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LIVESTOCK AND GRAIN PRICES BOTH MIXED

Kentucky farmers received mixed prices at mid-January for their grain while livestock prices were steady to higher.

Mid-January prices for **steers and heifers** 500 lbs. and over averaged \$76.00 per cwt., unchanged from the previous month while down \$7.00 from last year. **Beef cow** prices were \$36.00 per cwt., the same as December 2001 and down \$2.00 from last year. **Calves** under 500 lbs. averaged \$92.00 per cwt., up \$2.00 from last month but down \$6.00 from last year.

Prices received for **barrows and gilts** averaged \$38.00 per cwt., up \$5.00 from December and \$4.00 from last year. **Sow** prices averaged \$25.00 per cwt., up \$1.00 from the previous month but down \$6.00 from January 2001.

All wholesale milk price averaged \$14.10 per cwt., unchanged from last month but down 70 cents from last year. The January price was the lowest since June 2000. **Milk cow** prices at mid-January were \$1,540.00 each, down \$110.00 from October 2001 but up \$220.00 from January 2001.

All corn price received at mid-January averaged \$2.10 per bushel, down 2 cents from the previous month and 8 cents from the previous year. **Soybean** prices averaged \$4.40 per bushel, up 9 cents from December while down 48 cents from January 2001. **Winter wheat** prices were \$2.95 per bushel, up 19 cents from December and 64 cents from a year ago. This was the highest winter wheat price since March 1998.

The preliminary **U.S.** All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in January was 96, using a 1990-92=100 base period, up 1 point (1.0 percent) from the December Index. Price increases for tomatoes, lettuce, cattle, and hogs more than offset decreased prices for cotton, broccoli, turkeys, and milk. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell often affects the overall index. Higher marketings for cattle, corn, soybeans, and hogs more than offset decreased marketings of tobacco, grapes, cotton, and milk.

Compared with January 2001, the All Farm Products Index was unchanged. Higher prices for lettuce, broilers, oranges, and potatoes offset lower prices for cattle, soybeans, rice, and onions.

AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS (Dollars)

COMMODITY	UNIT	KENTUCKY			US
		JAN	DEC	JAN	JAN
		2001	2001	2002	2002
		Entire Month		Mid-Month a/	
All Corn b/ c/	Bu.	2.18	2.12	2.10	1.98
Soybeans b/	Bu.	4.88	4.31	4.40	4.27
Winter Wheat b/	Bu.	2.31	2.76	2.95	2.89
Alfalfa Hay, baled	Ton	110.00	100.00	110.00	101.00
All Other Hay, baled	Ton	72.00	58.00	64.00	73.70
All Hogs	Cwt.	33.90	32.60	37.50	36.50
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	34.00	33.00	38.00	37.00
Sows	Cwt.	31.00	24.00	25.00	26.60
All Beef Cattle d/	Cwt.	72.20	66.40	66.40	66.60
Steers & Heifers e/	Cwt.	83.00	76.00	76.00	70.50
Cows	Cwt.	38.00	36.00	36.00	37.10
Calves f/	Cwt.	98.00	90.00	92.00	100.00
Milk Cows g/	Ea.	1,320.00	-	1,540.00	1,610.00
Milk Wholesale					
All	Cwt.	14.80	14.10	14.10	13.30
Fluid h/	Cwt.	14.90	14.10	--	13.30
Manufactured	Cwt.	9.60	11.50	--	12.50
Hog-Corn Ratios i/	Bu.	15.6	15.4	17.9	18.4

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.

ANNUAL EGG PRODUCTION

Kentucky egg production during the year ending November 30, 2001 was 931 million eggs, compared with 940 million during 2000. An average of 3.8 million layers were on Kentucky operations during 2001, up slightly from the 2000 average. Each layer produced an average of 245 eggs during 2001, compared with last year's average of 249.

U.S. egg production during the year ending November 30, 2001 totaled a record high 85.6 billion eggs, up 1 percent from the previous year's total of 84.4 billion eggs. Layer numbers during 2001 averaged 335 million, up 2 percent from the year earlier. The annual average production per layer on hand in 2001 was 256 eggs, down slightly from the 2000 average of 257.

DECEMBER 2001 UNITED STATES EGG PRODUCTION & HATCH

Type	Dec. 2000	Dec. 2001	Dec. 01 % of Dec. 00
Egg Production			
Eggs Produced	7,287	7,404	102
Average Layers (000)	332,259	338,513	102
Eggs Per 100 Layers	2,193	2,187	100
Egg Type Hatchery			
Eggs Set Jan 1 (000)	33,922	31,499	93
Chicks Hatched (000)	34,690	31,504	91
Broiler Type Hatchery			
Eggs Set Jan 1 (000)	610,712	638,208	105
Chicks Hatched (000)	738,664	769,419	104

U. S. MILK PRODUCTION UP 1.0 PERCENT

Kentucky milk production for December 2001 totaled 138 million pounds, up 1 percent from a year earlier, and up 5 percent from November. Average number of cows on farms at 125,000 head, was down 6,000 from last year, and unchanged from last month. Milk per cow averaged 1,105 pounds, up 60 pounds from December 2000 and up 55 pounds from November 2001.

Milk production in the **20 major States** during December totaled 12.0 billion pounds, up 1.0 percent from December

2000. November revised production, at 11.5 billion pounds, was up 0.8 percent from November 2000. The November revision represented an increase of 0.3 percent or 38 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,547 pounds for December, 28 pounds above December 2000. The number of cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.74 million head, 62,000 head less than December 2000, but 10,000 head more than November 2001.

COLD STORAGE HIGHLIGHTS

Frozen food stocks in refrigerated warehouses on December 31, 2001 were greater than year earlier levels for orange juice, red meat and potatoes.

All U.S. Warehouse Stocks				Dec 01 as % of	
Commodity	Dec 31 2000	Nov 30 2001	Dec 31 2001	Dec 2000	Nov 2001
Frozen Poultry		1,000 lbs		Percent	
Chicken:					
Broilers (Whole)	28,441	22,269	22,897	81	103
Other Chicken	769,132	655,718	687,200	89	105
Total Chicken ^{1/}	806,560	683,192	716,901	89	105
Turkey	241,284	259,729	251,702	104	97
Total Frozen Poultry ^{2/}	1,051,247	951,222	975,564	93	103
Meat					
Total Frozen Beef	401,724	426,010	460,032	115	108
Pork:					
Bellies	47,099	36,290	44,187	94	122
Total Frozen Pork ^{3/}	411,475	432,482	458,942	112	106
Total Meat ^{4/}	836,204	879,118	940,069	112	107

^{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.

APPLES AND PEACHES

Utilized production of **commercial apples** in **Kentucky** totaled 7.40 million pounds in 2001, up from 2000. Prices averaged 29.1 cents per pound, up 4.2 cents from 2000. The value of utilized production totaled \$2.15 million, up from the \$1.40 million in 2000. Generally good growing conditions helped produce this year's larger apple crop. Some areas of the State were however effected by a spring freeze that in extreme conditions destroyed the entire apple crop. Producers continue to remove old apple trees in operating orchards and close down some old orchards. As this happens some new trees are being planted for future production.

U.S. utilized apple production for 2001 was estimated at 9.21 billion pounds, down 11 percent from the 2000 level. Production in Central States increased as a result of favorable spring growing conditions but was more than offset by production decreases in the Western and Eastern States. Washington had the largest utilized production with 5.00 billion pounds. This was 54 percent of the Nation's total production.

Kentucky's utilized **peach** production totaled 1.80 million pounds in 2001, up from 2000. Prices averaged 48.7 cents per pound, up 14.1 cents from 2000 but below the record high 62.3 cents per pound of 1996. Value of all utilized 2001 production totaled \$877,000 compared to \$381,000 in 2000. The 2001 peach crop was effected by weather conditions. Some orchards were hurt by a late freeze in the spring while peach orchards not effected by freeze conditions had a good crop.

U.S. utilized peach production in 2001 was estimated at 2.34 billion pounds, down 7 percent from last year and 4 percent below 1999. The California crop, accounting for 72 percent of the U.S. peach production, was down 7 percent from 2000. California production totaled 1.68 billion pounds.

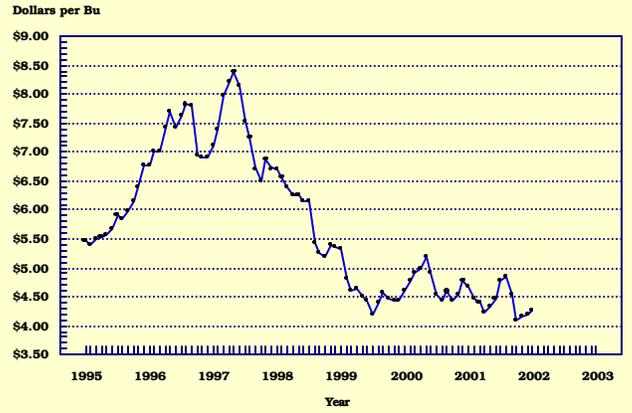
APPLE AND PEACH UTILIZED PRODUCTION, PRICE AND VALUE, SELECTED STATES AND U.S.

STATE	Utilized Production			Price Per Pound			Value of Utilized Production		
	1999	2000	2001	1999	2000	2001	1999	2000	2001
	Million Pounds			Cents			1,000 Dollars		
APPLES - COMMERCIAL CROP									
Illinois	42.5	36.0	40.6	21.4	28.7	20.7	9,109	10,326	8,403
Indiana	54.8	43.8	45.5	23.4	24.5	20.4	12,834	10,734	9,270
KENTUCKY	7.0	5.6	7.4	29.3	24.9	29.1	2,051	1,396	2,152
Missouri	46.0	34.0	41.0	17.5	16.9	17.3	8,033	5,736	7,082
Ohio	91.0	96.0	100.0	21.9	22.7	23.7	19,896	21,746	23,690
Tennessee	8.0	8.5	6.5	21.1	24.4	23.5	1,685	2,076	1,527
Virginia	350.0	314.0	318.0	10.9	10.3	12.5	38,175	32,228	39,725
W. Virginia	135.0	83.0	105.0	9.3	9.5	8.7	12,505	7,883	9,150
U.S.	10,446.5	10,402.2	9,212.5	15.0	12.7	16.4	1,563,582	1,325,641	1,514,301
PEACHES - COMMERCIAL CROP									
Illinois	17.0	20.0	17.1	38.9	41.2	42.0	6,613	8,240	7,182
Indiana	2.8	2.5	2.9	36.9	41.4	58.3	1,033	1,035	1,691
KENTUCKY	1.7	1.1	1.8	43.0	34.6	48.7	731	381	877
Missouri	10.5	9.5	9.0	41.7	35.0	36.5	4,379	3,325	3,285
Ohio	7.9	9.1	11.0	44.7	46.8	49.0	3,531	4,259	5,390
Tennessee	3.0	2.3	3.5	47.0	54.5	48.4	1,410	1,254	1,694
Virginia	12.0	9.0	7.0	29.0	30.0	31.7	3,480	2,700	2,219
W. Virginia	12.3	7.0	10.7	30.2	25.6	30.0	3,716	1,795	3,210
U.S.	2,433.4	2,508.8	2,339.0	19.0	19.5	21.2	462,836	489,116	495,944

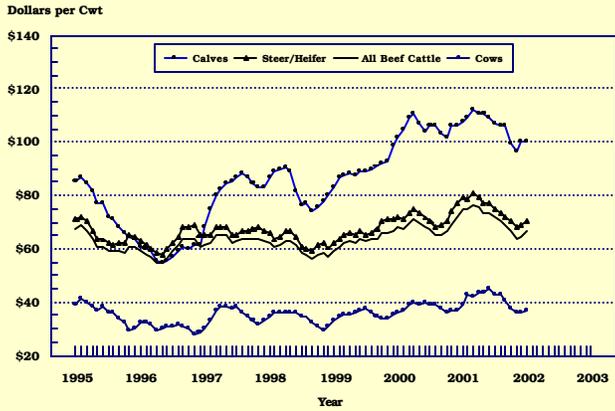
Prices Received, Corn, US



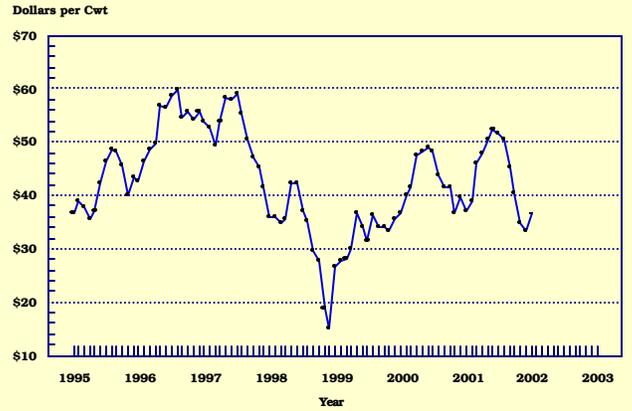
Prices Received, Soybeans, US



Prices Received, Cattle, US



Prices Received, Hogs, US



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