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# LIVESTOCK DAIRY & POULTRY

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Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 1.99 million, 1 percent below 2002 but 9 percent above 2001.

Other disappearance totaled 63,000 during April, 24 percent below 2002 and 29 percent below 2001.

### 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 10.53 million head on May 1, 2003. The inventory was 4 percent below May 1, 2002 and 6 percent below May 1, 2001.

Placements in feedlots during April totaled 1.87 million, 29 percent above 2002 and 21 percent above 2001. Net placements were 1.81 million. During April, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 296,000, 600-699 pounds were 324,000, 700-799 pounds were 613,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 637,000.

Cattle on Feed: U.S. Number Placed on Feed, by weight groups, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, April, 2002, March and April 2003

Month	Less than 600 lbs	600-699 lbs	700-799 lbs	800+ lbs	Total
1,000 head					
April	210	255	512	476	1,453
March	*275	*389	*742	*631	*2,037
April	296	324	613	637	1,870

\*Revised

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

State	Number on feed April 1			Placed during April			Marketed during April			Other disappearance during April			Number on feed May 1		
	2002	2003	2003-02	2002	2003	2003-02	2002	2003	2003-02	2002	2003	2003-02	2002	2003	2003-02
	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent
AZ	314	278	89	26	32	123	34	40	118	2	1	50	304	269	88
CA	485	470	97	59	61	103	61	63	103	3	3	100	480	465	97
CO	1,120	970	87	165	200	121	190	165	87	15	5	33	1,080	1,000	93
ID	325	280	86	52	45	87	60	49	82	2	1	50	315	275	87
IA	395	365	92	40	57	143	49	60	122	1	2	200	385	360	94
KS	2,420	2,320	96	320	420	131	445	450	101	25	20	80	2,270	2,270	100
NE	2,300	2,190	95	260	320	123	380	420	111	10	10	100	2,170	2,080	96
NM	113	105	93	11	21	191	26	24	92	1	1	100	97	101	104
OK	360	340	94	49	68	139	67	75	112	2	3	150	340	330	97
SD	220	215	98	28	31	111	32	29	91	1	2	200	215	215	100
TX	2,900	2,670	92	365	540	148	550	520	95	15	10	67	2,700	2,680	99
WA	230	180	78	26	25	96	39	34	87	2	1	50	215	170	79
Oth. Sts.	395	320	81	52	50	96	63	56	89	4	4	100	380	310	82
U.S.	11,577	10,703	92	1,453	1,870	129	1,996	1,985	99	83	63	76	10,951	10,525	96

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Average prices, Nebraska, dollars per cwt

Week ended	Slaughter steers				Slaughter heifers			
	Choice 1100-1300 lbs				Choice 1000-1200 lbs			
	2002		2003		2002		2003	
Apr 19	67.25		79.54		68.81		79.39	
Apr 26	64.59		77.97		64.82		78.01	
May 3	65.73		78.42		65.53		78.38	

## CHICKENS AND EGGS

### FLORIDA

Table eggs sold in mid-May 2003 averaged 48.0 cents, down 4.0 cents from mid-April. Table egg production in Florida during April was 220 million eggs, down six percent from the previous month.

### UNITED STATES

U.S. egg production totaled 7.13 billion during April 2003, up slightly from last year. Production included 6.05 billion table eggs and 1.08 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.02 billion were broiler-type and 63.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during April 2003 averaged 336 million, down slightly from a year earlier. April egg production per 100 layers was 2,123 eggs, up 1 percent from April 2002. April 2003 contained 22 weekdays and four Saturdays, equal to April 2002.

All layers in the U.S. on May 1, 2003, totaled 334 million, down 1 percent from a year ago. The 334 million layers consisted of 274 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 57.6 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.77 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on May 1, 2003, averaged 70.5 eggs per 100 layers, up 2 percent from a year ago.

Laying flocks in the 30 major egg producing States produced 6.66 billion eggs during April 2003, down slightly from a year ago. The average number of layers during April, at 313 million, was down 1 percent from a year ago.

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

Month	Cents per dozen	
	2002	2003
January	41.0	55.0
February	44.0	56.0
March	50.0	51.0
April	40.0	52.0
May	31.0	48.0
June	43.0	
July	35.0	
August	37.0	
September	36.0	
October	38.0	
November	43.0	
December	54.0	

**FLORIDA:** Layers on hand first of month,  
percent molting and molted

	May 2002	Mar 2003	Apr 2003	May 2003
Total layers on hand: Thous.	10,580	11,019	10,785	10,368
Percent of layers:				
Being molted	6.5	5.0	3.0	6.0
Molt completed	28.5	27.5	28.5	31.0

Layers and egg production, April 2003, production year-to-date egg production for selected States

Selected States	Average layers on hand	Eggs per 100 layers	Egg production				Layers	
			Total	Table	Hatching	Year to date <sup>1/</sup>	Being molted	Molt completed
	Thousand		Millions				Percent	
Alabama	9,739	1,869	182	49	133	916	1.5	6.5
Arkansas	15,790	1,824	288	100	188	1,410	2.5	9.5
California	19,600	2,107	413			2,261	7.5	36.5
<b>Florida</b>	<b>10,577</b>	<b>2,165</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1,146</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>31.0</b>
Georgia	20,516	2,042	419	247	172	2,073	4.5	14.5
Indiana	22,987	2,188	503	490	13	2,509	4.0	30.0
Iowa	38,204	2,167	828			4,129	4.0	34.5
Maine	4,232	2,292	97			441	0.0	0.0
Maryland	2,715	2,357	64	61	3	153	0.0	32.5
Michigan	6,484	2,190	142			731	2.0	29.5
Minnesota	11,306	2,229	252	244	8	1,260	2.5	34.0
Mississippi	6,806	1,939	132	42	90	665	2.0	10.0
Missouri	6,885	2,222	153			765	2.5	15.0
Nebraska	11,770	2,141	252	252		1,255	8.0	20.5
New York	3,733	2,357	88			432	0.0	7.0
North Carolina	10,948	1,900	208	76	132	1,046	2.0	12.0
Ohio	29,687	2,149	638			3,209	4.0	29.0
Pennsylvania	24,352	2,275	554	538	16	2,808	4.0	18.5
South Carolina	5,421	2,121	115	96	19	563	5.5	19.5
Texas	18,799	2,133	401			1,980	4.5	22.5
Virginia	3,278	1,922	63	24	39	317	3.0	14.0
Washington	4,952	2,100	104			534	9.0	40.0
Other States	47,026	2,086	472	384	88	2,356	7.4	22.4
United States	335,807	2,123	7,129	6,046	1,083	35,818	4.3	23.5

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

## HATCHERY PRODUCTION

### FLORIDA

The April hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 5,668,000 was 31 percent below a year earlier. Broiler-type eggs in incubators on May 1, at 4,958,000, were 31 percent below a year ago.

Egg-type hatch during April at 563,000 chicks was 12 percent below last year. Egg-type eggs in incubators on May 1, at 456,000 were 13 percent below last year.

### UNITED STATES

The April 2003 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 761 million, was down 1 percent from April of the previous year. There were 646 million eggs in incubators on May 1, 2003, down 1 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 6.7 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during April 2003, down 1 percent from April 2002.

Egg-type chicks hatched during April totaled 37.5 million, down 1 percent from April 2002. Eggs in incubators totaled 34.8 million on May 1, 2003, down 3 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 276,000 during April 2003, down 6 percent from April 2002.

Hatchery production, United States			
Item	2002	2003	2003 % of 2002
-- Thousands --			
Egg-Type:			
Eggs in incubators: May 1	35,987	34,810	97
Chicks hatched during Apr	38,088	37,531	99
Pullets hatched during Apr for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks	295	276	94
7-18 months earlier <sup>1/</sup>	3,225	2,944	91
Broiler-Type:			
Eggs in incubators: May 1	652,438	646,010	99
Chicks hatched during Apr	765,415	761,145	99
Pullets hatched during Apr for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks	6,814	6,720	99
7-14 months earlier <sup>2/</sup>	60,989	62,658	103

<sup>1/</sup> 2003 includes pullet chicks hatched October 2001 through September 2002. <sup>2/</sup> 2003 includes pullet chicks hatched January 2002 through September 2002.

## MILK PRODUCTION

### FLORIDA

Florida dairy farms produced 214 million pounds of milk during April 2003, down three percent from the previous April. Production per cow of 1,465 pounds was one percent above last year. Milk cow numbers on Florida dairy farms in April totaled 146,000, three percent below last year.

### UNITED STATES

Milk production in the 20 major States during April totaled 12.7 billion pounds, up 0.8 percent from April 2002. March revised production, at 13.0 billion pounds, was up 1.2 percent from March 2002. The March revision represented a decrease of 0.2 percent or 27 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,625 pounds for April, 4 pounds above April 2002.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.80 million head, 42,000 head more than April 2002, but 11,000 head less than March 2003.

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:				
April 2002	151	1,455	220	
March 2003	147	1,515	223	
April 2003	146	1,465	214	
20 Major States:				
April 2002	7,758	1,621	12,575	
March 2003	7,811	1,660	12,969	
April 2003	7,800	1,625	12,675	
United States				
April 2002	--	--	14,580	
March 2003	--	--	15,008	
April 2003	--	--	14,668	

Milk production by quarters, United States						
Month	Milk cows <sup>1/</sup>		Milk per cow <sup>2/</sup>		Milk production	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	Thousand		Pounds		Mil. Lbs.	
Jan-Mar	9,112	9,154	4,653	4,690	42,397	42,931
Apr-Jun	9,149		4,811		44,015	
Jul-Sep	9,153		4,566		41,791	
Oct-Dec	9,148		4,543		41,555	
Annual Total	9,141		18,571		169,758	

<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 April 2003 was 6.0 million pounds, two percent above the same month last

year. Commercial production of red meat in the United States for April at 3.85 billion pounds, was one percent below 2002.

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

Source and kind	April 2002	March 2003	April 2003	Year to date 2002	Year to date 2003
<b>Florida</b>					
Cattle slaughtered (1000 head) <sup>1/</sup>	9	8	9	33	33
Hogs:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	7	9	9	26	34
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	1,340	1,669	1,561	4,794	4,299
Red meat production (million pounds)	5.9	5.6	6.0	21.5	22.5
<b>United States</b>					
Cattle:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	2,949	*2,775	2,966	11,359	11,318
Total liveweight (million pounds)	3,619	3,417	3,586	14,150	14,057
Average liveweight (pounds)	1,227	1,234	1,209	1,246	1,243
Beef production (million pounds)	2,195	*2,051	2,153	8,571	8,441
Calves:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	82	85	79	319	341
Total liveweight (million pounds)	27	27	27	104	110
Average liveweight (pounds)	327	323	336	325	323
Veal production (million pounds)	16	17	16	62	67
Hogs:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	8,425	8,152	8,334	32,571	32,953
Liveweight (million pounds)	2,253	2,182	2,232	8,703	8,814
Average liveweight (pounds)	267	267	268	267	267
Pork production (million pounds)	1,672	1,619	1,657	6,451	6,546
Red meat production (million pounds)	3,902	*3,705	3,846	15,163	15,120

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

### Average Dollars Per Cwt Received through 11 Florida Auctions April 2002 and 2003

Stocker calves under 300 lbs.					Stocker calves over 300 lbs.				
Grade	2002		2003		Grade	2002		2003	
	Steers	Heifers	Steers	Heifers		Steers	Heifers	Steers	Heifers
Medium #1	118.99	103.26	120.85	105.83	Large #1	102.75 <sup>1/</sup>	88.26 <sup>1/</sup>	99.85 <sup>1/</sup>	87.25 <sup>1/</sup>
Medium #2	107.44	95.43	107.67	91.60	Medium #1				
					Medium #2	92.62	84.35	90.25	79.64
All grades	116.38	101.32	111.95	98.82	All grades	99.89	87.59	93.95	83.86

SOURCE: FDA & CS, Div. Of Marketing and Development, Market News Service. <sup>1/</sup> Not available.