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MOST GRAIN AND LIVESTOCK PRICES DECLINE

Mid-month prices received by **Kentucky** farmers were mixed for crops and down for livestock.

Steers and heifers at mid-April averaged \$73.00 per cwt. This was down \$5.00 from March, \$12.00 from April 2001 and the lowest price since November 2001. **Beef cows** averaged \$40.00 per cwt, down \$1.00 from the previous month and \$4.00 below April, 2001. **Calves** under 500 pounds averaged \$89.00 per cwt. This was \$6.00 below March, 2002 and down \$13.00 from a year ago.

The mid-April price for **barrows and gilts**, at \$26.00 per cwt., was \$9.00 below March and \$18.00 below April, 2001. This was the lowest average price in over 3 years. **Sows** averaged \$22.00 per cwt, \$8.00 below the previous month and \$18.00 below a year earlier.

The **all milk** price averaged \$13.00 per cwt, down 50 cents from March and \$2.70 below the April 2001 level. Milk prices were at their lowest level in over 2 years. **Milk cow** prices at mid-April were \$1,650.00 per head. This was up \$110.00 from January 2002 and up \$310.00 from April a year earlier.

Prices received for **all corn** fell 6 cents from last month to \$2.05 per bushel. This was 3 cents below April, 2001. **Soybean** prices, at \$4.65 per bushel, climbed to their highest level since August 2001. This price was up 11 cents from March, and 27 cents above the April, 2001 level. **Winter wheat** averaged \$2.70 per bushel at mid-April, down 1 cent from March, while up 55 cents from the previous year.

The preliminary **U.S.** All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in April was 95, based on 1990-92=100, down 10 points (9.5 percent) from the revised March index. Declining lettuce prices along with decreases for hogs, eggs, and cattle, more than offset increased prices for onions, hay, apples, and potatoes. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell often affects the overall index. Higher marketings for cattle, strawberries, milk, and oranges more than offset decreased marketings of soybeans, corn, wheat, and cotton. Compared with April last year, the All Farm Products Index was down 11 points (10.4 percent). Lower prices for broilers, milk, hogs, and cattle more than offset higher prices for potatoes, tomatoes, apples, and carrots.

AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS -(Dollars)

COMMODITY	UNIT	KENTUCKY			US
		APR 2001	MAR 2002	APR 2002	APR
		Entire Month		Mid-Month a/	
All Corn b/ c/	Bu.	2.08	2.11	2.05	1.86
Soybeans b/	Bu.	4.38	4.54	4.65	4.38
Winter Wheat b/	Bu.	2.15	2.71	2.70	2.73
Alfalfa Hay, baled	Ton	110.00	105.00	95.00	106.00
All Other Hay,	Ton	64.00	61.00	52.00	78.70
All Hogs	Cwt.	43.80	34.80	25.80	30.50
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	44.00	35.00	26.00	30.70
Sows	Cwt.	40.00	30.00	22.00	25.50
All Beef Cattle d/	Cwt.	75.20	69.10	65.10	67.80
Steers & Heifers e/	Cwt.	85.00	78.00	73.00	71.20
Cows	Cwt.	44.00	41.00	40.00	40.50
Calves f/	Cwt.	102.00	95.00	89.00	102.00
Milk Cows g/	Each	1,340.00	-	1,650.00	1,710.00
Milk Wholesale					
All	Cwt.	15.70	13.50	13.00	12.50
Fluid h/	Cwt.	15.70	13.50	--	12.50
Manufactured	Cwt.	10.80	10.50	--	11.20
Hog-Corn Ratios i/	Bu.	21.1	16.5	12.6	16.4

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.

CASH RECEIPTS FROM SALES OF CATTLE & CALVES

The sale of cattle & hogs in **Kentucky** during 2001 resulted in cash receipts of \$594.1 million, down 6 percent from 2000. Cattle marketings were down from 2000 but hog marketings were virtually unchanged. Cash receipts for **cattle and calves** dropped \$41.1 million to \$499.8 million in 2001, a decline of 7.6 percent from 2000's \$540.9 million. Marketings dropped 8 percent from 682.1 million pounds in 2000 to 630.9 million pounds in 2001. Average prices were down from the previous year for cattle but up for calves. Cattle averaged \$71.70 per cwt. during 2001 compared with \$71.90 a year ago. Calf prices averaged \$96.20 per cwt., compared with \$96.10 during 2000. **Hog** receipts were \$94.3 million during 2001, up 5 percent from the previous year. Average prices at \$42.00 per cwt. were up \$2.00 per cwt. from 2000. Marketings for 2001 were down slightly from the 213.6 million pounds.

Nationally, cash receipts from marketings of meat animals increased 1 percent to \$53.3 billion. Cattle and calves accounted for 76 percent of this total, hogs and pigs 23 percent, and sheep and lambs 1 percent. Production increased for hogs and pigs, but decreased for both cattle and calves and sheep and lambs. Average prices were up from 2000 levels for cattle and calves, hogs and pigs, and sheep while lambs showed a decrease. Cash receipts from marketings of **cattle and calves** decreased from \$40.7 billion in 2000 to \$40.4 in 2001, a 1 percent decrease. All cattle and calf marketings totaled 55.3 billion pounds in 2001, down 4 percent from 2000. The U.S. annual average price per 100 pounds live weight for cattle was \$71.30, an increase of \$2.70 from 2000. For calves, the annual average price increased \$2.00 to \$106.00. Cash receipts from **hogs and pigs** totaled \$12.5 billion during 2001, up 6 percent from 2000. Marketings increased to 26.9 billion pounds in 2001, up 1 percent from 2000. The U.S. annual average price per 100 pounds live weight increased \$2.00 to \$44.30 in 2001. Cash receipts from marketings of **sheep and lambs** in 2001 were \$398 million, down 15 percent from 2000. Marketings declined 1 percent to 641 million pounds. The U.S. annual average price per 100 pounds live weight for sheep increased from \$34.30 in 2000 to \$34.60 in 2001 while for lambs, the annual average price decreased \$12.90 to \$66.90.

MEAT ANIMALS: PRODUCTION & INCOME - KENTUCKY

	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>
CATTLE & CALVES			
	(Thousand Head)		
Beginning Inventory	2,420	2,230	2,260
Calf Crop	1,120	1,090	1,080
Inshipments	170	160	100
Marketings	1,355	1,104	1,023
Farm Slaughter	7	6	6
Deaths	118	110	111
	(Thousand Pounds)		
Production	642,575	630,356	622,480
Marketings	857,480	682,130	630,920
	(Dollars Per 100 Pounds)		
Cattle	59.30	71.90	71.70
Calves	80.20	96.10	96.20
	(Thousand Dollars)		
Cash Receipts	555,444	540,855	499,782
Gross Income	566,037	550,430	509,575
HOGS & PIGS			
	(Thousand Head)		
Beginning Inventory	520	460	430
Pig Crop	1,007	775	797
Inshipments	117	135	117
Marketings	1,114	884	885
Farm Slaughter	8	6	5
Deaths	62	50	49
	(Thousand Pounds)		
Production	255,533	207,960	206,470
Marketings	263,573	213,655	213,607
	(Dollars Per 100 Pounds)		
All Hogs & Pigs	28.50	40.20	42.00
	(Thousand Dollars)		
Cash Receipts	77,692	89,614	94,321
Gross Income	79,734	91,552	96,182

¹/December 1 previous year.

KENTUCKY FLOWERS & FOLIAGE PLANTS - 2001

The **Kentucky** 2001 wholesale value of sales of flowers and foliage totaled \$31.4 million, up 2 percent from the revised 2000 value of \$30.7 million. The wholesale value is the value reported by growers with sales of \$100,000 or more plus the calculated wholesale value of sales for growers with sales below \$100,000. Kentucky ranked 31st of the 36 states that conducted a floriculture survey.

Data for Kentucky's potted flowering plants, annual bedding/garden plants (including pots, flats and hanging baskets), herbaceous perennials, foliage plants for indoor and patio use, cut flowers, other cut cultivated greens and propagative (unfinished) material was provided by growers with sales of \$100,000 or more. The wholesale value of total bedding/garden plants (\$19.4 million), potted flowering plants (\$5.00 million),

foliage for indoor or patio use (\$1.33 million) and propagative materials (\$260,000) totaled \$26.0 million. The bedding/garden total was made up of two parts, annual bedding/garden plants (14.2 million) and herbaceous perennial plants (\$5.14 million). Due to disclosure issues, cut flower sales and cut cultivated greens were not included in total sales.

The number of floriculture growers in Kentucky with sales of \$10,000 or more totaled 167, down 17 from the 2000 revised number of growers. Total greenhouse cover for the State was 4.95 million square feet, up less than 1 percent from 2000. Film plastic (single and multiple layer) represented 70 percent, fiberglass and other rigid plastic make up 20 percent and glass made up 10 percent. Shade and temporary cover made up 102,000 square feet.

**POTTED FLOWERS, BEDDING/GARDEN PLANTS, FOLIAGE PLANTS AND CUT FLOWERS
PRODUCED BY KENTUCKY GROWERS WITH SALES OVER \$100,000 - 2001**

Item	Number of Producers	Units	Total Sales (1,000)	% of Sales at Wholesale	Wholesale Price			Value of all Sales at Wholesale (1,000)
					Less than 5 inch	5 inch or more	Comb. Sizes	
					(Dollars)			
<u>POTTED FLOWERING PLANTS:</u>								
African Violets <u>2/</u>	-	Pots	-	-	-	-	-	-
Finished Florist Azaleas <u>2/</u>	-	Pots	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florist Chrysanthemums <u>2/</u>	-	Pots	-	-	-	-	-	-
Easter Lilies <u>2/</u>	-	Pots	-	-	-	-	-	-
Poinsettias	32	Pots	862	85	1.39	3.74		3,062
Florist Roses <u>2/</u>	-	Pots	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spring Flowering Bulbs <u>2/</u>	-	Pots	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Flowering Plants	14	Pots	70	88	2.28	5.36		357
<u>BEDDING/GARDEN PLANTS:</u>								
POTS								
Hardy/Garden Chrysanthemums	38	Pots	985	92	0.90	1.80		1,635
Begonia	22	Pots	118	68	1.16	1.60		146
Geraniums (Cuttings)	45	Pots	550	79	1.50	2.53		1,037
Geraniums (Seed) <u>3/</u>	16	Pots	470	96	0.95	-		447
New Guinea Impatiens	39	Pots	288	84	1.54	1.91		491
Impatiens	17	Pots	84	81	1.38	1.51		124
Marigold <u>3/</u>	3	Pots	9	51	1.33	-		12
Pansy/Viola <u>3/</u>	6	Pots	159	80	0.65	-		103
Petunias	20	Pots	240	84	0.80	2.19		213
Other Flowering and Foliage	29	Pots	689	70	1.29	2.82		1,317
Vegetable Type	21	Pots	325	63	0.87	1.54		306
					Wholesale Price			
FLATS								
Begonia	46	Flats	137	80		7.32		1,003
Geraniums (Cuttings)	6	Flats	5	33		12.96		65
Geraniums (Seed) <u>2/</u>	-	Flats	-	-		-		-
New Guinea Impatiens	10	Flats	5	52		13.43		67
Impatiens	49	Flats	183	81		7.44		1,362
Marigold	44	Flats	70	87		7.55		529
Pansy/Viola	44	Flats	99	91		7.36		729
Petunias	51	Flats	113	72		8.29		937
Other Flowering and Foliage	48	Flats	288	81		7.62		2,195
Vegetable Type	41	Flats	85	55		7.52		639
HANGING PLANTS								
Begonia	24	Baskets	36	79		5.75		207
Geraniums (Cuttings)	35	Baskets	31	82		6.87		213
Geraniums (Seed) <u>2/</u>	-	Baskets	-	-		-		-
New Guinea Impatiens	37	Baskets	55	89		6.78		373
Impatiens	34	Baskets	72	92		5.25		378
Marigold <u>2/</u>	-	Baskets	-	-		-		-
Petunias	36	Baskets	36	79		5.86		211
Other Flowering	33	Baskets	154	79		5.97		919
<u>HERBACEOUS PERENNIALS:</u>								
Hardy/Garden Chrysanthemums <u>4/</u>	-	Pots	-	-		-		-
Potted Hosta <u>5/</u>	29	Pots	149	88		3.35		499
Other Potted <u>5/</u>	32	Pots	821	82		3.66		3,005
<u>FOLIAGE PLANTS FOR INDOOR OR PATIO USE:</u>								
Potted Foliage	8	Pots	-	86		-		173
Foliage, Hanging	27	Baskets	201	93		5.75		1,156
<u>CUT FLOWERS:</u>								
Chrysanthemums, Pompon <u>2/</u>	-	Bunches	-	-		-		-
Iris <u>2/</u>	-	Stems	-	-		-		-
Lilies <u>2/</u>	-	Stems	-	-		-		-
Snapdragons <u>2/</u>	-	Spikes	-	-		-		-
Tulips <u>2/</u>	-	Stems	-	-		-		-
Other Cut Flowers <u>2/</u>	-	-	-	-		-		-
<u>PROPAGATIVE (UNFINISHED) MATERIAL: 6/</u>								
Annual Bedding/Garden Plants								130
<u>OTHER CUT CULTIVATED GREENS: 7/</u>								
<u>TOTAL WHOLESALE VALUE:</u>								

31,442 1/

1/Equivalent wholesale value of all sales (operations under \$100,000 in sales estimated). 2/Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations. 3/Pot price is a weighted average of all pots reported to avoid disclosure of individual operations. 4/Listed with Bedding/Garden plants. 5/Pot price is a weighted average of all pots (less than 1 gallon, 1 to 2 gallon and 2 gallon and larger) reported to avoid disclosure of individual operations. 6/Potted flowering plants propagative material was confidential. 7/Other Cut Cultivated Greens is confidential to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

UNITED STATES FLOWERS & FOLIAGE PLANTS - 2001

The 2001 wholesale value of floriculture crops for the U.S. was up 4 percent from the revised 2000 valuation. The total crop value at wholesale for all growers with \$10,000 or more in sales was estimated at \$4.74 billion for 2001, compared with \$4.58 billion for 2000. California was again the leading State with crops valued at \$1.02 billion, up 7 percent from the previous year. Florida was up 3 percent from 2000 with \$765 million in wholesale value. These two States accounted for 38 percent of the total value. The top five States, California, Florida, Texas, Michigan, and Ohio, accounted for \$2.52 billion, 53 percent of the total value.

The total wholesale value of floriculture crops grown by operations exceeding the \$100,000 sales level reached \$4.44 billion in 2001, up 4 percent from the 2000 total. These operations, which comprised 43 percent of all growers, accounted for 94 percent of the total value of floriculture crops. Bedding and garden plants, the largest contributor, recorded a 4 percent increase in wholesale value to \$2.18 billion. Potted flowering plants were up 4 percent in value to \$832 million. The foliage

category was valued at \$585 million in 2001. This was up 4 percent from the revised 2000 estimate. Value of cut flowers decreased 1 percent, to \$424 million, while cut cultivated greens decreased 12 percent to \$111 million.

The number of growers with \$10,000 or more in sales totaled 10,965 in 2001, a decline of 6 percent compared with the 2000 revised count of 11,624. The number of growers with sales of \$100,000 or more dropped to 4,722 for 2001 from 4,851 in 2000. Every size group experienced a drop in members to the previous year. Total covered area for all floriculture crop production was recorded at 931 million square feet, virtually unchanged from the revised 2000 estimate. Greenhouse space accounted for 58 percent of the total covered area with 541 million square feet, up 1 percent from 2000. The average number of hired workers employed on all operations in 2001 increased to 14.9, up from a revised 14.4 in 2000. A total of 8,579 operations reported hired workers during the year, compared with 9,071 a year earlier. Overall, during both 2001 and 2000, 78 percent of the operations used some hired labor.

2001 ANNUAL MILK PRODUCTION, DISPOSITION & INCOME

Milk production in Kentucky during 2001 totaled 1.66 billion pounds, down from 1.70 billion pounds in 2000. Production per cow averaged 12,969 pounds, up 128 pounds from 2000. An average of 128,000 milk cows were on Kentucky farms during 2001, down 4,000 from the previous year. Producers sold 1.63 billion pounds of milk to plants during 2001. Thirty-two million pounds were used on farms as milk, cream and butter, or fed to calves and other livestock. Milk sold to plants averaged \$16.20 per cwt. in 2001 compared with \$13.80 per cwt. in 2000. Receipts to producers totaled \$264 million for 2001, up 15 percent from 2000.

U.S. milk production decreased 1 percent in 2001 to 165 billion pounds. The rate per cow, at 18,139 pounds, was 62 pounds below 2000. The annual average number of milk cows on farms, at 9.12 million head, was 91,000 head less than 2000. Cash receipts from marketings of milk during 2001, at \$24.7 billion, was 20 percent above 2000. Producer returns averaged \$15.05 per hundredweight, 21 percent above 2000. Marketings totaled 164 billion pounds, 1 percent below 2000. Marketings include whole milk sold to plants and dealers as well as milk sold directly to consumers. An estimated 1.26 billion pounds of milk were used on farms where produced, 3 percent less than 2000. Calves were fed 86 percent of this milk with the remainder consumed in producer households.

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