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## UNION, CHRISTIAN AND HENDERSON TOP CORN PRODUCING COUNTIES

Union County continued as the top producing corn county in **Kentucky**. For 2001 there were 12,276,000 bushels produced from 79,200 acres harvested with a yield of 155 bushels per acre. Christian County was second in production with 10,685,600 bushels, followed by Henderson County with 9,936,000 bushels. Other counties with five million bushels or more of production were Daviess, Logan, Graves, Todd, McLean, Hickman, Webster and Calloway. Kentucky's corn production for 2001 was estimated at 156.2 million bushels,

a 2 percent decrease from 2000. Moderating summer temperatures and timely rains produced very good growing conditions. Some areas were however hurt by dry conditions during the growing season. Yield averaged 142 bushels per acre, 12 bushels more than 2000 and a record high. Acreage harvested for grain averaged 1.10 million acres, 11 percent less than 2000. **U.S.** corn for grain production was estimated at 9.51 billion bushels, down 4 percent from the revised 9.92 billion bushels in 2000.

## DAVIESS, HENDERSON AND UNION LEAD STATE IN SOYBEAN PRODUCTION

Daviess County continued as the leading soybean producing county in **Kentucky** with 3,381,000 bushels produced. This was from 80,500 acres harvested for beans with a yield of 42 bushels per acre. Henderson County was second with 3,260,000 bushels and Union was third with 2,514,500 bushels. Other counties producing over 2,000,000 bushels were Graves, McLean and Christian. Soybean production for the State was estimated at 48.8 million bushels in 2001 compared to 45.2 million bushels in 2000. Production was

the largest since 1982 and the third largest on record. Yields were estimated at 40 bushels per acre, up 1 bushel from 2000. This was the highest yield on record. Harvested acreage at 1.22 million acres was up 60,000 acres from the 1.16 million acres harvested in 2000. Growing conditions were excellent. Timely rains and moderate temperatures had a big impact on the record yield. Second crop soybeans produced a good yielding crop. **U.S.** soybean production totaled 2.89 billion bushels, 5 percent above 2000 and the highest on record.

## LOGAN, CHRISTIAN AND TODD WERE TOP THREE WHEAT COUNTIES

Logan County produced 3,160,000 bushels of winter wheat and remained the number one wheat producing county in **Kentucky**. Yield averaged 79 bushels per acre and harvested acreage totaled 40,000 acres. Christian was a close second with 3,066,000 bushels while Todd was third with 2,035,500 bushels. Other counties producing more than one million bushels included Simpson, Calloway, Graves and Warren. Logan and Warren were the top yield

producing counties with 79 bushels per acre. Kentucky's winter wheat production for 2001 totaled 23.8 million bushels, down 1 percent from 2000. Yield was 66 bushels per acre, up 9 bushels from the record high in 2000. Harvested acreage at 360,000 acres was down 60,000 acres from the previous year and the smallest harvested acreage in 14 years. The wheat crop had a good growing season with good yields. **U.S.** winter wheat production was estimated at 1.36 billion bushels, down 13 percent from the 2000 crop.

## BARREN COUNTY CONTINUED AS CATTLE CAPITAL OF KENTUCKY

Barren County continues to have the largest number of cattle in **Kentucky** with 80,000 head on January 1, 2002. Warren was second with 72,500 head while Pulaski was third with 65,500 head. Kentucky ranked 13th in the nation with 2.30 million head, 2 percent above the previous year. All cattle and calves in the **U.S.** totaled 97.6 million head, up 1 percent from a year earlier. Texas had the largest cattle herd with 13.6 million head. California, Kansas, Nebraska and Oklahoma had cattle inventories of 5.00 million head or more on January 1, 2002.

Barren County also had the largest beef cow inventory in **Kentucky** with 34,500 head on January 1, 2002. Other top counties included Pulaski and Warren with 31,500 head, Madison with 24,300 head and Monroe with 22,100 head. Kentucky ranked 8th in the U.S. with 1.08 million head, the largest beef cow herd east of the Mississippi River. There were 33.1 million beef cows in the **U.S.**, down 1 percent from both January 1, 2001 and January 1, 2000. Texas had 5.44 million beef cows, the largest inventory in the U.S. Other leading states included Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma and South Dakota.

### COLD STORAGE HIGHLIGHTS

Frozen food stocks in refrigerated warehouses on February 28, 2002, were greater than year earlier levels for beef, red meat, poultry, pork and potatoes.

All U. S. Warehouse Stocks				Feb 02 as % of	
Commodity	Feb 28, 2001	Jan 31, 2002	Feb 28, 2002	Feb 2001	Jan 2002
Frozen Poultry		1,000 lbs		Percent	
Chicken:					
Broilers (Whole)	14,117	24,716	27,004	191	109
Other Chicken	662,452	686,569	693,745	104	101
Total Chicken <u>1/</u>	683,306	717,736	724,826	106	101
Turkey	333,521	325,185	402,089	121	124
Total Frozen Poultry <u>2/</u>	1,020,990	1,049,900	1,134,060	111	108
Meat					
Total Frozen Beef	360,212	447,302	430,438	119	96
Pork					
Bellies	47,154	50,500	57,228	121	113
Total Frozen Pork <u>3/</u>	468,289	500,027	505,315	108	101
Total Meat <u>4/</u>	852,632	970,148	956,286	112	99

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.

### U.S. DAIRY PRODUCTS, JANUARY 2002

PRODUCT	January 2001	December 2001 <u>1/</u>	January 2002	Percent of	
				Jan. 2001	Dec. 2001
		(000) Pounds		Percent	
<b>BUTTER</b>	129,366	123,393	142,841	110	116
<b>CHEESE</b>					
American Types <u>2/</u>	301,114	314,379	314,575	104	100
Mozzarella	231,533	230,656	225,117	97	98
All Other Types <u>3/</u>	153,944	159,241	155,511	101	98
Total	686,591	704,276	695,203	101	99
		(000) Gallons		Percent	
<b>FROZEN PRODUCTS</b>					
Ice Cream (Hard)	62,974	56,593	69,621	111	123
Frozen Yogurt (Total)	6,290	5,447	5,953	95	109
<b>MIX FOR FROZEN PRODUCTS</b>					
Ice Cream Mix	36,345	33,318	38,062	105	114
Yogurt Mix	3,700	3,204	3,502	95	109

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

## RED MEAT PRODUCTION IN 2001

Red meat production in commercial plants and on farms for the United States totaled 45.8 billion pounds in 2001, slightly lower than the record high set in 2000. Red meat includes beef, veal, pork, and lamb and mutton. Red meat production in commercial plants totaled 45.7 billion pounds.

Beef production, at 26.2 billion pounds, fell 3 percent below the record high set last year. Veal production totaled 204 million pounds, down 9 percent from last year and a new record low. Pork production, at 19.2 billion pounds, was slightly below the record high set in 1999. Lamb and mutton production totaled 228 million pounds, 3 percent below a year ago and a new record low.

Commercial cattle slaughter during 2001 totaled 35.4 million head, down 2 percent from 2000, with federal inspection comprising 98.3 percent of the total. The average live weight was 1,221 pounds, up 2 pounds from a year ago. Steers comprised 49.2 percent of the total federally inspected slaughter, heifers 32.7 percent, dairy cows 7.4 percent, other cows 8.9 percent, and bulls 1.8 percent.

Commercial calf slaughter totaled 1.01 million head, down 11 percent from a year ago with 97.4 percent under

federal inspection. The average live weight was 320 pounds, up 4 pounds from a year earlier.

Commercial hog slaughter totaled 98.0 million head, virtually unchanged from 2000 with 98.5 percent of the hogs slaughtered under federal inspection. The average live weight was up 2 pounds from last year, at 264 pounds. Barrows and gilts comprised 96.6 percent of the total federally inspected slaughter.

Commercial sheep and lamb slaughter, at 3.22 million head, was down less than 7 percent from 2000 with 95.1 percent comprised by federal inspection. The average live weight rose 5 pounds from 2000 to 140 pounds.

Red meat production in Kentucky during 2001 totaled 431 million pounds, down 1 percent from the 2000 level. Beef production totaled 13.4 million pounds live weight, 9 percent above the 2000 level. Pork production, at 565 million pounds live weight was 2 percent below the previous year. Lamb and mutton production, at 1.24 million pounds live weight, was 19 percent below the 2000 total. During 2001, animals were slaughtered at 67 plants in Kentucky, of which 26 were under federal inspection.

## 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 11.52 million head on March 1, 2002. The inventory was down 2 percent from the 11.70 million head on March 1, 2001 but 2 percent above March 1, 2000.

**Placements** in feedlots during February totaled 1.81 million, 14 percent above 2001 but 4 percent below 2000. Net placements were 1.74 million. During February, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 260,000, 600-699 pounds were 410,000, 700-799 pounds were 662,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 473,000.

**Marketings** of fed cattle during February totaled 1.80 million, 3 percent above 2001 but 12 percent below 2000.

**Other disappearance** totaled 63,000 during February, 22 percent below 2001 and 19 percent below 2000.

## CATTLE ON FEED 7 STATES 1/

**Cattle on feed** March 1, 2002, in the 7 States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 9.91 million, down 1 percent from the previous year but 2 percent above March 1, 2000.

**Placements** in feedlots during February totaled 1.54 million, 16 percent above 2001 but 4 percent below 2000.

**Marketings** during February totaled 1.53 million, 4 percent above 2001 but 12 percent below 2000.

**Other disappearance** during February was 52,000 head, 19 percent below 2001 but 11 percent above 2000.

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

## U. S. MILK PRODUCTION UP 2.8 PERCENT

**Kentucky** milk production for February 2002 totaled 135 million pounds, up 2 percent from a year earlier but down 6 percent from last month. Average number of milk cows on farms was 123,000, down 5,000 head from last year and down 1,000 from last month. Milk per cow averaged 1,100 pounds, up 60 pounds from last year but down 60 pounds from last month.

Milk production in the **20 major States** during February totaled 11.4 billion pounds, up 2.8 percent

from February 2001. January revised production, at 12.3 billion pounds, was up 1.8 percent from January 2001. The January revision represented an increase of 1 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,474 pounds for February, 43 pounds above February 2001. The number of milk cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.75 million head, 18,000 head less than February 2001, but 1,000 head more than January 2002.

### UNITED STATES EGG PRODUCTION & HATCH

Type	Feb. 2001	Feb. 2002	Feb. 02 % of Feb. 01
<b>Egg Production</b>			
Eggs Produced (Million)	6,524	6,557	101
Average Layers (000)	335,813	336,896	100
Eggs Per 100 Layers	1,943	1,946	100
<b>Egg Type Hatchery</b>			
Eggs Set Mar. 1 (000)	35,521	32,833	92
Chicks Hatched (000)	38,198	34,326	90
<b>Broiler Type Hatchery</b>			
Eggs Set Mar. 1 (000)	627,218	649,723	104
Chicks Hatched (000)	670,498	702,576	105

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