than year earlier.

LAYERS AND EGGS: Selected States and U.S.,
February 2002

Selected States	Avg. layers on hand	Egg production	Rate of lay
	Thousands	Millions	
Alabama	10,567	183	61.9
Arkansas	14,935	254	60.8
California	23,873	466	69.7
Florida	10,638	205	68.8
Georgia	20,928	381	65.0
Indiana	22,578	446	70.5
Iowa	35,581	725	72.8
Maine	4,074	90	78.6
Maryland	3,154	65	73.6
Michigan	6,438	130	72.2
Minnesota	12,322	255	73.9
Mississippi	6,785	120	63.2
Missouri	6,923	138	71.2
Nebraska	11,624	220	67.6
New York	3,960	87	78.5
North Carolina	11,146	192	61.5
Ohio	29,818	590	70.7
Pennsylvania	23,656	500	75.5
South Carolina	5,497	104	67.6
Texas	18,943	353	66.5
Virginia	3,491	59	60.4
Washington	5,118	105	73.4
Other States	20,726	411	70.8
United States	336,896	6,557	69.5

^{1/} Production year begins December 1.

UNITED STATES HOGS AND PIGS

U.S. INVENTORY of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 2002, was 58.7 million head. This was 2 percent above March 2001, but 1 percent below December 1, 2001.

Breeding inventory, at 6.24 million head, was up slightly from both March 1, 2001, and last quarter. Market hog inventory, at 52.5 million head, was 2 percent above last year but 1 percent below last quarter.

The December 2001-February 2002 U.S. pig crop, at 24.7 million head, was 3 percent more than 2001, and 1 percent more than 2000. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.83 million head, 3 percent above last year. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 46 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs per litter was 8.73 pigs saved per litter for the December 2001-February 2002 period, compared to 8.72 pigs last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.30 for operations with 1-99 hogs to 8.80 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

U.S. HOG PRODUCERS intend to have 2.90 million sows farrow during the March-May 2002 quarter, 1 percent above the actual farrowings during the same period in 2001, and slightly above 2000. Intended farrowings for June-August 2002, at 2.90 million sows, are 1 percent above the same period in 2001, and up slightly from 2000.

The total number of hogs under contract, owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 31 percent of the total U.S. hog inventory, down from 32 percent last year.

HOGS AND PIGS: Inventory number, sows farrowing
and pig crop, 2001-02, United States

	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001
	1,000 head		
March 1 Inventory			
All hogs and pigs	57,524	58,698	102
Kept for breeding	6,232	6,236	100
Market	51,292	52,461	102
Market hogs and pigs by weight groups:			
Under 60 pound	18,737	19,381	103
60 - 119 pounds	12,417	12,730	103
120 - 179 pounds	10,805	10,914	101
180 pounds	9,334	9,436	101
Sows farrowing:			
December ^{1/} -February	2,748	2,832	103
March-May	2,870	2,896	101
December ^{1/} -May	5,619	5,728	102
June-August	2,878	2,896	101
September-November	2,846		
June-November	5,724		
Pig crop:			
December ^{1/} -February	23,963	24,711	103
March-May	25,509		
June-August	25,539		
September-November	24,972		

^{1/} December preceding year.

HATCHERY PRODUCTION

FLORIDA

The February hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 7,559,000 was 7 percent below a year earlier. Broiler-type eggs in incubators on March 1, at 6,902,000, were 12 percent below a year ago.

Egg-type hatch during February at 641,000 chicks was 46 percent below last year. Egg-type eggs in incubators on March 1, at 400,000 were 51 percent below last year.

UNITED STATES

The February 2002 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 703 million, was up 5 percent from February of the previous year. There were 650 million eggs in incubators on March 1, 2002, up 4 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 7.28 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during February 2002, up 8 percent from February 2001.

Egg-type chicks hatched during February totaled 34.3 million, down 10 percent from February 2001. Eggs in incubators totaled 32.8 million on March 1, 2002, down 8 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 247 during February 2002, up 6 percent from February 2001.

Hatchery production, United States

Item	2001		2002	2002 % of 2001
	-- Thousands --			
Egg-Type:				
Eggs in incubators: Mar 1	35,521	32,833		92
Chicks hatched during Feb	38,198	34,326		90
Pullets hatched during Feb for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks	232	247		106
7-18 months earlier ^{1/}	3,191	3,258		102
Broiler-Type:				
Eggs in incubators: Mar 1	627,218	649,723		104
Chicks hatched during Feb	670,498	702,576		105
Pullets hatched during Feb for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks	6,748	7,275		108
7-14 months earlier ^{2/}	62,493	60,382		97

^{1/} 2002 includes pullet chicks hatched August 2000 through July 2001 ^{2/} 2002 includes pullet chicks hatched November 2000 through July 2001.

MILK PRODUCTION

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Florida dairy farms produced 207 million pounds of milk during February 2002, 3 percent less than the previous February. Production per cow of 1,360 pounds was 1 percent below last year. Milk cow numbers on Florida dairy farms in February totaled 152,000, 2 percent below last year.

UNITED STATES

Milk production in the 20 major States during February totaled 11.4 billion pounds, up 2.8 percent from February 2001. January revised production, at 12.3 billion pounds, was up 1.8 percent from January 2001. The January revision represented an increase of 1 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,474 pounds for February, 43 pounds above February 2001.

The number of cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.74 million head, 18,000 head less than February 2001, but 1,000 head more than January 2002.

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:			
February 2001	155	1,380	214
January 2002	152	1,410	214
February 2002	152	1,360	207
20 Major States:			
February 2001	7,764	1,431	11,108
January 2002	7,745	1,585	12,272
February 2002	7,746	1,474	11,421
United States			
February 2001	--	--	12,894
January 2002	--	--	14,245
February 2002	--	--	13,257

Milk production by quarters, United States

Month	Milk cows ^{1/}		Milk per cow ^{2/}		Milk production	
	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001
	Thousand		Pounds		Mil. Lbs.	
Jan-Mar	9,188	9,157	4,640	4,511	42,630	41,306
Apr-Jun	9,213	9,125	4,688	4,676	43,189	42,669
Jul-Sep	9,229	9,100	4,460	4,464	41,161	40,619
Oct-Dec	9,211	9,098	4,416	4,481	40,678	40,764
Annual Total	9,210	9,120	18,204	18,131	167,658	165,358

^{1/} Dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh.

^{2/} Excludes milk sucked by calves.

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

Commercial red meat output in Florida for February 2002 was 4.6 million pounds, two percent below the same month last year.

Commercial production of red meat in the United States for February at 3.50 billion pounds, was three percent above 2001.

Commercial slaughter and red meat production, Florida and United States

Source and kind	Feb 2001	Jan 2002	Feb 2002	Year to date 2001	Year to date 2002
Florida					
Cattle slaughtered (1000 head) ^{1/}	7	9	7	14	16
Hogs:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	8	6	5	17	11
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	1,495	1,073	1,000	3,161	2,073
Red meat production (million pounds)	4.7	5.6	4.6	9.8	10.2
United States					
Cattle:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	2,580	3,056	2,615	5,582	5,671
Total liveweight (million pounds)	3,139	3,851	3,282	6,818	7,133
Average liveweight (pounds)	1,217	1,260	1,255	1,222	1,258
Beef production (million pounds)	1,881	2,330	1,987	4,086	4,317
Calves:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	79	87	73	170	160
Total liveweight (million pounds)	26	28	24	55	52
Average liveweight (pounds)	328	321	326	325	324
Veal production (million pounds)	16	17	14	34	31
Hogs:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	7,604	8,658	7,500	16,247	16,158
Liveweight (million pounds)	2,005	2,317	2,000	4,291	4,317
Average liveweight (pounds)	264	268	267	264	267
Pork production (million pounds)	1,486	1,716	1,482	3,178	3,198
Red meat production (million pounds)	3,400	4,081	3,501	7,334	7,582

^{1/}Does not include calf slaughter data.

Average Dollars Per Cwt Received through 13 Florida Auctions
February 2001 and 2002

Stocker calves under 300 lbs.					Stocker calves over 300 lbs.				
Grade	2001		2002		Grade	2001		2002	
	Steers	Heifers	Steers	Heifers		Steers	Heifers	Steers	Heifers
Medium #1	149.42	123.09	128.03	111.35	Large #1	113.17	100.44	106.71	92.97
Medium #2	119.80	101.13	109.52	97.18	Medium #1	112.69	101.37	^{1/}	^{1/}
					Medium #2	101.19	90.39	94.49	84.31
All grades	140.76	118.20	121.36	105.27	All grades	108.94	98.07	101.83	89.78

SOURCE: FDA & CS, Div. Of Marketing and Development, Market News Service. ^{1/} Not available.