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GRAIN PRICES CONTINUE TO IMPROVE

Prices received by **Kentucky** farmers at mid-month were up for grains while down for most livestock commodities.

Steers and heifers 500 lbs. and over at mid-July averaged \$72.00 per cwt., down \$1.00 from June and \$14.00 from a year earlier. The mid-month price was the lowest in 34 months and equals the price of September 1999. **Beef cows** averaged \$37.00 per cwt. at mid-month, down \$4.00 from June and \$7.00 from the previous year. This was the lowest price in 6 months. **Calves** under 500 pounds averaged \$79.00 per cwt. This was down \$4.00 from June and \$20.00 from a year earlier. The mid-July price was the lowest in 35 months.

The mid-July price for **barrows and gilts** was \$37.00 per cwt. This was up \$3.00 from the previous month while down \$13.00 from a year earlier. This was the highest barrow and gilt price in 5 months. **Sows** averaged \$17.00 per cwt., down \$5.00 from July and \$23.00 from the previous year. This was the lowest sow price since December 1998.

The **all milk** price averaged \$12.40 per cwt., down 40 cents from June and \$5.20 from a year earlier. Milk prices continue to be at their lowest level in over 3 years. **Milk cow** prices at mid-July averaged \$1,580 per head. This was down \$70 from April while up \$40 from a year earlier.

The mid-July **corn** price was \$2.30 per bushel, up 17 cents from the June price and 18 cents from a year earlier. This was the highest corn price since May 2000. Prices received for **soybeans** was \$5.70 per bushel at mid-month, up 64 cents from June and 65 cents from a year earlier. This was the highest soybean price since July 1998. **Winter wheat** prices averaged \$3.00 per bushel at mid-July. This was up 33 cents from the previous month, 53 cents from July 2001 and the highest winter wheat price since January 1998.

The preliminary **U.S.** All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in July was 100, based on 1990-92=100, up 2 points (2.0 percent) from the June index. Higher prices for wheat, soybeans, hogs, and corn more than offset decreased prices for broilers, milk, eggs, and cattle. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell often affects the overall index. Higher marketings for grapes, wheat, tobacco, and tomatoes more than offset decreased marketings of milk, cantaloupe, potatoes, and asparagus. The All Farm Products Index was 8 points (7.4 percent) below July last year. Lower prices for broilers, cattle, hogs, and strawberries more than offset higher prices for wheat, corn, soybeans, and potatoes.

AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS - (Dollars)

COMMODITY	UNIT	KENTUCKY		US	
		JULY 2001	JUNE 2002	JULY 2002	JULY 2002
		Entire Month		Mid-Month ^{a/}	
All Corn ^{b/} _{c/}	Bu.	2.12	2.13	2.30	2.07
Soybeans ^{b/}	Bu.	5.05	5.06	5.70	5.50
Winter Wheat ^{b/}	Bu.	2.47	2.67	3.00	3.18
Alfalfa Hay, baled	Ton	95.00	95.00	100.00	102.00
All Other Hay, baled	Ton	55.00	55.00	58.00	72.20
All Hogs	Cwt.	49.60	33.50	36.20	38.20
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	50.00	34.00	37.00	39.10
Sows	Cwt.	40.00	22.00	17.00	20.40
All Beef Cattle ^{d/}	Cwt.	75.90	65.30	63.60	63.30
Steers & Heifers ^{e/}	Cwt.	86.00	73.00	72.00	66.10
Cows	Cwt.	44.00	41.00	37.00	37.70
Calves ^{f/}	Cwt.	99.00	83.00	79.00	93.20
Milk Cows ^{g/}	Ea.	1,540.00	---	1,580.00	1,670.00
Milk Wholesale					
All	Cwt.	17.60	12.80	12.40	11.20
Fluid ^{h/}	Cwt.	17.60	12.80	--	11.20
Manufactured	Cwt.	13.30	--	--	9.90
Hog-Corn Ratios ^{i/}	Bu.	23.4	15.7	15.7	18.5

^{a/} Preliminary. ^{b/} Includes contract sales paid during month. ^{c/} Includes yellow and white corn. ^{d/} "Steers and heifers" and "cows" combined. ^{e/} 500 lbs. and over. ^{f/} Under 500 lbs. ^{g/} Published only in Jan., Apr., July & Oct. ^{h/} Includes surplus diverted to manufacturing. ^{i/} Number of bushels of corn equal in value to 100 lbs. of hog live weight.

JULY 1 CATTLE INVENTORY DOWN 1 PERCENT

All cattle and calves in the United States as of July 1, 2002, totaled 105.2 million head, 1 percent below the 105.8 million on July 1, 2001 and 1 percent below the 106.3 million two years ago. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 42.9 million, were slightly below the 43.0 million on July 1, 2001 and 1 percent below the 43.2 million two years ago. Beef cows, at 33.8 million, were down slightly from July 1, 2001

and 1 percent below two years ago. Milk cows, at 9.15 million, were up 1 percent from July 1, 2001 but was down 1 percent from two years ago. The 2002 calf crop is expected to be 38.4 million, up slightly from 2001 but down 1 percent from 2000. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 28.0 million, down slightly from 2001 and down 1 percent from 2000.

Other class estimates on July 1, 2002, and the changes from July 1, 2001, are as follows:

- All heifers 500 pounds and over, 16.2 million, down 1 percent.
- Beef replacement heifers, 4.6 million, unchanged.
- Milk replacement heifers, 3.7 million, up 3 percent.
- Other heifers, 7.9 million, down 4 percent.
- Steers weighing 500 pounds and over, 14.5 million, down 1 percent.
- Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over, 2.1 million, unchanged.
- Calves under 500 pounds, 29.5 million, down 1 percent.
- All cattle and calves on feed for slaughter, 12.4 million, down 5 percent.

JULY 1, 2002, ALL SHEEP AND LAMB INVENTORY TOTALS 8.10 MILLION HEAD 2002 LAMB CROP EXPECTED TO TOTAL 4.31 MILLION HEAD

All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on July 1, 2002, totaled 8.10 million head, 2 percent below July 1, 2001. Breeding sheep inventory declined to 4.78 million head on July 1, 2002, 2 percent below July 1, 2001. Market sheep and lambs (including newborn lambs), at 3.32 million head, were 2 percent below last July.

The 2002 lamb crop in the United States is expected to total 4.31 million head, down 4 percent from the 2001 lamb crop of 4.50 million head. Lambs born during January through June 2002 totaled 3.84 million head or 89 percent of the yearly total. An additional 470,000 head are expected to be born during the period July through December 2002.

UNITED STATES EGG PRODUCTION & HATCH

	June 2001	June 2002	'02 % '01
Egg Production			
Eggs Produced (Million)	6,992	7,115	102
Average Layers (000)	332,920	335,025	101
Eggs Per 100 Layers	2,100	2,124	101
Egg Type Hatchery			
Eggs Set July 1 (000)	35,636	32,712	92
Chicks Hatched (000)	40,806	35,292	86
Broiler Type Hatchery			
Eggs Set July 1 (000)	633,824	641,331	101
Chicks Hatched (000)	766,534	776,397	101

RED MEAT PRODUCTION

COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION 1/

Commercial red meat production for the U.S. totaled 3.81 billion pounds in June, up 1 percent from the 3.76 billion pounds produced in June 2001. June 2001 contained 21 weekdays and 5 Saturdays. June 2002 contained 20 weekdays and 5 Saturdays.

Beef production, at 2.30 billion pounds, was 1 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.06 million head, down 2 percent from June 2001. The average live weight was 1,236, up 38 pounds from June a year ago.

Pork production totaled 1.48 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 7.54 million head, 1 percent above June 2001. The average live weight was 265 pounds, up 2 pounds from June a year ago.

Type	June 2001	May 2002	June 2002	Jun 02 % of	
				June 2001	May 2002
	Million Pounds			Percent	
Beef	2,269	2,336	2,303	101	99
Veal		15.4		94	94
Pork	1,458	1,647	1,480	102	90
Lamb & Mutton		19.5		92	77
Total U.S.	3,759	4,018	3,812	101	95
Total Kentucky		35.4		104	90

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

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, KY & U.S. JUNE 2001 & 2002 1/

Type	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	1,000 head		1,000 pounds		Pounds	
Kentucky						
Cattle	1.1	1.1	941	987	888	888
Hogs	153.0	160.2	40,475	41,946	265	262
Sheep & Lambs	0.7	0.9	100	112	135	125
United States						
Cattle	3,120.2	3,063.2	3,737,989	3,785,218	1,198	1,236
Hogs	7,484.2	7,535.7	1,969,364	1,996,956	263	265
Sheep & Lambs	232.8	229.7	32,734	30,109	141	131

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

COLD STORAGE HIGHLIGHTS

Frozen food stocks in refrigerated warehouses on June 30, 2002, were greater than year earlier levels for pork, poultry, red meat, and beef. Cooler stocks of pecans were also above last year.

ALL U.S. WAREHOUSE STOCKS					
Commodity	June 30 2001	May 31 2002	June 30 2002	June 02 as % of	
				Jun '01	May '02
Frozen Poultry	1,000 lbs			Percent	
Chicken:					
Broilers (Whole)	26,457	34,544	34,188	129	99
Other Chicken	654,781	794,452	813,603	124	102
Total Chicken <u>1/</u>	690,134	835,883	854,873	124	102
Turkey	506,691	578,912	651,801	129	113
Total Frozen Poultry <u>2/</u>	1,205,495	1,422,459	1,514,150	126	106
Meat					
Total Frozen Beef	340,786	403,154	396,448	116	98
Pork:					
Bellies	39,552	62,269	50,443	128	81
Total Frozen Pork <u>3/</u>	374,109	543,529	489,949	131	90
Total Meat <u>4/</u>	742,173	969,371	909,597	123	94

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.

MILK PRODUCTION

Kentucky milk production for June 2002 totaled 135 million pounds, down 4 percent from June 2001 and down 11 percent from May 2002. Average number of cows on farms, at 125,000, was down 5,000 head from a year earlier but up 2,000 head from last month. Milk per cow averaged 1,080 pounds, up 5 pounds from June 2001 but down 150 pounds from the previous month.

Milk production in the **20 major States** during June totaled 12.3

billion pounds, up 2.0 percent from June 2001. May revised production, at 13.0 billion pounds, was up 3.0 percent from May 2001. The May revision represented a decrease of 0.2 percent or 25 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,579 pounds for June, 24 pounds above June 2001. The number of cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.78 million head, 29,000 head more than June 2001, and 16,000 head more than May 2002.

MILK COWS & MILK PRODUCTION FOR JUNE, SELECTED STATES

STATE	Milk Cows <u>1/</u>		Milk Per Cow <u>2/</u>		Production <u>2/</u>		2002 as % of 2001
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	
	Thousands		Pounds		Million Pounds		Percent
CA	1,587	1,645	1,755	1,780	2,785	2,928	105
IL	115	115	1,480	1,470	170	169	99
IN	154	151	1,420	1,450	219	219	100
KY	130	125	1,075	1,080	140	135	96
MO	148	137	1,140	1,170	169	160	95
OH	260	264	1,370	1,430	356	378	106
VA	118	120	1,295	1,300	153	156	102
WI	1,290	1,270	1,460	1,450	1,883	1,842	98
20 State Total	7,751	7,780	1,555	1,579	12,052	12,288	102

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

CATFISH

Commercial catfish operations in the four major producing States (Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Mississippi) had 386 million foodsize fish on hand on July 1, 2002, up 4 percent from the July 1, 2001 total of 372 million. The breakouts of foodsize fish inventory numbers on July 1, 2002, with their respective percent change from the previous year are: large foodsize, 10.2 million, up 66 percent; medium foodsize, 94.4 million, up 24 percent; and small foodsize, 281 million, down 3 percent. The four major States also had 1.05 million broodfish on hand on July 1, 2002, down 18 percent from last year's 1.28 million.

The water surface area to be used for catfish production during July 1 through December 31, 2002, totaled 184,900 acres, down 3 percent from a year ago. Of the total acres, 4,590 acres are to be renovated during the period from July 1, 2002 to December 31, 2002. Acres used for foodsize fish totaled 151,400 acres, down 3 percent from July 2001. Acres

for broodfish were down 3 percent to 4,740 acres, and acres used for fingerling production decreased 4 percent to 25,000 acres. An additional 1,450 acres are under construction and expected to be in use by January 1, 2003. During the January 1, 2002 through June 30, 2002 period, 5,370 acres were taken out of production. The total number of operations on July 1, 2002 in the four major States was 880, down 6 percent from the year ago total of 933.

CATFISH WATER ACRES & OPERATIONS

State	Operations		Water Surface Acres	
	Jul 1 '01	Jul 1 '02	Jul 1-Dec 31 '01	Jul 1 - Dec 31 '02
AL	270	245	26,000	26,100
AR	185	180	37,000	37,500
LA	78	65	13,200	11,300
MS	400	390	113,500	110,000
Total	933	880	189,700	184,900

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 10.49 million head on July 1, 2002. The inventory was 5 percent below July 1, 2001 but 1 percent above July 1, 2000. The inventory included 6.46 million steers and steer calves, down 1 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 62 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.97 million head, down 11 percent from 2001. **Placements** in feedlots during June totaled 1.64 million, 16 percent below 2001 and 1 percent below 2000. Net placements were 1.59 million. During June, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 341,000, 600-699 pounds were 356,000, 700-799 pounds were 513,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 434,000. **Marketings** of fed cattle during June totaled 2.08 million, 2 percent below 2001 and 5 percent below 2000. **Other disappearance** totaled 51,000 during June, 34 percent below 2001 and 11 percent below 2000.

CATTLE ON FEED 7 STATES ^{1/}

Cattle on feed July 1, 2002, in the 7 States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 9.06 million, down 4 percent from the previous year but 1 percent above July 1, 2000. The inventory included 5.54 million steers and steer calves, up slightly from the previous year. This group accounted for 61 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.47 million head, down 11 percent from 2001. **Placements** in feedlots during June totaled 1.42 million, 16 percent below 2001 but 1 percent above 2000. **Marketings** during June totaled 1.77 million, 3 percent below 2001 and 4 percent below 2000. **Other disappearance** during June was 42,000 head, 30 percent below 2001 but up 14 percent from 2000.

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

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