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pounds were 578,000, 700-799 pounds were 379,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 289,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during November totaled 1.54 million, 11 percent below 2002 and 15 percent below 2001.

Other disappearance totaled 97,000 during November, 8 percent above 2002 and 21 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 11.3 million head on December 1, 2003. The inventory was 4 percent above December 1, 2002 but 5 percent below December 1, 2001.

Placements in feedlots during November totaled 1.93 million, 3 percent below 2002 but 1 percent above 2001. Net placements were 1.83 million. During November, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 680,000, 600-699

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

Month	Less than 600 lbs	600-699 lbs	700-799 lbs	800+ lbs	Total
Nov 2002	589	660	417	311	1,977
Oct 2003	1,023	796	508	454	2,781
Nov 2003	680	578	379	289	1,926

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

State	Number on feed November 1			Placed during November			Marketed during November			Other disappearance during November			Number on feed December 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	290	278	96	32	26	81	24	19	79	3	1	33	295	284	96
CA	490	495	101	65	62	95	50	52	104	5	5	100	500	500	100
CO	1,060	1,050	99	190	185	97	170	165	97	10	10	100	1,070	1,060	99
ID	295	295	100	60	64	107	53	47	89	2	2	100	300	310	103
IA	335	350	104	80	77	96	63	56	89	2	1	50	350	370	106
KS	2,300	2,430	106	420	425	101	395	350	89	25	25	100	2,300	2,480	108
NE	2,110	2,140	101	410	410	100	330	260	79	10	10	100	2,180	2,280	105
NM	117	118	101	18	22	122	11	17	155	1	2	200	123	121	98
OK	340	350	103	55	56	102	53	51	96	2	5	250	340	350	103
SD	170	177	104	56	54	96	30	30	100	1	1	100	195	200	103
TX	2,730	2,840	104	470	440	94	475	410	86	25	30	120	2,700	2,840	105
WA	185	195	105	40	46	115	29	35	121	1	1	100	195	205	105
Oth. Sts.	320	320	100	81	59	73	48	45	94	3	4	133	350	330	94
U.S.	10,742	11,038	103	1,977	1,926	97	1,731	1,537	89	90	97	108	10,898	11,330	104

Average prices, Nebraska, dollars per cwt

Week ended	Slaughter steers				Slaughter heifers			
	Choice 1100-1300 lbs				Choice 1000-1200 lbs			
	2002		2003		2002		2003	
Nov 15	68.48		100.88		69.30		101.10	
Nov 22	71.04		99.15		71.13		99.01	
Dec 6	73.03		102.12		73.35		100.76	

CHICKENS AND EGGS

FLORIDA

Table eggs sold in mid-December 2003 averaged 92.0 cents per dozen, an increase from mid-November of 2.0 cents. Table egg production in Florida during November was 236 million eggs, slightly below the previous month.

UNITED STATES

U.S. egg production totaled 7.28 billion during November 2003, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.25 billion table eggs and 1.02 billion hatching eggs, of which 968 million were broiler-type and 56.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during November 2003 averaged 336 million, down 1 percent from a year earlier. November egg production per 100 layers was 2,165 eggs, up one percent from November 2002. November 2003 contain 20 weekdays, two holidays and five Saturdays compared to November 2002 which contain 21 weekdays, two holidays, and five Saturdays.

All layers in the U.S. on December 1, 2003, totaled 338 million, up slightly from a year ago. The 338 million layers consisted of 280 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 54.9 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.51 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on December 1, 2003, averaged 72.4 eggs per 100 layers, up 2 percent from a year ago.

Laying flocks in the 30 major egg producing States produced 6.79 billion eggs during November 2003, up slightly from a year ago. The average number of layers during November, at 313 million, was down 1 percent from a year ago.

LAYERS AND EGGS: Selected States and U.S.,
November 2003

Selected States	Avg. layers on hand	Egg production	Rate of lay
	Thousands	Millions	
Alabama	9,364	178	63.4
Arkansas	14,637	276	62.9
California	20,119	446	73.9
Florida	11,019	245	74.1
Georgia	20,499	422	68.6
Indiana	22,839	507	74.0
Iowa	40,128	921	76.5
Maine	4,160	94	75.3
Maryland	2,820	67	79.2
Michigan	6,509	149	76.3
Minnesota	10,931	233	71.1
Mississippi	6,901	132	63.8
Missouri	6,621	147	74.0
Nebraska	11,802	262	74.0
New York	3,725	88	78.7
North Carolina	10,732	205	63.7
Ohio	29,238	629	71.7
Pennsylvania	23,716	531	74.6
South Carolina	5,402	118	72.8
Texas	18,409	392	71.0
Virginia	3,097	60	64.6
Washington	4,891	111	75.6
Other States	48,493	1,062	
United States	336,052	7,275	72.2

UNITED STATES HOGS AND PIGS

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2003, was 60.0 million head. This was 1 percent above December 1, 2002, but slightly below September 1, 2003.

Breeding inventory, at 5.97 million head, was down 1 percent from December 1, 2002, but 1 percent above last quarter. Market hog inventory, at 54.1 million head, was 1 percent above last year, but slightly below last quarter.

The September - November 2003 U.S. pig crop, at 25.3 million head, was 2 percent more than 2002, but 1 percent below 2001. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.84 million head, 1 percent above last year. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 48 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 8.93 for the September - November period, compared to 8.83 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.40 for operations with 1-99 hogs to 9.10 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

U.S. hog producers intend to have 2.81 million sows farrow during the December 2003 - February 2004 quarter, 1 percent above the actual farrowings during the same period in 2003, but 1 percent below 2002. Intended farrowings for March - May 2004, at 2.85 million sows, are 1 percent below the same period in 2003 and 3 percent below 2002.

HOGS AND PIGS: Inventory number, sows farrowing
and pig crop, 2002-03, United States

	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002
1,000 head			
December 1 Inventory			
All hogs and pigs	59,513	60,040	101
Kept for breeding	6,012	5,966	99
Market	53,501	54,074	101
Market hogs and pigs			
by weight groups:			
Under 60 pounds	19,461	19,821	102
60 - 119 pounds	13,054	13,250	102
120 - 179 pounds	10,881	10,839	100
180 pounds	10,105	10,164	101
Sows farrowing:			
December ^{1/} -February	2,836	2,765	97
March-May	2,943	2,881	98
December ^{1/} -May	5,779	5,645	98
June-August	2,887	2,825	98
September-November	2,817	2,836	101
June-November	5,704	5,660	99
Pig crop:			
December ^{1/} -February	24,794	24,359	98
March-May	25,959	25,583	99
June-August	25,700	25,150	98
September-November	24,892	25,314	102

^{1/} December preceding year.

HATCHERY PRODUCTION

FLORIDA

The November hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 4,781,000 was 38 percent below a year earlier. Broiler-type eggs in incubators on December 1, at 4,057,000, were 48 percent below a year ago.

Egg-type hatch during November at 688,000 chicks was seven percent above last year. Egg-type eggs in incubators on December 1, at 596,000 were 18 percent below a year ago.

UNITED STATES

The November 2003 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 708 million, was up 3 percent from November of the previous year. There were 636 million eggs in incubators on December 1, 2003, up 3 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 6.9 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during November 2003, up slightly from November 2002.

Egg-type chicks hatched during November totaled 30.1 million, down 3 percent from November 2002. Eggs in incubators totaled 33.3 million on December 1, 2003, up 14 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 315,000 during November 2003, up 39 percent from November 2002.

Hatchery production, United States

Item	2002	2003	2003 % of 2002
-- Thousands --			
Egg-Type:			
Eggs in incubators: Dec 1	29,123	33,321	114
Chicks hatched during Nov	31,146	30,129	97
Pullets hatched during Nov for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks	227	315	139
7-18 months earlier ^{1/}	3,010	2,930	97
Broiler-Type:			
Eggs in incubators: Dec 1	619,589	636,411	103
Chicks hatched during Nov	690,052	707,619	103
Pullets hatched during Nov for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks	6,938	6,946	100
7-15 months earlier ^{2/}	61,811	59,780	97

^{1/} 2003 includes pullet chicks hatched May 2002 through April 2003. ^{2/} 2003 includes pullet chicks hatched August 2002 through April 2003.

MILK PRODUCTION

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Florida dairy farms produced 158 million pounds of milk during November 2003, down seven percent from the previous November. Production per cow of 1,130 pounds was two percent below last year. Milk cow numbers on Florida dairy farms in November totaled 140,000, five percent below last year.

UNITED STATES

Milk production in the 20 major States during November totaled 11.6 billion pounds, down 0.2 percent from November 2002. October revised production, at 12.0 billion pounds, was down 0.1 percent from October 2002. The October revision represented an increase of 0.1 percent or 13 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,509 pounds for November, 13 pounds above November 2002.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.71 million head, 82,000 head less than November 2002, and 10,000 head less than October 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:			
November 2002	147	1,155	170
October 2003	140	1,105	155
November 2003	140	1,130	158
20 Major States:			
November 2002	7,792	1,496	11,657
October 2003	7,720	1,552	11,978
November 2003	7,710	1,509	11,637
United States			
November 2002	--	--	13,478
October 2003	--	--	13,791
November 2003	--	--	13,398

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	4,814	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 November 2003 was 5.1 million pounds, 11 percent below the same month last year. Commercial production of red meat in the

United States for November at 3.53 billion pounds, was 10 percent below 2002.

Commercial slaughter and red meat production, Florida and United States

Source and kind	November 2002	October 2003	November 2003	Year to date 2002	Year to date 2003
Florida					
Cattle slaughtered (1000 head) ^{1/}	8	8	8	89	89
Hogs:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	10	9	9	97	96
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	1,955	1,615	1,537	18,013	15,032
Red meat production (million pounds)	5.7	5.6	5.1	63.0	60.7
United States					
Cattle:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	2,861	3,003	2,426	32,964	32,785
Total liveweight (million pounds)	3,606	3,696	2,999	41,179	40,327
Average liveweight (pounds)	1,260	1,231	1,236	1,249	1,230
Beef production (million pounds)	2,164	2,211	1,780	24,982	24,264
Calves:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	91	88	78	946	904
Total liveweight (million pounds)	28	27	25	296	285
Average liveweight (pounds)	309	308	321	312	317
Veal production (million pounds)	17	16	15	179	173
Hogs:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	8,654	*9,641	8,582	91,603	91,431
Total liveweight (million pounds)	2,315	2,576	2,312	24,246	24,314
Average liveweight (pounds)	268	267	269	265	266
Pork production (million pounds)	1,709	*1,910	1,715	17,948	18,045
Red meat production (million pounds)	3,907	4,154	3,526	43,310	42,658

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

Average Dollars Per Cwt Received through 11 Florida Auctions November 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	116.53	95.00	^{2/}	^{2/}	Large #1	94.09 _{1/}	79.12 _{1/}	^{2/}	^{2/}
Medium #2	98.40	82.26	^{2/}	^{2/}	Medium #1	84.35	71.71	^{2/}	^{2/}
All grades	105.68	86.49	^{2/}	^{2/}	Medium #2	88.96	75.83	^{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.