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Marketings of fed cattle during October totaled 1.86 million, 6 percent below 2002 and 2 percent below 2001.

Other disappearance totaled 101,000 during October, 20 percent above 2002 and 49 percent above 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 11.0 million head on November 1, 2003. The inventory was 3 percent above November 1, 2002 but 7 percent below November 1, 2001.

Placements in feedlots during October totaled 2.78 million, 16 percent above 2002 and 3 percent above 2001. Net placements were 2.68 million. During October, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 1.02 million, 600-699 pounds were 796,000, 700-799 pounds were 508,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 454,000.

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

Month	Less than 600 lbs	600-699 lbs	700-799 lbs	800+ lbs	Total
Oct 2002	809	638	522	420	2,389
Sep 2003	698	545	610	621	2,474
Oct 2003	1,023	796	508	454	2,781

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

State	Number on feed October 1			Placed during October			Marketed during October			Other disappearance during October			Number on feed November 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	288	275	95	28	26	93	25	22	88	1	1	100	290	278	96
CA	495	485	98	60	68	113	58	54	93	7	4	57	490	495	101
CO	1,030	950	92	250	270	108	210	160	76	10	10	100	1,060	1,050	99
ID	280	270	96	77	88	114	61	60	98	1	3	300	295	295	100
IA	315	310	98	95	113	119	73	72	99	2	1	50	335	350	104
KS	2,280	2,300	101	455	570	125	410	410	100	25	30	120	2,300	2,430	106
NE	1,960	1,830	93	520	640	123	360	320	89	10	10	100	2,110	2,140	101
NM	113	123	109	22	19	86	16	20	125	2	4	200	117	118	101
OK	330	350	106	75	78	104	63	74	117	2	4	200	340	350	103
SD	150	145	97	57	68	119	36	34	94	1	2	200	170	177	104
TX	2,720	2,720	100	600	680	113	570	530	93	20	30	150	2,730	2,840	104
WA	170	190	112	49	51	104	33	45	136	1	1	100	185	195	105
Oth. Sts.	285	265	93	101	110	109	64	54	84	2	1	50	320	320	100
U.S.	10,416	10,213	98	2,389	2,781	116	1,979	1,855	94	84	101	120	10,742	11,038	103

*Revised.

Average prices, Nebraska, dollars per cwt

Week ended	Slaughter steers				Slaughter heifers	
	Choice 1100-1300 lbs			Choice 1000-1200 lbs		
	2002	2003		2002	2003	
Oct 11	63.45	99.15		63.71	99.90	
Oct 18	65.68	116.77		66.25	114.56	
Oct 25	66.57	101.45		66.90	101.86	

CHICKENS AND EGGS

FLORIDA

Table eggs sold in mid-November 2003 averaged 83.0 cents, up 11.0 from mid-October. Table egg production in Florida during October was 226 million eggs, up six percent from the previous month.

UNITED STATES

U.S. egg production totaled 7.39 billion during October 2003, down slightly from last year. Production included 6.34 billion table eggs and 1.06 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.00 billion were broiler-type and 57.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during October 2003 averaged 333 million, down 1 percent from a year earlier. October egg production per 100 layers was 2,218 eggs, up one percent from October 2002. October 2003 and October 2002 both contained 23 weekdays, one holiday, and four Saturdays.

All layers in the U.S. on November 1, 2003, totaled 335 million, down 1 percent from a year ago. The 335 million layers consisted of 277 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 54.7 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.48 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on November 1, 2003, averaged 71.9 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from a year ago.

Laying flocks in the 30 major egg producing States produced 6.90 billion eggs during October 2003, down 1 percent from a year ago. The average number of layers during October, at 311 million, was down 2 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	41.0
June	43.0	50.0
July	35.0	51.0
August	37.0	57.0
September	36.0	63.0
October	38.0	72.0
November	43.0	83.0
December	54.0	

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

	Nov 2002	Sep 2003	Oct 2003	Nov 2003
Total layers on hand: Thous.	10,027	10,852	10,926	11,010
Percent of layers:				
Being molted	4.5	4.0	4.5	3.5
Molt completed	30.5	27.5	28.5	30.0

Layers and egg production, October 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 ^{1/}	Being molted	Molt completed
	Thousand		Millions				Percent	
Alabama	9,436	1,939	183	48	135	2,012	1.0	7.0
Arkansas	14,778	1,929	285	97	188	3,108	1.5	12.0
California	19,622	2,263	444			4,825	1.5	37.5
Florida	10,926	2,252	246	237	9	2,559	3.5	30.0
Georgia	20,200	2,139	432	259	173	4,587	1.0	18.5
Indiana	22,396	2,259	506	493	13	5,527	2.0	37.0
Iowa	39,344	2,369	932			9,325	9.0	28.0
Maine	4,184	2,414	101			1,027	0.0	0.0
Maryland	2,821	2,446	69	67	2	607	9.0	26.0
Michigan	6,419	2,368	152			1,621	5.5	31.0
Minnesota	10,880	2,206	240	232	8	2,737	3.5	24.5
Mississippi	6,760	1,982	134	44	90	1,469	1.0	12.0
Missouri	6,813	2,378	162			1,713	2.5	14.0
Nebraska	11,798	2,297	271	271		2,862	7.0	21.5
New York	3,729	2,414	90			962	0.5	3.5
North Carolina	10,576	1,995	211	83	128	2,315	1.0	11.0
Ohio	28,969	2,171	629			7,013	5.0	21.0
Pennsylvania	24,009	2,303	553	539	14	6,118	4.0	22.5
South Carolina	5,408	2,219	120	101	19	1,258	0.0	19.5
Texas	18,454	2,146	396			4,353	1.5	26.0
Virginia	2,990	1,973	59	27	32	684	0.0	18.5
Washington	4,872	2,258	110			1,196	5.0	48.5
Other States	47,867	2,206	492	409	83	5,791	2.6	28.4
United States	333,251	2,218	7,392	6,335	1,057	79,242	3.4	24.1

^{1/} Production year begins December 1.

HATCHERY PRODUCTION

FLORIDA

The October hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 4,977,000 was 38 percent below a year earlier. Broiler-type eggs in incubators on November 1, at 4,054,000, were 41 percent below a year ago.

Egg-type hatch during October at 685,000 chicks was 13 percent above last year. Egg-type eggs in incubators on November 1, at 612,000 were slightly above last year.

UNITED STATES

The October 2003 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 735 million, was up 2 percent from October of the previous year. There were 588 million eggs in incubators on November 1, 2003, up 2 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 6.5 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during October 2003, up 4 percent from October 2002.

Egg-type chicks hatched during October totaled 35.0 million, up 9 percent from October 2002. Eggs in incubators totaled 29.5 million on November 1, 2003, down 2 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 306,000 during October 2003, up 65 percent from October 2002.

Hatchery production, United States

Item	2002	2003	2003 % of 2002
-- Thousands --			
Egg-Type:			
Eggs in incubators: Nov 1	29,935	29,466	98
Chicks hatched during Oct	32,149	34,999	109
Pullets hatched during Oct for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks	186	306	165
7-18 months earlier ^{1/}	3,026	2,949	97
Broiler-Type:			
Eggs in incubators: Nov 1	574,140	588,046	102
Chicks hatched during Oct	720,564	734,801	102
Pullets hatched during Oct for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks	6,265	6,485	104
7-15 months earlier ^{2/}	61,323	59,662	97

^{1/} 2003 includes pullet chicks hatched April 2002 through March 2003. ^{2/} 2003 includes pullet chicks hatched July 2002 through March 2003.

MILK PRODUCTION

FLORIDA

Florida dairy farms produced 151 million pounds of milk during October 2003, down seven percent from the previous October. Production per cow of 1,080 pounds was three percent below last year. Milk cow numbers on Florida dairy farms in October totaled 140,000, five percent below last year.

UNITED STATES

Milk production in the 20 major States during October totaled 12.0 billion pounds, down 0.2 percent from October 2002. September revised production, at 11.6 billion pounds, was down 5 million pounds from September 2002. The September revision represented an increase of 2 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,550 pounds for October, 11 pounds above October 2002.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.72 million head, 70,000 head less than October 2002, and 25,000 head less than September 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:			
October 2002	147	1,110	163
September 2003	139	1,120	142
October 2003	140	1,080	151
20 Major States:			
October 2002	7,789	1,539	11,991
September 2003	7,744	1,503	11,643
October 2003	7,719	1,550	11,965
United States			
October 2002	--	--	13,866
September 2003	--	--	13,399
October 2003	--	--	13,783

Milk production by quarters, United States

Month	Milk cows ^{1/}		Milk per cow ^{2/}		Milk production	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	Thousand		Pounds		Mil. Lbs.	
Jan-Mar	9,112	9,154	4,653	4,691	42,397	42,939
Apr-Jun	9,149	9,114	4,811	4,815	44,015	43,872
Jul-Sep	9,153	9,066	4,566	4,582	41,791	41,542
Oct-Dec	9,148		4,543		41,555	
Annual Total	9,141		18,571		169,758	

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

^{2/} Excludes milk sucked by calves.

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

Commercial red meat output in Florida for October 2003 was 5.6 million pounds, 21 percent below the same month last year. Commercial production of red meat in the United

States for October 4.15 billion pounds, was five percent below 2002.

Commercial slaughter and red meat production, Florida and United States

Source and kind	October 2002	September 2003	October 2003	Year to date 2002	Year to date 2003
Florida					
Cattle slaughtered (1000 head) ^{1/}	9	8	8	81	81
Hogs:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	13	9	9	87	87
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	2,373	1,517	1,615	16,058	13,495
Red meat production (million pounds)	7.1	5.4	5.6	57.3	55.6
United States					
Cattle:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	3,267	3,123	3,003	30,103	30,359
Total liveweight (million pounds)	4,148	3,833	3,696	37,573	37,328
Average liveweight (pounds)	1,270	1,227	1,231	1,248	1,230
Beef production (million pounds)	2,512	2,312	2,211	22,818	22,484
Calves:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	101	83	88	855	826
Total liveweight (million pounds)	31	25	27	268	260
Average liveweight (pounds)	308	308	308	313	317
Veal production (million pounds)	19	15	16	162	158
Hogs:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	9,404	*8,553	9,639	82,949	82,847
Total liveweight (million pounds)	2,483	2,246	2,576	21,931	22,002
Average liveweight (pounds)	264	263	267	264	266
Pork production (million pounds)	1,831	*1,663	1,909	16,239	16,329
Red meat production (million pounds)	4,382	4,008	4,154	39,403	39,132

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

Average Dollars Per Cwt Received through 11 Florida Auctions October 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	111.85	88.79	^{2/}	^{2/}	Large #1	87.99 _{1/}	74.56 _{1/}	^{2/}	^{2/}
Medium #2	95.36	77.36	^{2/}	^{2/}	Medium #1			^{2/}	^{2/}
					Medium #2	79.30	69.39	^{2/}	^{2/}
All grades	101.31	80.16	^{2/}	^{2/}	All grades	82.81	72.06	^{2/}	^{2/}

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

^{1/} Not available.

^{2/} Auction data discontinued by Market News, July 2003.