

## COMMERCIAL BEEF PRODUCTION 15 PERCENT HIGHER THAN A YEAR AGO

Commercial beef production (local slaughter) during August 2004 totaled 625,000 pounds, compared with 545,000 pounds a year earlier. Commercial kill for August 2004 totaled 1,100 head, 200 more than a year ago. Average live weight per head, at 1,073 pounds, was 1 percent heavier than a year ago. Year-to-date beef production was fractionally above the same 8-month period during 2003.

## U.S. BEEF PRODUCTION

Beef production, at 2.15 billion pounds, was 8 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.82 million head, down 10 percent from August 2003. The average live weight was up 27 pounds from the previous year, at 1,252 pounds.

## PORK PRODUCTION 2 PERCENT ABOVE A YEAR AGO

Commercial pork production during August 2004 totaled 386,000 pounds, compared with 377,000 pounds a year ago. Total hog kill of 2,500 head was 100 head more than a year ago. Average live weight per head, at 207 pounds, was 1 percent heavier than a year ago. Cumulative pork production for the first eight months of 2004 was 9 percent below the same period in 2003.

## U.S. PORK PRODUCTION

Pork production totaled 1.70 billion pounds, up 9 percent from the previous year, and was a record monthly high. Hog kill totaled 8.72 million head, 8 percent above August 2003. The average live weight was 2 pounds above the previous year, at 262 pounds.

### Commercial slaughter, State of Hawaii, August 2004 <sup>1</sup>

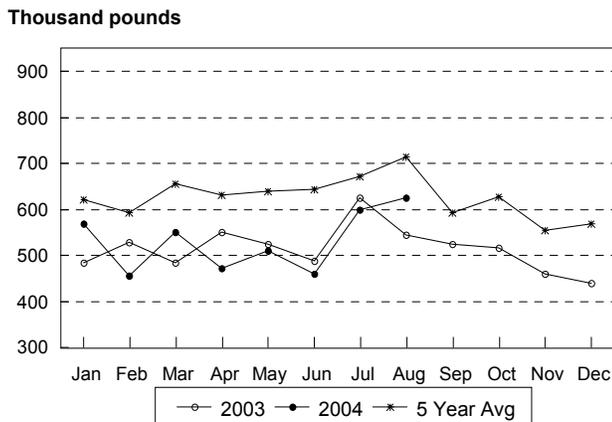
| Species                            | Number of head |        | Average live weight |       | Total live weight <sup>2</sup> |       | Total dressed weight |       |
|------------------------------------|----------------|--------|---------------------|-------|--------------------------------|-------|----------------------|-------|
|                                    | 2003           | 2004   | 2003                | 2004  | 2003                           | 2004  | 2003                 | 2004  |
| -----pounds----- 1,000 pounds----- |                |        |                     |       |                                |       |                      |       |
| <b>Cattle</b>                      |                |        |                     |       |                                |       |                      |       |
| August                             | 900            | 1,100  | 1,060               | 1,073 | 992                            | 1,139 | 545                  | 625   |
| Year-to-date                       | 7,400          | 7,100  |                     |       | 7,711                          | 7,732 | 4,233                | 4,245 |
| <b>Hogs <sup>3</sup></b>           |                |        |                     |       |                                |       |                      |       |
| August                             | 2,400          | 2,500  | 205                 | 207   | 502                            | 515   | 377                  | 386   |
| Year-to-date                       | 19,500         | 18,700 |                     |       | 4,110                          | 3,756 | 3,083                | 2,817 |

<sup>1</sup> Excludes non-inspected farm slaughter and live cattle and calves shipped out-of-state; includes custom slaughter.

<sup>2</sup> Estimates based on 54.9 dressing percentage for cattle; 75.0 dressing percentage for hogs.

<sup>3</sup> Excludes non-inspected farm slaughter; includes custom slaughter and live hog inshipments from the mainland for slaughter.

Commercial Beef Production, State of Hawaii  
2004, with comparisons



Commercial Pork Production, State of Hawaii  
2004, with comparisons

