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# LIVESTOCK DAIRY & POULTRY

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Marketings of fed cattle during January totaled 1.78 million, down 10 percent from 2003 and down 14 percent from 2002.

Other disappearance totaled 94,000 during January, 25 percent above 2003 and 6 percent above 2002.

### 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 11.1 million head on February 1, 2004. The inventory was 4 percent above February 1, 2003 but 4 percent below February 1, 2002.

Placements in feedlots during January totaled 1.75 million, 16 percent below 2003 and 20 percent below 2002. Net placements were 1.65 million. During January, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 362,000, 600-699 pounds were 466,000, 700-799 pounds were 576,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 342,000.

**CATTLE ON FEED:** U.S. Number Placed on Feed, by weight groups, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, December 2003, January 2003 and January 2004

Month	Less than 600 lbs	600-699 lbs	700-799 lbs	800+ lbs	Total
<i>1,000 head</i>					
Jan 2003	*424	*575	692	*398	*2,089
Dec 2003	503	529	448	268	1,748
Jan 2004	362	466	576	342	1,746

\*Revised.

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

State	Number on feed January 1			Placed during January			Marketed during January			Other disappearance during January			Number on feed February 1		
	2003	2004	2004-03	2003	2004	2004-03	2003	2004	2004-03	2003	2004	2004-03	2003	2004	2004-03
	<i>1,000 head</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>		<i>Percent</i>
AZ	289	293	101	29	32	110	24	26	108	3	3	100	291	296	102
CA	490	510	104	58	55	95	67	60	90	6	5	83	*480	500	104
CO	1,020	1,040	102	225	165	73	205	160	78	10	5	50	1,030	1,040	101
ID	295	300	102	56	41	73	65	64	98	1	2	200	*290	275	95
IA	355	370	104	69	59	86	*72	47	65	2	2	100	*390	380	97
KS	2,200	2,430	110	540	455	84	500	440	88	20	25	125	2,220	2,420	109
NE	2,140	2,280	107	480	380	79	390	360	92	10	20	200	2,220	2,280	103
NM	119	115	97	9	17	189	13	13	100	1	2	200	114	117	103
OK	330	355	108	*46	50	109	49	53	108	2	2	100	330	350	106
SD	205	200	98	*46	30	65	*45	29	64	1	1	100	215	200	93
TX	2,630	2,830	108	420	390	93	435	430	99	15	20	133	2,600	2,770	107
WA	185	195	105	36	26	72	39	40	103	2	1	50	180	185	103
Oth. Sts.	335	330	99	75	46	61	68	60	88	2	6	300	340	310	91
U.S.	10,593	11,248	106	*2,089	1,746	84	*1,972	1,782	90	75	94	125	*10,700	11,123	104

\*Revised.

### Average prices, Nebraska, dollars per cwt

Week ended	Slaughter steers				Slaughter heifers	
	Choice 1100-1300 lbs				Choice 1000-1200 lbs	
	2003		2004		2004	
Jan 24	77.69		86.30		86.55	
Jan 31	77.70		80.54		80.73	
Feb 7	80.03		75.42		75.93	

## CHICKENS AND EGGS

### FLORIDA

Table eggs sold in mid-February 2004 averaged 84.0 cents per dozen, up three cents from mid-January. Table egg production in Florida during January was 243 million eggs, down slightly from the previous month.

### UNITED STATES

U.S. egg production totaled 7.38 billion during January 2004, down slightly from last year. Production included 6.32 billion table eggs, and 1.06 billion hatching eggs, of which 996 million were broiler-type and 60.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during January 2004 averaged 338 million, down 1 percent from a year earlier. January egg production per 100 layers was 2,184 eggs, up 1 percent from January 2003. January 2004 contained 22 weekdays, 2 holidays, and 5 Saturdays, compared to January 2003 which contained 23 weekdays, 2 holidays, and 4 Saturdays.

All layers in the U.S. on February 1, 2004, totaled 338 million, down 1 percent from a year ago. The 338 million layers consisted of 280 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 55.9 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.48 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on February 1, 2004, averaged 69.8 eggs per 100 layers, down slightly from a year ago.

Laying flocks in the 30 major egg producing States produced 6.88 billion eggs during January 2004, down 1 percent from a year ago. The average number of layers during January, at 315 million, was down 1 percent from a year ago.

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

Month	Cents per dozen	
	2003	2004
January	55.0	81.0
February	50.0	84.0
March	51.0	
April	52.0	
May	41.0	
June	50.0	
July	51.0	
August	66.0	
September	66.0	
October	72.0	
November	90.0	
December	75.0	

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

	Feb 2003	Dec 2003	Jan 2004	Feb 2004
Total layers on hand: Thous.	10,716	10,989	11,039	11,105
Percent of layers:				
Being molted	6.0	2.0	3.0	3.5
Molt completed	29.0	27.0	26.0	30.5

### Layers and egg production, January 2004, 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
	<i>Thousand</i>		<i>Millions</i>				<i>Percent</i>	
Alabama	9,367	1,890	177	47	130	359	1.0	4.5
Arkansas	14,416	1,894	273	94	179	551	2.5	9.0
California	20,702	2,174	450			919	5.5	29.0
<b>Florida</b>	<b>11,039</b>	<b>2,292</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>508</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>30.5</b>
Georgia	20,674	2,075	429	257	172	862	5.5	16.5
Indiana	23,240	2,250	523	511	12	1,056	5.0	32.5
Iowa	40,565	2,246	911			1,850	7.0	33.5
Maine	4,069	2,261	92			188	0.0	0.0
Maryland	3,117	2,310	72	71	1	145	9.5	14.0
Michigan	7,436	2,179	162			327	10.0	24.5
Minnesota	11,093	2,254	250	241	9	496	4.0	26.0
Mississippi	6,898	1,943	134	42	92	266	3.0	9.5
Missouri	6,841	2,295	157			304	3.5	16.0
Nebraska	11,766	2,269	267	267		535	5.0	20.5
New York	3,929	2,409	97			190	1.5	3.0
North Carolina	10,839	1,947	211	85	126	428	0.0	9.5
Ohio	27,231	2,218	604			1,257	7.5	23.0
Pennsylvania	23,643	2,301	544	528	16	1,088	3.0	20.0
South Carolina	5,249	2,191	115	95	20	236	3.5	25.0
Texas	18,601	2,226	414			826	5.5	10.5
Virginia	3,193	1,942	62	28	34	124	8.5	11.0
Washington	4,930	2,170	107			219	12.5	41.0
Other States	49,054		500	412	88	1,601		
United States	337,892	2,184	7,380	6,324	1,056	14,911	5.1	22.1

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

## HATCHERY PRODUCTION

### FLORIDA

The January hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 4,940,000 was 14 percent below a year earlier. Broiler-type eggs in incubators on February 1, at 4,071,000, were 14 percent below a year ago.

Egg-type hatch during January at 709,000 chicks was seven percent above last year. Egg-type eggs in incubators on February 1, at 634,000 were 14 percent above a year ago.

### UNITED STATES

The January 2004 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 774 million, was up 2 percent from January of the previous year. There were 636 million eggs in incubators on February 1, 2004, up 1 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 6.8 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during January 2004, up 9 percent from January 2003.

Egg-type chicks hatched during January totaled 35.4 million, up 6 percent from January 2003. Eggs in incubators totaled 30.5 million on February 1, 2004, up 11 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 164,000 during January 2004, down 17 percent from January 2003.

#### Hatchery production, United States

Item	2003	2004	2004 % of 2003
<i>-- Thousands --</i>			
<b>EGG-TYPE:</b>			
Eggs in incubators: Feb 1	27,540	30,520	111
Chicks hatched during Jan	33,499	35,350	106
Pullets hatched during Jan for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks	198	164	83
7-18 months earlier <sup>1/</sup>	2,974	2,974	100
<b>BROILER-TYPE:</b>			
Eggs in incubators: Feb 1	629,525	636,126	101
Chicks hatched during Jan	759,773	773,970	102
Pullets hatched during Jan for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks	6,269	6,811	109
7-15 months earlier <sup>2/</sup>	42,473	60,015	96

<sup>1/</sup> 2004 includes pullet chicks hatched July 2002 through June 2003.

<sup>2/</sup> 2004 includes pullet chicks hatched October 2002 through June 2003.

## MILK PRODUCTION

### FLORIDA

Florida dairy farms produced 195 million pounds of milk during January 2004, down two percent from the previous January. Production per cow of 1,395 pounds was three percent above last year. Milk cow numbers on Florida dairy farms in January totaled 140,000, five percent below last year.

### UNITED STATES

Milk production in the 20 major States during January totaled 12.5 billion pounds, down 0.9 percent from January 2003. December revised production, at 12.3 billion pounds, was down 0.2 percent from December 2002. The December revision represented an increase of 0.5 percent or 62 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,620 pounds for January, 5 pounds above January 2003.

The number of cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.72 million head, 92,000 head less than January 2003, but 5,000 head more than December 2003.

#### Milk cows and production, Florida and U.S.

Month and year	Milk cows	Monthly milk production	
		Per cow	Monthly Total
	<i>Thous.</i>	<i>Lbs.</i>	<i>Mil. Lbs.</i>
<b>FLORIDA:</b>			
January 2003	147	1,360	200
December 2003	140	1,355	190
January 2004	140	1,395	195
<b>20 MAJOR STATES:</b>			
January 2003	7,810	1,615	12,616
December 2003	7,713	1,596	12,313
January 2004	7,718	1,620	12,502
<b>UNITED STATES:</b>			
January 2003	9,147	1,594	14,584
December 2003	8,994	1,575	14,164
January 2004	8,994	1,600	14,388

#### 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
	<i>Thousand</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Mil. Lbs.</i>	
Jan-Mar	9,112	9,144	4,653	4,710	42,397	42,069
Apr-Jun	9,149	9,109	4,811	4,827	44,015	43,965
Jul-Sep	9,153	9,073	4,566	4,601	41,791	41,746
Oct-Dec	9,148	9,011	4,543	4,609	41,555	41,532
Annual Total	9,141	9,084	18,571	18,749	169,758	170,312

<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 January 2004 was 4.7 million pounds, 19 percent below the same month last year. Commercial production of red meat in the United

States for January at 3.71 billion pounds, was nine percent below 2003.

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

Source and kind	January 2003	December 2003	January 2004	Year to date 2003	Year to date 2004
<b>FLORIDA</b>					
Cattle slaughtered (1000 head) <sup>1/</sup>	9	8	7	9	7
HOGS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	8	14	7	8	7
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	1,318	2,381	1,183	1,318	1,183
Red meat production (million pounds)	5.8	6.0	4.7	5.8	4.7
<b>UNITED STATES</b>					
CATTLE:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	3,007	2,668	2,571	3,007	2,571
Total liveweight (million pounds)	3,814	3,320	3,211	3,814	3,211
Average liveweight (pounds)	1,268	1,244	1,249	1,268	1,249
Beef production (million pounds)	2,290	1,973	1,921	2,290	1,921
CALVES:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	94	98	79	94	79
Total liveweight (million pounds)	30	31	27	30	27
Average liveweight (pounds)	318	322	336	318	336
Veal production (million pounds)	18	19	16	18	16
HOGS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	8,786	*9,346	8,786	8,786	8,786
Total liveweight (million pounds)	2,352	2,513	2,362	2,352	2,362
Average liveweight (pounds)	268	269	269	268	269
Pork production (million pounds)	1,749	1,866	1,761	1,749	1,761
Red meat production (million pounds)	4,073	3,876	3,713	4,073	3,713

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

\* Revised.