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DECEMBER EGG PRODUCTION 3 PERCENT BELOW A YEAR AGO

Egg production during December, totaled 9.7 million eggs (26,944 cases), 3 percent below a year earlier, according to the Hawaii Agricultural Statistics Service. A 7 percent increase in the average rate of lay was not enough to offset the 9 percent decline in the average number of layers on hand from a year ago. The average number of layers on hand during December 2003 was 482,000, compared with 532,000 a year ago, and 499,000 during November.



The average rate of lay was 2,012 eggs per 100 layers (64.9 percent lay rate) compared with 1,880 (60.6 percent) a year ago. Cumulative egg production for the twelve months of 2003 was fractionally below the same 12-month period in 2002.

U.S. EGG PRODUCTION

U.S. egg production totaled 7.53 billion during December 2003, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.48 billion table eggs and 1.06 billion hatching eggs, of which 995 million were broiler-type and 61.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during December 2003 averaged 339 million, down 1 percent from a year earlier. December egg production per 100 layers was 2,225 eggs, up 2 percent from December 2002. December 2003 contained 23 weekdays, 1 holiday and 4 Saturdays compared to December 2002 which contained 22 weekdays, 1 holiday, and 4 Saturdays.

337 million, down 1 percent from a year ago. The 337 million layers consisted of 280 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 55.0 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.44 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on January 1, 2004, averaged 71.0 eggs per 100 layers, up 2 percent from a year ago.

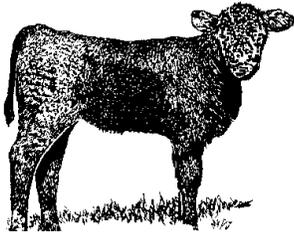
Laying flocks in the 30 major egg producing States produced 7.02 billion eggs during December 2003, up 1 percent from a year ago. The average number of layers during December, at 316 million, was down 1 percent from a year ago.

All layers in the U.S. on January 1, 2004, totaled

Number of layers and egg production, State of Hawaii, December 2003 1

Table with 10 columns: County, Number of layers on hand during month (Dec. 2002, Nov. 2003, Dec. 2003), Eggs per 100 layer (Dec. 2002, Dec. 2003), Total eggs produced (Dec. 2002, Dec. 2003, Year-to-date 2002, Year-to-date 2003). Rows include Hawaii/Kauai/Mauai, Honolulu, and State.

1 State totals may not add due to rounding.



DECEMBER MARKETINGS 28 PERCENT BELOW YEAR AGO

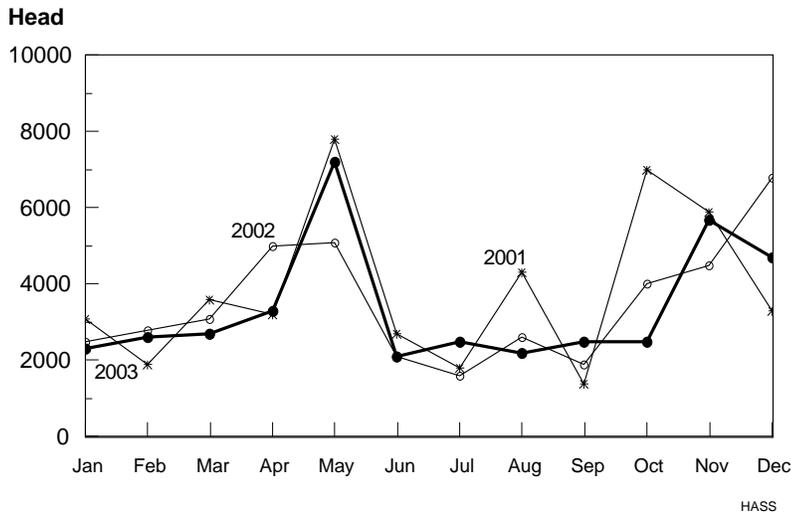
Cattle marketings during December totaled 5,500 head, compared with 7,600 head a year ago and 6,500 head during November 2003. Declines in both out-of-state shipments and local slaughter accounted for the 28 percent decrease in marketings when compared with a year earlier. Year-to-date marketings totaled 51,100 head, a decrease of 5 percent from the same 12-month period in 2002. The number of cattle and calves shipped out-of-State during December totaled 4,700 head compared with 6,800 a year earlier and 5,700 during November. Cumulative out-of-state shipments during the twelve months of 2003 totaled 40,400 head, 4 percent less than the same period in 2002.

Cattle Marketings, State of Hawaii, December 2003

Month	Total Marketings ¹		Exports ²							
	Number of Head ³		Number of Head						Average Live Weight	
			Steers		Heifers		Total ³			
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
December	7,600	5,500	4,000	3,000	2,800	1,700	6,800	4,700	430	414
Year-to-date ⁴	53,600	51,100	25,000	23,600	17,000	16,700	42,000	40,400	436	432

¹ Sum of Commercial Slaughter and Exports.
² Cattle and calves shipped out-of-State.
³ Total may not add to sum due to rounding.
⁴ Includes any revisions made to previous month figures.

CATTLE & CALF OUTSHIPMENTS STATE OF HAWAII, 2001-2003



SLAUGHTER CATTLE (U.S.)

Weekly Simple Average of Daily Quotations, Choice 2-4

Dollars per 100 pounds

Week ending	Steers	Heifers
	(1,100 - 1,300 pounds)	(1,000 - 1,200 pounds)
from Sioux Falls		
11-01-03	99.50	99.50
11-15-03	106.00	104.00

Source: Livestock, Meat and Wool Weekly Summary and Statistics; **Agricultural Marketing Service, Livestock and Seed Division**

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COMMERCIAL BEEF PRODUCTION 6 PERCENT BELOW A YEAR AGO

Commercial beef production (local slaughter) during December 2003 totaled 441,000 pounds, compared with 471,000 pounds a year earlier. Commercial kill for December 2003 totaled 700 head, 100 fewer than a year ago. Average live weight per head, at 1,073 pounds, was 4 percent heavier than a year ago. Cumulative production for the twelve months of 2003 was 6.2 million pounds, 7 percent less than the same period in 2002.

U.S. BEEF PRODUCTION

Beef production, at 1.97 billion pounds, was 6 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.67 million head, down 4 percent from December 2002. The average live weight was down 21 pounds from the previous year, at 1,244 pounds.

PORK PRODUCTION DOWN 10 PERCENT FROM A YEAR AGO

Commercial pork production during December 2003 totaled 440,000 pounds, compared with 489,000 pounds a year ago. Total hog kill of 2,900 head was 200 less than a year ago. Average live weight per head, at 201 pounds, was 9 pounds lighter than a year ago. Year-to-date production for the 12 months of 2003 was 4.6 million pounds, 10 percent less than the same period in 2002.

U.S. PORK PRODUCTION

Pork production totaled 1.87 billion pounds, up 9 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.35 million head, 8 percent above December 2002. The average live weight was 1 pound above the previous year, at 269 pounds.

Commercial slaughter, State of Hawaii, December 2003 ¹

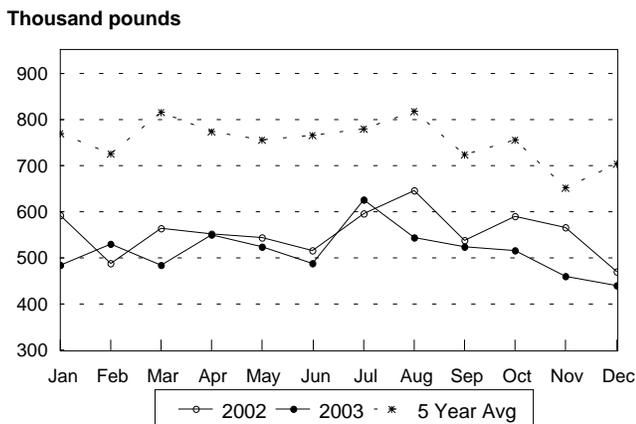
Species	Number of head		Average live weight		Total live weight ²		Total dressed weight	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
-----pounds----- 1,000 pounds-----								
Cattle								
December	800	700	1,028	1,073	858	803	471	441
Year-to-date	11,600	10,800			12,144	11,250	6,667	6,176
Hogs ³								
December	3,100	2,900	210	201	652	587	489	440
Year-to-date	32,100	29,300			6,788	6,112	5,091	4,584

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

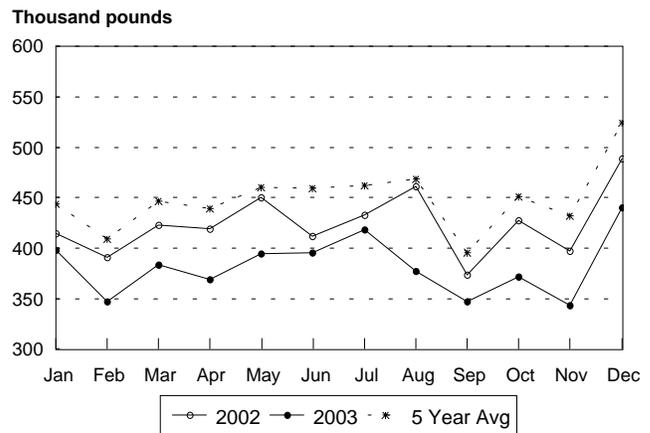
² Estimates based on 54.9 dressing percentage for cattle; 75.0 dressing percentage for hogs.

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

Commercial Beef Production, State of Hawaii
2003, with comparisons



Commercial Pork Production, State of Hawaii
2003, with comparisons



PASTURE AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION, JANUARY 1, 2004

Hawaii County



Hilo and Puna: Rainfall totals were below normal in the district, but nearly daily showers helped to maintain most pastures in fair to

good condition, although overcast skies along with cooler temperatures slowed forage growth. Along the upper slopes of Mauna Kea, below normal rainfall, kept these pastures in only fair to poor conditions. Stock water supply levels were adequate. Rainfall totals for the year ranged from 60 to 90 percent of normal. Most of the cattle and calves were in fair to good condition.

Ka'u: In general, weather for the month was generally dry, but heavy rainfall toward the end of the month helped to push rainfall totals for the month to above normal levels and maintained most pastures in the district in fair condition. Rainfall total for the year was below normal. Stock water supplies were adequate. Cattle and calves were in fair to good condition.

Kona: Below normal, but timely rainfall helped to restore low soil moisture levels. However, pasture conditions continued dry and in fair condition only. Stock water levels were adequate. Year-to-date rainfall amounts remained well below normal. Cattle and calves were in fair to good condition.

Kohala: Except for the northern end of the island, rainfall totals for the month were well below normal levels. Generally, dry weather prevailed for much of the month, with heavier rains falling at the end of the month. Most pastures were dry, especially leeward pastures which continued very dry and in poor condition. However, rainfall which occurred at the end of the month may help improve pasture conditions. These late rains helped to replenish stock water levels. Rainfall totals for the year were below normal. Cattle and calves were in fair to good condition.

Hamakua: Light, steady showers helped to maintain pastures in fair conditions. Water hauling was necessary. Rainfall totals for the year were below normal. Cattle and calves were in fair to good condition.

Honolulu County

Heavy rains toward the end of November continued into the first half of December and combined with rainfall which occurred at the end of the month to help push rainfall totals for the month to near to above normal for most rain gages. All pastures on the island received more than enough precipitation to return soil moisture levels to above normal levels. Annual rainfall totals, however, were below normal due to the dry conditions which existed during the early part of 2003. Forage growth improved, but was hampered somewhat by the overcast and wet conditions, nonetheless many of the pastures were in fair to good condition. Cattle and calves were also in fair to good condition.

Kauai County

Most northern and southern locations received above normal rainfall for the month, while eastern pastures recorded below normal precipitation. Rainfall totals for the year at most rain gages were below normal, but in the 80 to 90 percentile range. In general, most pastures were in fair to good condition, but cooler temperatures did slow grass growth. Cattle and calves were in fair to good condition.

Maui County

Although rainfall totals for the county were variable, many areas received sufficient precipitation to benefit pasture growth, such as in Kaupo, Kula, Ulupalakua, and Molokai to mention a few. Cooler temperatures, however, were hampering grass growth at the upper elevations. Rainfall totals for the year were below normal for most rain gages. Cattle and calves were in fair to good condition.

Rainfall Data Source: *National Weather Service Forecast Office. NWS-NOAA.*

Disclaimer: *Data from Hydronet state-wide network of automated rain gages. Gages are not certified and rainfall information is provided for informational purposes only.*

Total Sheep and Lamb Inventory Down 3 Percent

All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on January 1, 2004, totaled 6.09 million head, down 3 percent from 2003 and 9 percent below two years ago. The inventory has trended downward since peaking at 56.2 million head in 1942.

Breeding sheep inventory declined to 4.48 million head on January 1, 2004, down 4 percent from 4.66 million head on January 1, 2003. Ewes one year old and older, at 3.60 million head, were 4 percent below last year.

Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2004, totaled 1.61 million head, down 2 percent from January 1, 2003. Market lambs comprised 96 percent of the total. Twenty-seven percent were lambs under 65 pounds, 16 percent were 65 - 84 pounds, 23 percent 85 - 105 pounds, 30 percent were over 105 pounds, and 4 percent were market sheep.

The 2003 lamb crop of 4.12 million head was down 5 percent from 2002 and established a new record low. The 2003 lambing rate was 109 lambs per 100 ewes one year old and older on January 1, 2003, unchanged from 2002.

Shorn wool production in the United States during 2003 was 38.1 million pounds, down 8 percent from 2002. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 5.06 million head, down 8 percent from 2002. The average price paid for wool sold in 2003 was \$0.72 per pound for a total value of \$27.4 million dollars, up 25 percent from \$21.9 million dollars in 2002.

Sheep and Lambs: Number by Class, United States January 1, 2002 - 2004 ¹

Class	2002	2003	2004	2004 as % of 2003
	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	Percent
All Sheep and Lambs	6,685	6,300	6,090	97
Market	1,772	1,642	1,610	98
Breeding Sheep and Lambs	4,913	4,658	4,480	96
Replacement Lambs - Under One Year Old	734	695	691	99
Ewes - One Year Old and Older	3,980	3,770	3,601	96
Rams - One Year Old and Older	200	193	189	98

¹ May not add due to rounding.

SHEEP and LAMB: January 1 inventory by class, State of Hawaii, 2000 - 2004

Year	All sheep and lambs	Breeding			Market			Lamb crop
		Total	Ewes 1 year +	Rams 1 year +	Replace- ment lambs	Total	Lambs	

1,000 head

State	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
All sheep and lambs	18	20	20	20	20
Breeding	13	13	14	13	13
Ewes 1 year +	9	7	6	6	6
Rams 1 year +	3	3	3	3	3
Replacement lambs	1	3	5	4	4
Market	5	7	6	7	7
Lambs	4	5	4	4	5
Sheep	1	2	2	3	2
Lamb crop	5	5	5	5	5

DECEMBER 1, CHICKEN INVENTORY 4 PERCENT BELOW A YEAR AGO

The number of all chickens, egg-type layers and non-laying pullets, on hand December 1, 2003 totaled 600,000 birds, 4 percent less than the 625,000 birds on hand a year earlier. The number of laying birds on hand December 1, 2003 totaled 486,000, a 7 percent decline from the previous year. Non-laying pullets, under 20 weeks old on December 1, totaled 114,000 birds.

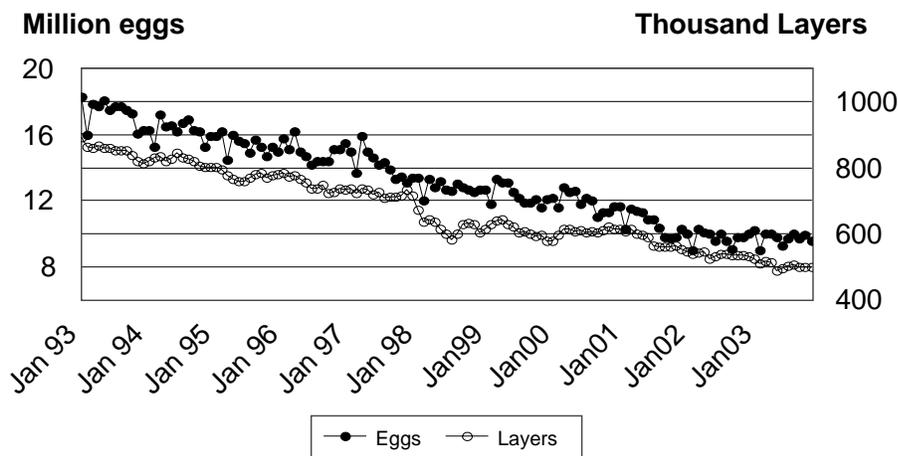
CHICKENS: December 1 inventory by class, by islands, 1999 - 2003

Year	All chickens (excluding broilers)	Number of layers			Non-laying pullets		Other chickens (excluding broilers)
		Hens 1 year +	Pullets under 1 year	Total	Over 3 months	Under 3 months	
----- Thousands -----							
State							
1999	721	404	184	588	70	63	*
2000	722	435	174	609	56	57	*
2001	659	373	181	554	50	55	*
2002	625	381	142	523	44	58	*
2003	600	357	129	486	67	47	*
Hawaii / Kauai / Maui County ¹							
1999	153	92	56	148	0	5	*
2000	152	95	53	148	0	4	*
2001	146	77	65	142	0	4	*
2002	130	89	37	126	0	4	*
2003	118	100	11	111	5	2	*
Honolulu County							
1999	568	312	128	440	70	58	*
2000	570	340	121	461	56	53	*
2001	513	296	116	412	50	51	*
2002	495	292	105	397	44	54	*
2003	482	257	118	375	62	45	*

* = Less than 500.

¹ Counties of Kauai and Maui combined with Hawaii to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

EGG PRODUCTION vs LAYERS State of Hawaii, 1993 - 2003



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DECEMBER, 2003 MILK OUTPUT LOWER

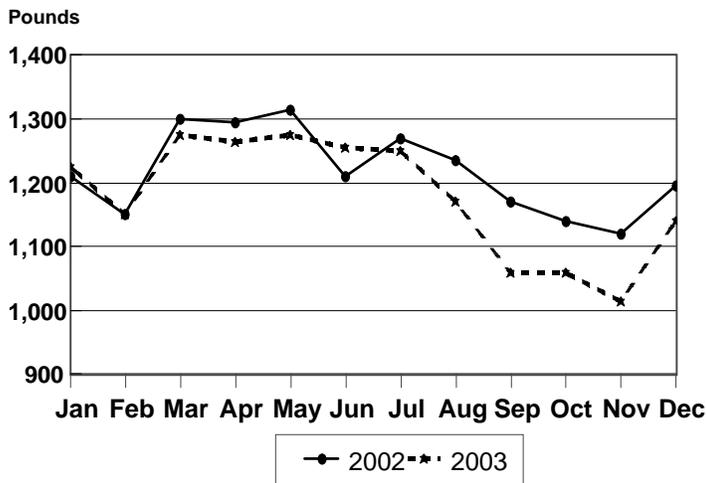


In December, Hawaii's dairy cows produced 7.4 million pounds of milk, compared to 7.9 million pounds in December 2002 and 6.7 million pounds in November 2003. The cow inventory, both dry and in milk, numbered 6,500 head, 100 head below December 2002 and November 2003. The average output per cow is 1,140 pounds in December, 55 pounds less than December 2002 but 125 pounds more than November 2003. Milk production for 2003 totaled 92.0 million pounds, a 5 percent decline from the comparable period in 2002.

U.S. MILK PRODUCTION

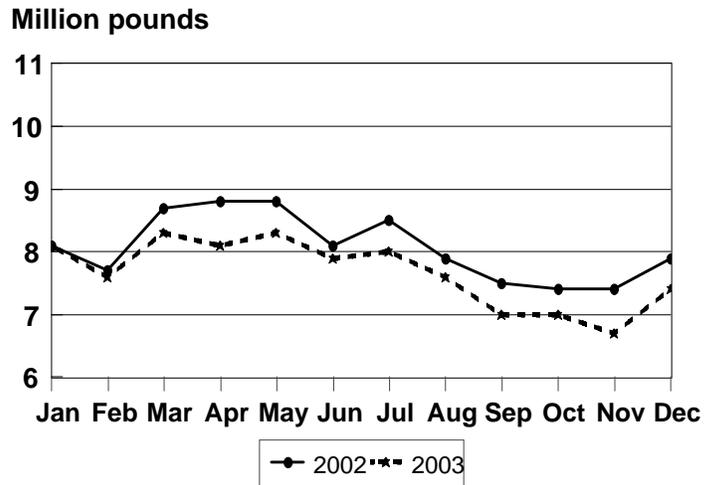
Milk production in the 20 major States during December totaled 12.3 billion pounds, down 0.3 percent from December 2002. November revised production, at 11.7 billion pounds, was down 0.1 percent from November 2002. The November revision represented an increase of 13 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,589 pounds for December, 14 pounds above December 2002. The number of milk cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.71 million head, 93,000 head less than December 2002, but unchanged from November 2003.

Milk Production Per Cow, State of Hawaii, 2002-2003



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Total Milk Production, State of Hawaii, 2002-2003



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Milk cows and milk production, State of Hawaii, December 2003

County	All milk cows ¹²³			Milk per cow ³		Milk production ¹³			
	Dec. 2002	Nov. 2003	Dec. 2003	Dec. 2002	Dec. 2003	Dec. 2002	Dec. 2003	Year-to-date	
	Number			Pounds		1,000 pounds			
Hawaii	3,180	3,300	3,300	1,005	890	3,190	2,930	35,600	35,200
Honolulu	3,400	3,300	3,200	1,395	1,390	4,740	4,445	61,200	56,800
State	6,600	6,600	6,500	1,195	1,140	7,900	7,400	96,800	92,000

¹ State totals may not add due to rounding.

² Includes dry cows and cows on non-commercial dairy farms.

³ Figures for 2003 are preliminary.

Average farm prices, State of Hawaii, December 2003

Commodity	December 2002	November 2003	December 2003
	----- cents per pound -----		
Range steers and heifers ¹			
- dressed weight	80.0	77.5	77.5
- (live weight equivalent)	(43.9)	(42.5)	(42.5)
Cows ¹			
- dressed weight	57.0	56.5	56.5
- (live weight equivalent)	(31.3)	(31.0)	(31.0)
Market hogs ^{1 2}			
- dressed weight	113.5	115.0	115.0
- (live weight equivalent)	(85.1)	(86.3)	(86.3)
	----- dollars per 100 pounds -----		
Milk ³	23.40	25.30	24.70
	----- cents per dozen -----		
Eggs ⁴	85.0	86.0	87.0

¹Equivalent delivered slaughterhouse for sales on island of production and delivered shippers dock for off-island sales. Factors of 0.549 and 0.75 used to convert dressed weight prices to live weight equivalent for cattle and hogs, respectively.

² Includes roasters.

³ Beginning 1999, monthly average price rounded to the nearest dime.

⁴ Prices are for all eggs, equivalent delivered processing plant. Preliminary prices are based on processor reports from Hawaii, Kauai, Maui and adjusted Market Analysis & News Branch wholesale prices for Oahu. Final prices are based on processor reports from all islands.