

CASH RECEIPTS FROM MEAT ANIMALS

Cash receipts from the sale of meat animals in **Kentucky** totaled \$695.7 million during 1998, down 12 percent from 1997. Marketings were lower during 1998 for cattle, sheep and hogs. Compared with 1997, prices were slightly lower for cattle, but calf prices were above the previous year levels. Hog prices dropped to near record lows and sheep prices were well below 1997 levels. Cash receipts from **cattle and calves** came to \$605.5 million, 6 percent below 1997. Marketings slipped 7 percent from the previous year to 970.6 billion pounds. Average prices were nearly unchanged from the previous year for cattle and up slightly for calves. Cattle averaged \$59.00 per cwt. during 1998 compared with \$59.20 a year ago. Calf prices averaged \$74.90 per cwt., compared with \$72.20 during 1997. **Hog** receipts were \$89.3 million during 1998, down more than one-third from the previous year, and the smallest receipt total since 1971. Average prices, at \$35.20 per cwt., were the lowest since 1974, and were 33 percent below a year ago. Marketings were down 5 percent to 249 million pounds. Cash receipts from **sheep and lambs** came to \$963,000 during 1998, a significant decline from the \$1.21 million reported in 1997. Marketings totaled 1.65 million pounds, 2 percent below the 1997 level. Average prices for sheep, at \$29 per cwt., were 10 percent below the previous year. Lamb prices averaged \$70 per cwt. in 1998 compared with \$85 a year earlier. Receipts from cattle and calves accounted for 87 percent of total receipts from meat animals, compared with 82 percent a year ago. Hog cash receipts made up 13 percent of the total compared with 18 percent the previous year, while receipts from sheep and lambs comprised less than 1 percent of the total.

Nationally, cash receipts from marketings of meat animals fell 12 percent to \$43.6 billion. Cattle and calves accounted for 77 percent of this total, hogs and pigs 22 percent, and sheep and lambs 1 percent. Production increased for cattle and calves and hogs and pigs, but declined for sheep and lambs. Average prices fell from 1997 levels for all three species. **Cattle and calves** cash receipts decreased from \$36.0 billion in 1997 to \$33.7 in 1998, a 6 percent decrease. All cattle and calf marketings totaled 55.8 billion pounds in 1998, down 2 percent from last year. The U.S. annual average price per 100 pounds live weight for cattle was \$59.60, a decrease of \$3.50 from the \$63.10 in 1997. For calves, the annual average price decreased \$0.10 to \$78.80. **Hogs and pigs** cash receipts totaled \$9.4 billion during 1998, down 28 percent from 1997. Marketings increased to 26.5 billion pounds in 1998, up 10 percent from 1997. The U.S. annual average price per 100 pounds live weight fell from \$52.90 in 1997 to \$34.40 in 1998. **Sheep and lambs** cash receipts in 1998 were \$483 million, down 24 percent from 1997. Marketings declined 5 percent to 742 million pounds. The U.S. annual average price per 100 pounds live weight for lambs decreased from \$90.30 in 1997 to \$72.30 in 1998 while for sheep, the annual average price decreased \$7.30 to \$30.60.

MEAT ANIMALS: PRODUCTION & INCOME - KENTUCKY

	1996	1997 1/	1998
CATTLE & CALVES			
		(Thousand Head)	
Beginning Inventory	2,700	2,600	2,480
Calf Crop	1,230	1,200	1,160
Inshipments	470	415	390
Marketings	1,685	1,600	1,490
Farm Slaughter	10	10	7
Deaths	155	125	113
		(Thousand Pounds)	
Production	756,530	747,928	732,398
Marketings	1,092,180	1,040,340	970,580
		(Dollars Per 100 Pounds)	
Cattle	43.80	59.20	59.00
Calves	46.50	72.20	74.90
		(Thousand Dollars)	
Cash Receipts	484,705	644,632	605,450
Gross Income	494,768	657,352	615,312
HOGS & PIGS			
		(Thousand Head)	
Beginning Inventory 2/	800	600	570
Pig Crop	1,127	1,039	1,011
Inshipments	112	98	100
Marketings	1,334	1,118	1,101
Farm Slaughter	10	9	10
Deaths	70	40	50
		(Thousand Pounds)	
Production	271,881	255,202	243,426
Marketings	296,886	263,026	249,311
		(Dollars Per 100 Pounds)	
All Hogs & Pigs	51.40	52.60	35.20
		(Thousand Dollars)	
Cash Receipts	155,898	142,486	89,304
Gross Income	158,996	145,400	92,062
SHEEP & LAMBS			
		(Thousand Head)	
Beginning Inventory	20.0	22.0	22.0
Lamb Crop	15.0	18.0	16.0
Inshipments	2.0	0.9	0.8
Marketings	11.6	16.7	15.4
Farm Slaughter	0.5	0.5	0.5
Deaths	2.9	1.7	1.9
		(Thousand Pounds)	
Production	1,333	1,673	1,557
Marketings	1,123	1,690	1,651
		(Dollars Per 100 Pounds)	
Sheep	26.00	32.00	29.00
Lambs	80.00	85.00	70.00
		(Thousand Dollars)	
Cash Receipts	751	1,214	963
Gross Income	884	1,344	1,016

1/ Revised. 2/ December 1 preceding year.

COLD STORAGE HIGHLIGHTS

Frozen food stocks in refrigerated warehouses on April 30, 1999 were greater than year earlier levels for butter, pork, chicken, concentrated orange juice, vegetables, and potatoes. This was the fifth month in a row that pork exceeded the 500 million pound mark and also a high for the respective month. Likewise, April 1999 stocks of chicken, at 800 million pounds, also broke the previous record April high of 744 million pounds set in 1997. Concentrated orange juice, vegetables and potatoes all set new April record highs. Cooler stocks of peanuts and apples were higher than a year earlier.

All U.S. Warehouse Stocks			April 1999 as % of		
Commodity	April 30 1998	March 31 1999	April 30 1999	April 1998	March 1999
Frozen Poultry		1,000 lbs		Percent	
Chicken:					
Broilers (Whole)	21,797	24,968	24,577	113	98
Other Chicken	680,740	752,029	765,161	112	102
Total Chicken 1/	702,537	776,997	789,738	112	102
Turkey	579,664	370,654	444,287	77	120
Total Frozen Poultry 2/	1,291,527	1,164,434	1,250,518	97	107
Meat					
Total Frozen Beef	335,450	309,404	317,025	95	102
Pork:					
Bellies	58,600	106,194	109,454	187	103
Total Frozen Pork 3/	487,035	559,911	593,510	122	106
Total Meat 4/	849,293	890,759	933,454	110	105

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

APRIL ALL HIRED WAGE RATE HIGHER

There were 998,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches the week of April 11-17, 1999, down 1 percent from a year ago. There were 844,000 workers hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 154,000 workers. Migrant workers accounted for 8.7 percent of the April hired workforce compared to 6.6 percent last year.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$7.84 per hour during the April 1999 survey week, up 35 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$7.23 per hour,

up 23 cents from last April. Livestock workers earned \$7.36 per hour compared with \$6.99 a year earlier. The Field and Livestock worker combined wage rate was up 26 cents from last year.

The number of hired workers in the 3-State Region including Kentucky, Tennessee, and West Virginia totaled 29,000 during the week of April 11-17, 1999. This compares to 28,000 hired workers for the same time period a year ago. Wage rates for these workers averaged \$6.72 per hour, up 19 cents per hour from 1998. Field workers earned an average \$6.17 per hour compared to \$6.47 per hour last year. Livestock workers were paid an average of \$6.63 per hour, up 54 cents per hour from a year ago.

APRIL MILK PRODUCTION

Kentucky milk production for April 1999 totaled 146 million pounds, down 9 percent from April 1998 and unchanged from March 1999. Average number of milk cows on farms at 134,000 head, was down 7,000 head from a year earlier and unchanged from last month. Milk per cow averaged 1,090 pounds, down 45 pounds from April 1998, and unchanged from last month.

Milk production in the 20 major States during April totaled 12.0 billion pounds, up 3.4 percent from production in these same States in April 1998. March revised production, at 12.2 billion pounds was up 4.6 percent from March 1998. Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,553 pounds for April, 52 pounds above April 1998. The number of cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.71 million head, 1,000 head less than April 1998, but 4,000 head more than March 1999.

1998 ANNUAL MILK PRODUCTION, DISPOSITION & INCOME

Milk production in Kentucky during 1998 totaled 1.71 billion pounds, down from 1.82 billion pounds in 1997. Production per cow averaged 12,214 pounds, down 50 pounds from 1997. An average of 140,000 milk cows were on Kentucky farms during 1998, down 8,000 from the previous year. Producers sold 1.67 billion pounds of milk to plants during 1998. Forty-one million pounds were used on farms as milk, cream and butter, or fed to calves and other livestock. Milk sold to plants averaged \$15.50 per cwt. in 1998 compared with \$13.70 per cwt. in 1997. Receipts to producers totaled \$259 million for 1998, up 6 percent from 1997.

U.S. milk production increased 1 percent in 1998 to 157 billion pounds. The rate per cow at 17,192 pounds, was 321 pounds above 1997. The annual average number of cows on farms at 9.16 million head, was 94,000 less than 1997. Cash receipts from marketings of milk during 1998 at \$24.3 billion dollars, was 16 percent above 1997. Producer returns averaged \$15.57 per hundredweight, 15 percent above 1997. Marketings totaled 156 billion pounds, 1 percent above 1997. Marketings include whole milk sold to plants and dealers as well as milk sold directly to consumers. An estimated 1.36 billion pounds of milk were used on farms where produced, 2 percent less than 1997. Calves were fed 83 percent of this milk with the remainder consumed in producer households.

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 10.02 million head on May 1, 1999. The inventory was 3 percent above May 1, 1998 and 1 percent above May 1, 1997. **Placements in feedlots** during April totaled 1.67 million, 5 percent above 1998 and 8 percent above 1997. Net placements were 1.57 million. During April, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 283,000, 600-699 pounds were 389,000, 700-799 pounds were 567,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 431,000. **Marketings** of fed cattle during April totaled 1.93 million, 3 percent above 1998 and 1 percent above 1997. **Other disappearance** totaled 104,000 during April, 13 percent above 1998 and 6 percent above 1997.

CATTLE ON FEED 7 STATES 1/

Cattle on feed May 1, 1999, in the 7 States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 8.57 million, up 3 percent from the previous year and 1 percent above May 1, 1997. **Placements** in feedlots during April totaled 1.43 million, 6 percent above 1998 and 11 percent above 1997. **Marketings** during April totaled 1.67 million, 4 percent above 1998 and up 1 percent from 1997. **Other disappearance** during April was 78,000 head, 28 percent above 1998 and 15 percent above 1997.

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

UNITED STATES EGG PRODUCTION & HATCH

Item	April 1998 <u>1/</u>	April 1999	April '99 as % of April '98
Egg Production			
Eggs Produced (Million)	6,603	6,770	103
Average Layers (000)	311,917	320,942	103
Eggs Per 100 Layers	2,117	2,109	100
Egg Type Hatchery			
Eggs Set May 1 (000)	35,807	35,395	99
Chicks Hatched (000)	39,043	42,043	108
Broiler Type Hatchery			
Eggs Set May 1 (000)	610,567	634,573	104
Chicks Hatched (000)	708,260	734,340	104

RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Commercial red meat production for the **United States** totaled 3.82 billion pounds in April, up 3 percent from April's previous record high of 3.70 billion pounds produced in 1998. April 1998 and 1999 both contained 22 weekdays and four Saturdays.

Beef production totaled 2.16 billion pounds, 3 percent higher than the previous year and just above the previous record high for April set in 1996. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.97 million head, up 2 percent from 1998. The average live weight was up 12 pounds from the previous year, at 1,201 pounds. Pork production, at 1.63 billion pounds, was up 4 percent from the previous record high for April set in 1998. Hog kill totaled 8.53 million head, 2 percent above 1998. The average live weight was 3 pounds above the previous year, at 260 pounds.

COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION: U. S. & KENTUCKY ^{1/}

Type	April 1998	March 1999	April 1999	April 99 % of	
				April 1998	March 1999
	Million Pounds			Percent	
Beef	2,090	2,230	2,155	103	97
Veal	20	20	18	89	88
Pork	1,566	1,737	1,630	104	94
Lamb & Mutton	25	29	21	82	73
Total U.S.	3,701	4,016	3,823	103	95
Total Kentucky	41.3	45.5	42.7	103	94

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

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER: KENTUCKY & U.S. APRIL 1998 & 1999 ^{1/}

Type	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
	1,000 head		1,000 lbs.		Pounds	
Kentucky						
Cattle	2.7	1.3	2,654	1,068	986	825
Hogs	209.9	217.8	53,597	56,642	255	260
Sheep & Lambs	0.6	0.6	109	92	176	145
United States						
Cattle	2,927.1	2,971.5	3,479,043	3,569,550	1,189	1,201
Hogs	8,327.7	8,534.4	2,136,871	2,217,206	257	260
Sheep & Lambs	384.3	309.9	51,249	42,018	133	136

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

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