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Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 9.97 million head on September 1, 2004. The inventory was 1 percent above September 1, 2003 but 2 percent below September 1, 2002.

Placements in feedlots during August totaled 2.10 million, 12 percent below 2003 and 6 percent below 2002. This is the second lowest placements for the month of August since the series began in 1996. Net placements were 2.04 million. During August, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 506,000, 600-699 pounds were 413,000, 700-799 pounds were 565,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 615,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during August totaled 1.92 million, 7 percent below 2003 and 10 percent below 2002. This is the lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of August since the series began in 1996.

Other disappearance totaled 56,000 during August, 7 percent below 2003 but 30 percent above 2002.

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

Month	Less than	600-699	700-799	800+	Total
	600 lbs	lbs	lbs	lbs	
<i>1,000 head</i>					
August	602	529	659	594	2,384
July	440	325	499	456	1,720
August	506	413	565	615	2,099

CATTLE AND CALVES ON FEED, 1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS, AND UNITED STATES

State	Number on feed August 1			Placed during August			Marketed during August			Other disappearance during August			Number on feed September 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	271	294	108	28	30	107	23	26	113	2	2	100	274	296	108
CA	485	520	107	65	63	97	57	59	104	3	4	133	490	520	106
CO	860	880	102	240	205	85	195	150	77	5	5	100	900	930	103
ID	240	235	98	58	58	100	52	47	90	1	1	100	245	245	100
IA	295	380	129	79	62	78	73	66	90	1	1	100	300	375	125
KS	2,180	2,120	97	580	520	90	500	495	99	10	15	150	2,250	2,130	95
NE	1,570	1,750	111	470	420	89	370	360	97	10	10	100	1,660	1,800	108
NM	116	127	109	23	23	100	15	19	127	3	2	67	121	129	107
OK	335	315	94	84	76	90	72	64	89	2	2	100	345	325	94
SD	148	157	106	30	25	83	43	43	100	1	1	100	134	138	103
TX	2,690	2,670	99	610	530	87	580	520	90	20	10	50	2,700	2,670	99
WA	170	150	88	51	33	65	35	22	63	1	1	100	185	160	86
Oth. Sts.	230	255	111	66	54	82	60	52	87	1	2	200	235	255	109
U.S.	9,590	9,853	103	2,384	2,099	88	2,075	1,923	93	60	56	93	9,839	9,973	101

AVERAGE PRICES, NEBRASKA, DOLLARS PER CWT

Week ended	Slaughter steers Choice 1150-1500 lbs				Slaughter heifers Choice 1000-1300 lbs			
	2003		2004		2003		2004	
	Aug 28	83.36	82.81	83.06	83.21			
Sep 04	86.51	80.36	86.04	80.64				
Sep 11	90.16	80.99	90.23	81.03				

CHICKENS AND EGGS

FLORIDA

Table eggs averaged 34.0 cents per dozen sold in mid-September 2004 down 3.0 cents from last month. Table egg production in Florida during August was 251 million eggs, one percent above the previous month.

UNITED STATES

U.S. egg production totaled 7.52 billion during August 2004, up 2 percent from last year. Production included 6.43 billion table eggs, and 1.09 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.03 billion were broiler-type and 60.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during August 2004 averaged 342 million, up 2 percent from a year earlier. August egg production per 100 layers was 2,197 eggs, down slightly from August 2003.

August 2004 contained 22 weekdays and 4 Saturdays, compared to August 2003 which contained 21 weekdays and 5 Saturdays.

All layers in the U.S. on September 1, 2004, totaled 342 million, up 2 percent from a year ago. The 342 million layers consisted of 284 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 55.8 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.64 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on September 1, 2004, averaged 70.8 eggs per 100 layers, up slightly from a year ago.

Laying flocks in the 30 major egg producing States produced 7.03 billion eggs during August 2004, up 2 percent from a year ago. The average number of layers during August, at 320 million, was up 2 percent from a year ago.

LAYERS AND EGGS: Selected States and U.S., August 2004

Selected States	Avg. layers on hand	Egg production	Rate of lay
	<i>Thousands</i>	<i>Millions</i>	
Alabama	9,493	181	61.5
Arkansas	13,980	264	60.9
California	20,127	456	73.1
Florida	11,464	259	72.9
Georgia	20,054	418	67.2
Indiana	24,411	534	70.6
Iowa	45,536	1,026	72.6
Maine	2,808	70	80.4
Maryland	3,066	68	71.5
Michigan	7,588	172	73.1
Minnesota	10,653	241	73.0
Mississippi	6,853	137	64.5
Missouri	7,066	156	71.2
Nebraska	11,624	267	74.1
New York	4,155	101	78.4
North Carolina	10,757	211	63.2
Ohio	27,911	621	71.8
Pennsylvania	23,964	567	76.3
South Carolina	5,228	120	74.0
Texas	18,088	402	71.7
Virginia	3,113	61	63.2
Washington	4,928	104	68.1
Other States	22,534	486	69.0
United States	342,039	7,515	70.9

UNITED STATES HOGS AND PIGS

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on September 1, 2004 was 61.4 million head. This was 1 percent above both September 1, 2003, and June 1, 2004.

Breeding inventory, at 5.98 million head, was up 1 percent from September 1, 2003, and also up 1 percent from last quarter. Market hog inventory, at 55.4 million head, was 1 percent above last year and 2 percent above last quarter.

The June-August 2004 U.S. pig crop, at 26.0 million head, was up 1 percent from both 2003 and 2002. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.89 million head, 1 percent below last year. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 49 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 9.00 for the June-August 2004 period, compared to 8.90 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.50 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 2.86 million sows farrow during the September-November 2004 quarter, 1 percent above the actual farrows during the same period in both 2003 and 2002. Intended farrowings for December 2004-February 2005, at 2.85 million sows, are up 1 percent from the same period in 2004, and up 3 percent from the same period in 2003.

HOGS AND PIGS: Inventory number, sows farrowing and pig crop, 2003-04, United States

	2003	2004	2004 as % of 2003
<i>1,000 head</i>			
SEPTEMBER 1 INVENTORY			
All hogs and pigs	60,859	61,384	101
Kept for breeding	5,918	5,983	101
Market	54,941	55,400	101
MARKET HOGS AND PIGS			
BY WEIGHT GROUPS:			
Under 60 pounds	20,368	20,540	101
60 - 119 pounds	13,729	13,644	99
120 - 179 pounds	11,334	11,236	99
180 pounds	9,510	9,982	105
SOWS FARROWING:			
December ^{1/} -February	2,769	2,827	102
March-May	2,885	2,857	99
December ^{1/} -May	5,655	5,684	101
June-August	2,906	2,888	99
September-November	2,841	2,865	101
June-November	5,746	5,753	100
PIG CROP:			
December ^{1/} -February	24,399	25,021	103
March-May	25,627	25,520	100
June-August	25,869	26,005	101
September-November	25,355		

^{1/} December preceding year.

HATCHERY PRODUCTION

FLORIDA

The August hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 4,901,000 was four percent below a year earlier. Broiler-type eggs in incubators on September 1, at 4,032,000, were one percent below a year ago.

Egg-type hatch during August at 617,000 chicks was 11 percent below last year. Egg-type eggs in incubators on September 1, at 388,000 were 29 percent below a year ago.

UNITED STATES

The August 2004 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 810 million, was up 3 percent from August of the previous year. There were 654 million eggs in incubators on September 1, 2004, up 3 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 7.28 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during August 2004, down 2 percent from August 2003.

Egg-type chicks hatched during August totaled 36.0 million, up 9 percent from August 2003. Eggs in incubators totaled 32.5 million on September 1, 2004, up 1 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 313,000 during August 2004, up 66 percent from August 2003.

HATCHERY PRODUCTION, UNITED STATES

Item	2003	2004	2004 % of 2003
<i>-- Thousands --</i>			
EGG-TYPE:			
Eggs in incubators: Sep 1	32,163	32,539	101
Chicks hatched during Aug	33,199	36,024	109
Pullets hatched during Aug for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks 7-18 months earlier ^{1/}	188	313	166
	2,909	3,152	108
BROILER-TYPE:			
Eggs in incubators: Sep 1	632,686	654,351	103
Chicks hatched during Aug	784,037	809,820	103
Pullets hatched during Aug for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks 7-15 months earlier ^{2/}	7,401	7,280	98
	61,477	62,244	101

^{1/} 2004 includes pullet chicks hatched February 2003 through January 2004.

^{2/} 2004 includes pullet chicks hatched May 2003 through January 2004.

MILK PRODUCTION

FLORIDA

Florida dairy farms produced 169 million pounds of milk during August 2004, up eight percent from the previous August. Production per cow of 1,225 pounds was nine percent above last year. Milk cow numbers on Florida dairy farms in August totaled 138,000, one percent below last year.

UNITED STATES

Milk production in the 20 major States during August totaled 12.4 billion pounds, up 1.5 percent from August 2003. July revised production, at 12.5 billion pounds, was up 1.0 percent from July 2003. The July revision represented an increase of 36 million pounds or 0.3 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,595 pounds for August, 24 pounds above August 2003.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.77 million head, 5,000 head less than August 2003, but 7,000 head more than July 2004.

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>
FLORIDA:			
August 2003	140	1,120	157
July 2004	139	1,340	186
August 2004	138	1,225	169
20 MAJOR STATES:			
August 2003	7,771	1,571	12,207
July 2004	7,759	1,616	12,541
August 2004	7,766	1,595	12,387
UNITED STATES:			
August 2003	9,072	1,545	14,015
July 2004	9,033	1,590	14,363
August 2004	9,042	1,569	14,183

MILK PRODUCTION BY QUARTERS, UNITED STATES

Month	Milk cows ^{1/}		Milk per cow ^{2/}		Milk production	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
	<i>Thousand</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Mil. Lbs.</i>	
Jan-Mar	9,144	8,990	4,710	4,750	43,069	42,701
Apr-Jun	9,109	8,997	4,827	4,858	43,965	43,703
Jul-Sep	9,073		4,601		41,746	
Oct-Dec	9,011		4,609		41,532	
Annual Total	9,084		18,749		170,312	

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

^{2/} Excludes milk fed to calves.

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

Commercial red meat output in Florida for August 2004 was 4.6 million pounds, 13 percent below the same month last year.

Commercial production of red meat in the United States for August at 3.88 billion pounds, was one percent below 2003.

Commercial slaughter and red meat production, Florida and United States

Source and kind	August 2003	July 2004	August 2004	Year to date 2003	Year to date 2004
FLORIDA					
Cattle slaughtered (1000 head) ^{1/}	8	7	7	65	54
HOGS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	10	9	8	69	65
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	1,689	1,445	1,271	12,140	10,940
SHEEP AND LAMBS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	0.1	0.1	0.1	13.8	11.5
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	16	7	7	186	108
Red meat production (million pounds)	5.3	4.6	4.6	44.6	36.7
UNITED STATES					
CATTLE:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	3,139	*2,788	2,819	24,246	22,009
Total liveweight (million pounds)	3,846	3,453	3,530	29,820	27,001
Average liveweight (pounds)	1,225	1,239	1,252	1,230	1,227
Beef production (million pounds)	2,328	*2,105	2,151	17,951	16,344
CALVES:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	80	69	73	656	571
Total liveweight (million pounds)	23	22	23	208	188
Average liveweight (pounds)	294	325	320	319	330
Veal production (million pounds)	14	13	14	126	113
HOGS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	8,058	8,095	8,720	64,750	67,264
Total liveweight (million pounds)	2,098	2,121	2,283	17,206	17,869
Average liveweight (pounds)	260	262	262	266	266
Pork production (million pounds)	1,559	1,576	1,698	12,779	13,302
SHEEP AND LAMBS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	242	221	233	1,959	1,868
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	31	28	30	260	255
LAMB AND MUTTON:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	16	14	15	131	128
Red meat production (million pounds)	3,917	*3,709	3,878	30,987	29,887

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

* Revised.