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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 10.13 million head on September 1, 2002. The inventory was 7 percent below September 1, 2001 and 2 percent below September 1, 2000.

Placements in feedlots during August totaled 2.22 million head, 1 percent above 2001 but 9 percent below 2000. Net placements were 2.18 million. During August, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 525,000, 600-699 pounds were 483,000, 700-799 pounds were 625,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 585,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during August totaled 2.14 million head, 2 percent below 2001 and 3 percent below 2000.

Other disappearance totaled 43,000 head during August, 20 percent below 2001 and 12 percent below 2000.

### CATTLE ON FEED IN HISTORIC 7 STATES

Cattle on feed September 1, 2002, in the historic 7 States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head, totaled 8.85 million head, down 6 percent from the previous year and 1 percent below September 1, 2000.

Placements in feedlots during August totaled 1.94 million head, 2 percent above 2001 but 7 percent below 2000.

Marketings during August totaled 1.81 million head, 3 percent below 2001 and 5 percent below 2000.

Other disappearance during August was 35,000 head, 24 percent below 2001 and 3 percent below 2000.

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

| Month     | Less than 600 lbs | 600-699 lbs | 700-799 lbs | 800+ lbs | Total |
|-----------|-------------------|-------------|-------------|----------|-------|
| 1000 head |                   |             |             |          |       |
| Jul       | 369               | 365         | 591         | 515      | 1,840 |
| Aug       | 525               | 483         | 625         | 585      | 2,218 |

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

| State     | Number on feed August 1 |        |         | Placed during August |       |         | Marketed during August |       |         | Other disappearance during August |      |         | Number on feed September 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        | 297                     | 285    | 96      | 32                   | 30    | 94      | 34                     | 29    | 85      | 2                                 | 1    | 50      | 293                        | 285    | 97      |
| CA        | 475                     | 485    | 102     | 50                   | 60    | 120     | 52                     | 52    | 100     | 3                                 | 3    | 100     | 470                        | 490    | 104     |
| CO        | 1,060                   | 990    | 93      | 210                  | 245   | 117     | 255                    | 230   | 90      | 5                                 | 5    | 100     | 1,010                      | 1,000  | 99      |
| IA        | 325                     | 320    | 98      | 39                   | 56    | 144     | 53                     | 65    | 123     | 1                                 | 1    | 100     | 310                        | 310    | 100     |
| KS        | 2,420                   | 2,140  | 88      | 570                  | 570   | 100     | 490                    | 470   | 96      | 10                                | 10   | 100     | 2,490                      | 2,230  | 90      |
| NE        | 1,810                   | 1,790  | 99      | 435                  | 445   | 102     | 420                    | 380   | 90      | 5                                 | 5    | 100     | 1,820                      | 1,850  | 102     |
| TX        | 3,000                   | 2,740  | 91      | 570                  | 530   | 93      | 560                    | 580   | 104     | 20                                | 10   | 50      | 2,990                      | 2,680  | 90      |
| 7 States  | 9,387                   | 8,750  | 93      | 1,906                | 1,936 | 102     | 1,864                  | 1,806 | 97      | 46                                | 35   | 76      | 9,383                      | 8,845  | 94      |
| Oth. Sts. | 1,504                   | 1,339  | 89      | 56                   | 64    | 114     | 70                     | 82    | 117     | 1                                 | 2    | 200     | 305                        | 290    | 95      |
| U.S.      | 10,891                  | 10,089 | 93      | 2,204                | 2,218 | 101     | 2,186                  | 2,135 | 98      | 54                                | 43   | 80      | 10,855                     | 10,129 | 93      |

Average prices, Nebraska, dollars per cwt

| Week ended | Slaughter steers     |  |       |  | Slaughter heifers    |  |       |  |
|------------|----------------------|--|-------|--|----------------------|--|-------|--|
|            | Choice 1100-1300 lbs |  |       |  | Choice 1000-1200 lbs |  |       |  |
|            | 2001                 |  | 2002  |  | 2001                 |  | 2002  |  |
| Aug 17     | 71.61                |  | 63.71 |  | 71.74                |  | 64.05 |  |
| Aug 24     | 70.00                |  | 63.97 |  | 70.00                |  | 64.26 |  |
| Aug 31     | 70.04                |  | 63.20 |  | 70.09                |  | 63.27 |  |

## CHICKENS AND EGGS

### FLORIDA

Table eggs sold in mid-September 2002 averaged 36.0 cents, down one cent from mid-August. Table egg production in Florida during August was 215 million eggs, up three percent from the previous month.

### UNITED STATES

U.S. egg production totaled 7.35 billion during August 2002, up 2 percent from last year. Production included 6.26 billion table eggs and 1.09 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.03 billion were broiler-type and 61.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during August 2002 averaged 336 million, up 1 percent from a year earlier. August egg production per 100 layers was 2,189 eggs, up 1 percent from the 2,170 eggs in August 2001. August 2002 contained 22 weekdays, and five Saturdays, compared to August 2001 which contained 23 weekdays, and four Saturdays.

All layers in the U.S. on September 1, 2002, totaled 336 million, up 1 percent from a year ago. The 336 million layers consisted of 278 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 55.9 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.51 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on September 1, 2002, averaged 70.8 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from a year ago.

Laying flocks in the 30 major egg producing States produced 6.89 billion eggs during August 2002, up 2 percent from a year ago. The average number of layers during August, at 315 million, was up 1 percent from a year ago.

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

| Selected States      | Avg. layers<br>on hand | Egg<br>production | Rate of lay |
|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------|-------------|
|                      | Thousands              | Millions          |             |
| Alabama              | 10,023                 | 189               | 60.8        |
| Arkansas             | 14,296                 | 280               | 62.7        |
| California           | 23,255                 | 513               | 71.2        |
| <b>Florida</b>       | <b>10,508</b>          | <b>228</b>        | <b>70.0</b> |
| Georgia              | 20,005                 | 408               | 65.8        |
| Indiana              | 22,823                 | 522               | 73.8        |
| Iowa                 | 37,657                 | 863               | 74.1        |
| Maine                | 4,221                  | 92                | 70.3        |
| Maryland             | 3,098                  | 75                | 78.1        |
| Michigan             | 6,793                  | 156               | 74.1        |
| Minnesota            | 11,396                 | 258               | 73.0        |
| Mississippi          | 6,900                  | 139               | 65.0        |
| Missouri             | 7,002                  | 162               | 74.6        |
| Nebraska             | 11,637                 | 261               | 72.4        |
| New York             | 3,916                  | 92                | 75.8        |
| North Carolina       | 11,001                 | 212               | 62.2        |
| Ohio                 | 30,611                 | 685               | 72.2        |
| Pennsylvania         | 23,717                 | 550               | 74.8        |
| South Carolina       | 5,359                  | 113               | 68.0        |
| Texas                | 18,276                 | 397               | 70.1        |
| Virginia             | 2,937                  | 58                | 63.7        |
| Washington           | 5,195                  | 115               | 71.4        |
| Other States         | 45,248                 | 1,247             | 69.9        |
| <b>United States</b> | <b>336,024</b>         | <b>7,354</b>      | <b>70.6</b> |

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

## UNITED STATES HOGS AND PIGS

**U.S. INVENTORY** of all hogs and pigs on September 1, 2002, was 60.2 million head. This was 1 percent above September 1, 2001, and slightly above June 1, 2002.

Breeding inventory, at 6.05 million head, was down 2 percent from September 1, 2001, and down 2 percent from last quarter. Market hog inventory, at 54.2 million head, was 1 percent above last year and slightly above last quarter.

The June-August 2002 U.S. pig crop, at 25.1 million head, was 2 percent less than both 2001, and 2000. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.83 million head, 2 percent below last year. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 46 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs per litter was 8.87 pigs saved per litter for the June-August 2002 period, unchanged from last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.60 for operations with 1-99 hogs to 9.00 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

**U.S. HOG PRODUCERS** intend to have 2.82 million sows farrow during the September-November 2002 quarter, 2 percent below the actual farrowings during the same period in 2001, and 1 percent below 2000. Intended farrowings for December 2002-February 2003, at 2.81 million sows, are 1 percent below the same period in 2002, but up 2 percent from 2001.

The total number of hogs under contract, owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 35 percent of the total U.S. hog inventory, unchanged from last year.

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

|   | 2001       | 2002   | 2002<br>as % of<br>2001 |
|---|------------|--------|-------------------------|
|   | 1,000 head |        |                         |
| September 1 Inventory                     |            |        |                         |
| All hogs and pigs                         | 59,777     | 60,220 | 101                     |
| Kept for breeding                         | 6,158      | 6,054  | 98                      |
| Market                                    | 53,619     | 54,165 | 101                     |
| Market hogs and pigs<br>by weight groups: |            |        |                         |
| Under 60 pound                            | 19,911     | 19,684 | 99                      |
| 60 - 119 pounds                           | 13,438     | 13,409 | 100                     |
| 120 - 179 pounds                          | 10,854     | 11,146 | 103                     |
| 180 pounds                                | 9,417      | 9,926  | 105                     |
| Sows farrowing:                           |            |        |                         |
| December <sup>1/</sup> -February          | 2,748      | 2,837  | 103                     |
| March-May                                 | 2,870      | 2,933  | 102                     |
| December <sup>1/</sup> -May               | 5,619      | 5,770  | 103                     |
| June-August                               | 2,878      | 2,834  | 98                      |
| September-November                        | 2,889      | 2,818  | 98                      |
| June-November                             | 5,767      | 5,652  | 98                      |
| Pig crop:                                 |            |        |                         |
| December <sup>1/</sup> -February          | 23,963     | 24,807 | 104                     |
| March-May                                 | 25,509     | 25,851 | 101                     |
| June-August                               | 25,539     | 25,128 | 98                      |
| September-November                        | 25,492     |        |                         |

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

## HATCHERY PRODUCTION

### FLORIDA

The August hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 8,029,000 was 15 percent below a year earlier. Broiler-type eggs in incubators on September 1, at 6,615,000, were five percent below a year ago.

Egg-type hatch during August at 571,000 chicks was 63 percent below last year. Egg-type eggs in incubators on September 1, at 375,000 were 50 percent below last year.

### UNITED STATES

The August 2002 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 780 million, was up 1 percent from August of the previous year. There were 634 million eggs in incubators on September 1, 2002, down 1 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 7.4 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during August 2002, down 1 percent from August 2001.

Egg-type chicks hatched during August totaled 35.9 million, up 3 percent from August 2001. Eggs in incubators totaled 32.6 million on September 1, 2002, down 1 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 221,000 during August 2002, down 12 percent from August 2001.

| Hatchery production, United States  |         |         |                      |
|---|---------|---------|----------------------|
| Item  | 2001    | 2002    | 2002<br>% of<br>2001 |
| -- Thousands --   |         |         |                      |
| Egg-Type:   |         |         |                      |
| Eggs in incubators: Sep 1   | 33,108  | 32,617  | 99                   |
| Chicks hatched during Aug   | 34,978  | 35,877  | 103                  |
| Pullets hatched during Aug<br>for intended placements<br>in hatchery supply flocks<br>7-18 months earlier <sup>1/</sup> | 251     | 221     | 88                   |
|   | 3,197   | 3,040   | 95                   |
| Broiler-Type:   |         |         |                      |
| Eggs in incubators: Sep 1   | 637,879 | 633,617 | 99                   |
| Chicks hatched during Aug   | 771,550 | 779,803 | 101                  |
| Pullets hatched during Aug<br>for intended placements<br>in hatchery supply flocks<br>7-14 months earlier <sup>2/</sup> | 7,494   | 7,449   | 99                   |
|   | 61,244  | 61,608  | 101                  |

<sup>1/</sup> 2002 includes pullet chicks hatched February 2002 through January 2002 <sup>2/</sup> 2002 includes pullet chicks hatched May 2001 through January 2002.

## MILK PRODUCTION

### FLORIDA

Florida dairy farms produced 171 million pounds of milk during August 2002, unchanged from the previous August. Production per cow of 1,145 pounds was three percent above last year. Milk cow numbers on Florida dairy farms in August totaled 149,000, three percent below last year.

### UNITED STATES

Milk production in the 20 major States during August totaled 12.2 billion pounds, up 3.8 percent from August 2001. July revised production, at 12.3 billion pounds, was up 2.3 percent from July 2001. The July revision represented an increase 1 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,568 pounds for August, 48 pounds above August 2001.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.79 million head, 51,000 head more than August 2001, and 3,000 head more than July 2002.

| 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.        |  |
| Florida:                                   |              |                            |                  |  |
| August 2001                                | 153          | 1,115                      | 171              |  |
| July 2002                                  | 149          | 1,250                      | 186              |  |
| August 2002                                | 149          | 1,145                      | 171              |  |
| 20 Major States:                           |              |                            |                  |  |
| August 2001                                | 7,735        | 1,520                      | 11,754           |  |
| July 2002                                  | 7,783        | 1,581                      | 12,306           |  |
| August 2002                                | 7,786        | 1,568                      | 12,205           |  |
| United States                              |              |                            |                  |  |
| August 2001                                | --           | --                         | 13,564           |  |
| July 2002                                  | --           | --                         | 14,224           |  |
| August 2002                                | --           | --                         | 14,107           |  |

| Milk production by quarters, United States |                         |       |                            |       |                 |        |
|--|-------------------------|-------|----------------------------|-------|-----------------|--------|
| Month                                      | Milk cows <sup>1/</sup> |       | Milk per cow <sup>2/</sup> |       | Milk production |        |
|  | 2001                    | 2002  | 2001                       | 2002  | 2001            | 2002   |
|  | Thousand                |       | Pounds                     |       | Mil. Lbs.       |        |
| Jan-Mar                                    | 9,143                   | 9,109 | 4,514                      | 4,639 | 41,267          | 42,256 |
| Apr-Jun                                    | 9,114                   | 9,147 | 4,683                      | 4,808 | 42,681          | 43,977 |
| Jul-Sep                                    | 9,098                   |       | 4,459                      |       | 40,570          |        |
| Oct-Dec                                    | 9,105                   |       | 4,483                      |       | 40,818          |        |
| Annual<br>Total                            | 9,115                   |       | 18,139                     |       | 165,336         |        |

<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 August 2002 was 5.9 million pounds, seven percent above the same month last year.

Commercial production of red meat in the United States for August at 4.14 billion pounds, was two percent above 2001.

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

| Source and kind                              | August 2001 | July 2002 | August 2002 | Year to date 2001 | Year to date 2002 |
|--|-------------|-----------|-------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Florida</b>                               |             |           |             |                   |                   |
| Cattle slaughtered (1000 head) <sup>1/</sup> | 8           | 8         | 8           | 57                | 64                |
| Hogs:  |             |           |             |                   |                   |
| Head slaughtered (1,000 head)                | 9           | 10        | 10          | 62                | 63                |
| Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)              | 1,556       | 1,774     | 1,896       | 11,651            | 11,542            |
| Red meat production (million pounds)         | 5.5         | 5.8       | 5.9         | 39.6              | 44.3              |
| <b>United States</b>                         |             |           |             |                   |                   |
| Cattle:                                      |             |           |             |                   |                   |
| Head slaughtered (1,000 head)                | 3,239       | 3,187     | 3,213       | 23,716            | 23,966            |
| Total liveweight (million pounds)            | 3,977       | 3,978     | 4,045       | 28,613            | 29,804            |
| Average liveweight (pounds)                  | 1,228       | 1,248     | 1,259       | 1,207             | 1,244             |
| Beef production (million pounds)             | 2,425       | 2,426     | 2,470       | 17,286            | 18,105            |
| Calves:                                      |             |           |             |                   |                   |
| Head slaughtered (1,000 head)                | 94          | 96        | 96          | 661               | 666               |
| Total liveweight (million pounds)            | 29          | 28        | 28          | 214               | 210               |
| Average liveweight (pounds)                  | 303         | 290       | 288         | 324               | 314               |
| Veal production (million pounds)             | 17          | 17        | 17          | 130               | 126               |
| Hogs:  |             |           |             |                   |                   |
| Head slaughtered (1,000 head)                | 8,375       | 8,068     | 8,544       | 63,679            | 65,041            |
| Liveweight (million pounds)                  | 2,159       | 2,101     | 2,211       | 16,727            | 17,228            |
| Average liveweight (pounds)                  | 258         | 260       | 259         | 263               | 265               |
| Pork production (million pounds)             | 1,600       | 1,557     | 1,637       | 12,385            | 12,773            |
| Red meat production (million pounds)         | 4,061       | 4,016     | 4,140       | 29,951            | 31,147            |

<sup>1/</sup>Does not include calf slaughter data.

### Average Dollars Per Cwt Received through 11 Florida Auctions August 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                     | 132.43 | 111.88  | 114.95 | 98.80   | Large #1                     | 99.19  | 87.99   | 88.40  | 77.64   |
| Medium #2                     | 111.33 | 96.62   | 99.87  | 83.96   | Medium #2                    | 90.01  | 82.13   | 79.03  | 71.98   |
| All grades                    | 121.88 | 105.74  | 105.96 | 88.95   | All grades                   | 95.26  | 86.42   | 81.84  | 75.00   |

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