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MARCH MILK PRODUCTION

Kentucky milk production for March 2000 totaled 155 million pounds, up 10 percent from last month and up 4 percent from March 1999. Average number of milk cows, at 130,000 head, was unchanged from last month and down 4,000 head from March 1999. Milk per cow averaged 1,195 pounds, up 110 pounds from last month and up 85 pounds from last year.

Milk Production in the 20 major States during March totaled 12.7 billion pounds, up 3.8 percent from production in these

same States in March 1999. February revised production, at 11.7 billion pounds was up 8.2 percent from February 1999. However, adjusting production for the additional day due to the leap year causes February milk production to be up 4.5 percent on a per day basis. The February revision represented a slight decrease of 1 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,634 pounds for March, 49 pounds above March 1999. The number of cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.77 million head, 57,000 head more than March 1999 and 4,000 head more than February 2000.

MILK COWS & MILK PRODUCTION FOR MARCH, SELECTED STATES

STATE	Milk Cows ^{1/}		Milk Per Cow ^{2/}		Production ^{2/}		2000 as % of 1999
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	
	Thousands		Pounds		Million Pounds		Percent
CA	1,452	1,500	1,795	1,815	2,606	2,723	105
IL	125	120	1,480	1,580	185	190	103
IN	136	143	1,380	1,490	188	213	113
KY	134	130	1,110	1,195	149	155	104
MO	161	156	1,310	1,350	211	211	100
OH	260	260	1,450	1,495	377	389	103
VA	122	119	1,335	1,440	163	171	105
WI	1,366	1,354	1,465	1,505	2,001	2,038	102
20 State Total	7,713	7,770	1,585	1,634	12,228	12,694	104

^{1/} Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. ^{2/} Excludes milk sucked by calves.

U. S. DAIRY PRODUCTS, FEBRUARY 2000

PRODUCT	Feb. 1999	Jan. 2000 ^{1/}	Feb. 2000	Percent of	
				Feb. 99	Jan. 00
	(000) Pounds			Percent	
BUTTER	111,520	142,292	129,823	116	91
CHEESE					
American Types ^{2/}	277,289	316,717	297,379	107	94
Mozzarella	192,356	215,207	204,940	107	95
All Other Types ^{3/}	130,597	154,984	137,319	105	89
Total	600,242	686,908	639,638	107	93
	(000) Gallons			Percent	
FROZEN PRODUCTS					
Ice Cream (Hard)	63,118	60,037	68,059	108	113
Frozen Yogurt (Total)	7,167	5,467	5,688	79	104
MIX FOR FROZEN PRODUCTS					
Ice Cream Mix	34,282	34,087	37,798	110	111
Yogurt Mix	4,536	3,460	3,600	79	104

^{1/} Revised. ^{2/} Includes Cheddar, Colby, Monterey, and Jack. ^{3/} Includes Swiss, Cream and all other types. Excludes cottage cheese.

1999 PEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES, PERCENT OF ACRES RECEIVING PRACTICE

Practice	South Region					
	Corn	Soybeans	All Wheat	Alfalfa Hay	Other Hay	Barley
	<i>Percent of Acres</i>					
Prevention Practices:						
Tillage/etc. to manage pests	53	58	40	20	13	12
Remove or plow down crop residue	45	40	32	11	3	11
Clean implements after fieldwork	50	52	40	22	9	12
Water management practices	11	11	6	3	2	
Avoidance Practices:						
Crop varieties genetically modified to resist insects	8	3	**	6	**	
Adjust planting/harvesting dates	21	13	10	7	**	*
Rotate crops to control pests	60	54	30	7	2	21
Crop varieties genetically modified to be pathogen/nematode resistant	**	2	**	*		**
Alternate planting locations	20	14	8	9	**	*
Grow trap crop to control insects	**	**	**		**	
Monitoring Practices:						
Scouted for pests	44	39	21	30	8	7
Records kept to track pests	19	12	7	8	1	*
Field mapping of weed problems	11	11	3	**	**	*
Soil analysis to detect pests	19	11	6	1	1	*
Pheromones to monitor pests	1	**	**	**	**	*
Weather monitoring	17	18	8	5	1	4
Suppression Practices:						
Crop varieties genetically modified to be herbicide resistant	19	45	1	*	**	**
Scouting used to make decisions	20	21	9	4	**	*
Biological pesticides	3	**	**	**	**	**
Beneficial organisms	3	2	**	**	**	*
Physical barriers	12	9	5	**	1	8
Adjust planting methods	13	16	4	**	**	*
Alternate pesticides	33	29	15	11	2	10
Pheromones to disrupt mating			**			

* Insufficient reports to publish data.

** Less than 1 percent.

U.S. CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.19 million head on April 1, 2000. The inventory was 8 percent above April 1, 1999 and 11 percent above April 1, 1998. The inventory included 6.79 million steers and steer calves, up 8 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 61 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.35 million head, up 7 percent from 1999.

Placements in feedlots during March totaled 2.02 million, 1 percent below 1999 but 18 percent above 1998. Net placements were 1.92 million. During March, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 331,000, 600-699 pounds were 406,000, 700-799 pounds were 715,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 564,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during March totaled 2.05 million, 3 percent above 1999 and 10 percent above 1998.

Other disappearance totaled 101,000 during March, 42 percent above 1999 and 7 percent above 1998.

CATTLE ON FEED 7 STATES 1/

Cattle on feed April 1, 2000, in the 7 States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 9.57 million, up 8 percent from the previous year and 11 percent above April 1, 1998. The inventory included 5.74 million steers and steer calves, up 7 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 60 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.80 million head, up 8 percent from 1999.

Placements in feedlots during March totaled 1.72 million, 1 percent below 1999 but 21 percent above 1998.

Marketings during March totaled 1.76 million, 6 percent above 1999 and 12 percent above 1998.

Other disappearance during March was 74,000 head, 42 percent above 1999 and 7 percent above 1998.

1/AZ, CA, CO, IA, KS, NE, and TX.

RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.04 billion pounds in March, up 1 percent from the previous record high of 4.02 billion pounds produced in March 1999. March 1999 and 2000 both contained 23 weekdays and 4 Saturdays. Beef production, at 2.30 billion pounds, was 3 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.13 million head, up 3 percent from 1999. The average live weight was down 1 pound from the previous year, at 1,215 pounds. Pork production totaled 1.70 billion pounds, down 2 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.81 million head, 3 percent below 1999. The average live weight was 3 pounds above the previous year, at 262 pounds.

COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION: UNITED STATES & KENTUCKY 1/

Type	March 1999	February 2000	March 2000	March 00 % of	
				March 1999	February 2000
	Million Pounds			Percent	
Beef	2,231	2,175	2,300	103	106
Veal	20	18	20	98	109
Pork	1,737	1,554	1,700	98	109
Lamb & Mutton	29	20	24	83	119
Total U.S.	4,017	3,767	4,044	101	107
Total Kentucky	45.5	36.0	39.0	86	109

1/ Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter.

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER: KENTUCKY & U.S. MARCH 1999 & 2000 1/

Type	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000
	1,000 head		1,000 lbs.		Pounds	
Kentucky						
Cattle	1.7	1.4	1,361	1,152	818	828
Hogs	230.8	194.1	60,204	51,187	261	264
Sheep & Lambs	0.6	0.7	79	88	123	133
United States						
Cattle	3,050.4	3,131.0	3,709,209	3,802,845	1,216	1,215
Hogs	9,117.7	8,810.5	2,362,701	2,308,081	259	262
Sheep & Lambs	423.9	344.2	57,919	48,120	137	140

1/ Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other Commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter.

COLD STORAGE HIGHLIGHTS

Frozen food stocks in refrigerated warehouses on March 31, 2000 were greater than year earlier levels for fruit, chicken, and potatoes. March 2000 stocks of chicken, at 810 million pounds, broke the previous record March high of 794 million pounds set in 1999. Cooler stocks of pecans and peanuts were also higher than a year earlier.

All U S. Warehouse Stocks				Mar 00 as % of	
Commodity	Mar 31 1999	Feb 29 2000	Mar 31 2000	Mar 1999	Feb 2000
Frozen Poultry		1,000 lbs		Percent	
Chicken:					
Broilers (Whole)	24,968	41,040	38,074	152	93
Other Chicken	751,818	745,709	766,203	102	103
Total Chicken <u>1/</u>	787,701	793,941	810,276	103	102
Turkey	374,945	347,273	398,441	106	115
Total Frozen Poultry <u>2/</u>	1,168,514	1,144,919	1,212,641	104	106
Meat					
Total Frozen Beef	309,189	320,529	336,502	109	105
Pork:					
Bellies	106,194	49,936	60,140	57	120
Total Frozen Pork <u>3/</u>	552,837	480,731	501,490	91	104
Total Meat <u>4/</u>	883,470	822,607	859,912	97	105

1/ Includes broilers, hens and other chickens. 2/ Includes chicken, turkey and ducks. 3/ Includes picnics, hams, bellies, loins, ribs, trimmings, and other frozen pork. 4/ Includes frozen beef, pork, veal, lamb and mutton, other frozen meat, canned hams, and other canned meat.

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