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MAY CROP REPORT

U.S. HIGHLIGHTS

- * **Winter wheat production** was forecast at 1.34 billion bushels, down 14 percent from 2000 to the lowest level since 1978. All classes of winter wheat were down from the previous year.
- * **Winter wheat harvested acreage** was forecast at 32.1 million acres, down 8 percent from 2000. If realized this would be the smallest winter wheat area since 1957.
- * **Winter wheat yield** was forecast at 41.8 bushels per acre, 2.8 bushels less than last year.
- * **Kansas**, the number one wheat state, was expecting 285.6 million bushels, down 18 percent from 2000.

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Winter wheat production by farmers in 2001 was forecast at 19.7 million bushels. The expected crop was down 18 percent from last year's large crop and the smallest crop in 10 years. Even with the smaller crop, farmers expect a yield of 58 bushels per acre based on May 1 conditions. The expected yield was up 1 bushel from last year while down 2

bushels from the record high yield of 60 bushels in 1999. Farmers seeded 550,000 acres in the fall of 2000 and intend to harvest 340,000 acres for grain. Acres for grain was down 80,000 acres from last year and the smallest since 1987. Acres for other purposes was estimated at 210,000 acres. This wheat acreage was used as a cover crop that was plowed down prior to setting tobacco or will be cut as grain silage and hay.

A good stand of winter wheat was present going into the winter season. Snow cover during the extremely cold periods of this past winter helped keep winter wheat in mostly good condition. Record low temperatures were experienced during the week of April 15 but they had little effect on the crop. Generally cool soil temperatures have slowed wheat growth this spring. Warm temperatures during April encouraged wheat development but also tended to dry soils. The crop as of the week ending May 4 was in mostly good to fair condition. As of May 6, 85 percent of the crop was headed out, ahead of last year with 74 percent and the 5 year average of 52 percent. Yields were very promising as of May 1 but dry soil conditions could effect the final yield. Plants will need regular rain during May and June to develop into a good yielding crop.

WINTER WHEAT, SELECTED STATES & U.S., MAY 1, 2001

STATE	AREA HARVESTED		YIELD		PRODUCTION		
	2000	Ind. 2001	2000	Ind. 2001	1999	2000	Ind. 2001
	(1,000 Acres)		(Bushels)		(1,000 Bushels)		
Colorado	2,350	2,050	29.0	34.0	103,200	68,150	69,700
Illinois	920	770	57.0	54.0	60,600	52,440	41,580
Indiana	510	480	69.0	66.0	33,660	35,190	31,680
Kansas	9,400	8,400	37.0	34.0	432,400	347,800	285,600
KENTUCKY	420	340	57.0	58.0	24,600	23,940	19,720
Missouri	950	780	52.0	50.0	44,160	49,400	39,000
Montana	1,350	1,090	33.0	34.0	36,860	44,550	37,060
Nebraska	1,650	1,700	36.0	36.0	81,600	59,400	61,200
Ohio	1,110	990	72.0	70.0	72,100	79,920	69,300
Oklahoma	4,200	3,600	34.0	27.0	150,500	142,800	97,200
Oregon	730	690	62.0	54.0	29,610	45,260	37,260
Tennessee	380	350	55.0	55.0	19,040	20,900	19,250
Texas	2,200	2,900	30.0	30.0	122,400	66,000	87,000
Washington	1,800	1,750	73.0	63.0	96,860	131,400	110,250
U.S.	35,022	32,088	44.6	41.8	1,696,580	1,562,733	1,341,381

FINAL 2000 TOBACCO

BURLEY: The final production estimate for **Kentucky** burley tobacco for 2000 was estimated at 243.0 million pounds. This was down 36 percent from the 380.1 million pounds produced in 1999 and the smallest crop since 1942. The smaller crop for 2000 resulted from a reduction in harvested acreage. Acreage harvested was down due to reductions in the basic and effective quota. The quota that individual farmers have, regulates the pounds of tobacco that the individual can sell. The final production estimate reflects marketing adjusted for carryover but does not include unharvested or destroyed poundage. Due to a good production year, excess production was produced that farmers were unable to sell this marketing season. Carryover for the 2000 crop at 39 million pounds was up significantly from the 10 million pounds for the 1999 crop. Harvested acreage at 120,000 acres was down 90,000 acres from the previous year and the smallest acreage since record keeping began in 1919. Yield per acre at 2,025 pounds was up 215 pounds from the 1999 crop and the largest yield in 6 years. Average price per pound was 196.8 cents, up 6.8 cents from the 1999 crop.

The burley price was at a record high. This past marketing season burley tobacco was sold by two methods for the first time. It was sold the traditional method by auction market and also sold by direct contract.

Burley production for the **8-State Burley Belt** totaled 362.8 million pounds, down 35 percent from the previous year. Kentucky, the leading producer of burley tobacco, produced 67 percent of all burley grown in the United States.

DARK TOBACCO: Production of dark fired **Kentucky** tobacco was up from 1999 for all four types. Type 22 fire-cured production at 12.9 million pounds was up 47 percent from the 1999 crop and was the largest crop since 1978. Production of Type 23 fire-cured at 12.9 million pounds was up 40 percent from the previous year and the largest crop since 1956. One sucker, Type 35 air cured production totaled 9.30 million pounds, up 38 percent from the year before. The 2000 crop was the largest since 1984. Type 36 air cured, Green River, production was up 36 percent at 4.93 million pounds and also the largest crop since 1984. The prices received by farmers for all four types were lower than the previous year.

TOBACCO ACREAGE, YIELD, PRODUCTION & PRICE PER POUND, BY TYPE, STATE & U.S.

Type & State	Acreage Harvested		Yield Per Acre		Production		Market Yr. Avg. Price Per Lb.	
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	Rec'd by Farmers	
	(Acres)		(Pounds)		(1,000 Pounds)		(Cents)	
BURLEY, TYPE 31								
KENTUCKY	210,000	120,000	1,810	2,025	380,100	243,000	190.0	196.8
Indiana	6,500	3,800	1,800	2,100	11,700	7,980	189.0	193.7
Missouri	2,300	1,400	2,015	2,120	4,635	2,968	187.9	185.4
N. Carolina	7,800	7,400	1,600	1,600	12,480	11,840	190.9	196.8
Ohio	9,800	7,500	1,740	1,760	17,052	13,200	191.2	192.8
Tennessee	55,000	37,000	1,890	1,920	103,950	71,040	189.4	195.7
Virginia	10,600	7,000	2,180	1,600	23,108	11,200	189.6	197.4
W. Virginia	1,600	1,300	1,350	1,200	2,160	1,560	190.0	190.1
U.S.	303,600	185,400	1,829	1,957	555,185	362,788	189.9	196.3
FIRE CURED, TYPE 22								
KENTUCKY	3,750	4,100	2,350	3,150	8,813	12,915	231.2	220.1
Tennessee	7,000	7,700	2,280	2,760	15,960	21,252	231.4	219.7
U.S.	10,750	11,800	2,304	2,896	24,773	34,167	231.3	219.9
FIRE CURED, TYPE 23								
KENTUCKY	3,500	3,800	2,630	3,400	9,205	12,920	226.0	208.2
Tennessee	570	640	2,500	3,125	1,425	2,000	227.1	208.6
U.S.	4,070	4,440	2,612	3,360	10,630	14,920	226.1	208.3
ONE SUCKER, TYPE 35								
KENTUCKY	2,850	3,100	2,370	3,000	6,755	9,300	206.6	196.5
Tennessee	600	680	2,110	2,450	1,266	1,666	205.6	204.1
U.S.	3,450	3,780	2,325	2,901	8,021	10,966	206.4	197.7
GREEN RIVER, TYPE 36								
KENTUCKY	1,550	1,700	2,335	2,900	3,619	4,930	198.2	194.0
ALL TOBACCO								
KENTUCKY	221,650	132,700	1,843	2,133	408,492	283,065	192.0	198.3
U.S.	647,160	472,430	1,997	2,229	1,292,692	1,052,998	182.8	186.9

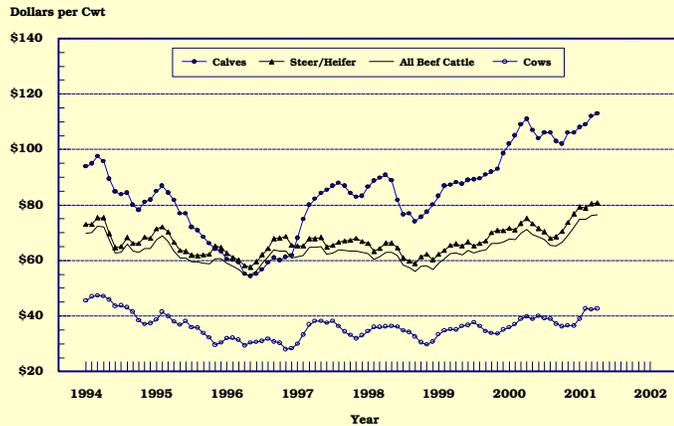
2000 POULTRY - PRODUCTION & VALUE, KENTUCKY & U.S.

ITEM	KENTUCKY		2000 % of 1999	UNITED STATES		2000 % of 1999
	1999	2000		1999	2000	
BROILERS						
Numbers Produced (000)	188,800	208,200	103	8,146,010	8,262,630	101
Pounds Produced (000)	981,800	1,041,000	106	40,829,800	41,516,260	102
Live Weight Equiv. \$/lb.	0.370	0.330	89	0.371	0.336	91
Value of Production (000)	363,266	343,530	95	15,128,840	13,953,196	92
EGG PRODUCTION						
Eggs Produced (million)	922	940	102	82,715	84,412	102
Price Per Dozen (dollars)	0.785	0.904	115	0.622	0.618	99
Value of Production (000)	60,314	70,813	117	4,287,164	4,347,190	101
CHICKENS						
Number Sold (000)	2,400	2,800	117	210,173	218,371	104
Pounds Sold (000)	14,880	16,240	109	1,034,072	1,116,569	108
Price per Pound (dollars)	0.104	0.053	51	0.071	0.058	82
Value of Sales (000 dollars)	1,548	861	56	73,150	64,655	88

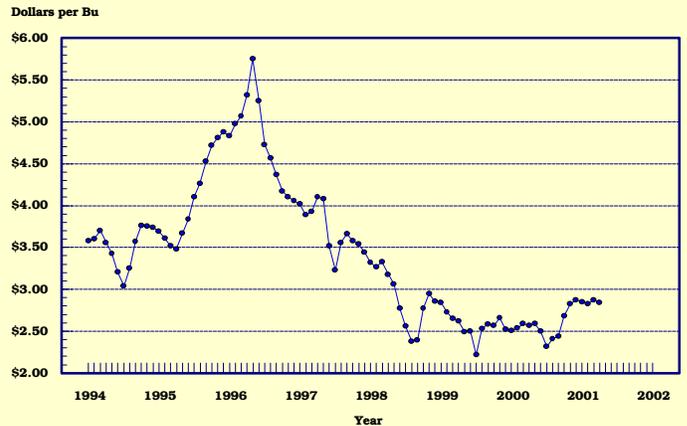
UNITED STATES EGG PRODUCTION & HATCH

Type		March 2000	March 2001	Mar. 01 % of Mar. 00
Egg Production				
Eggs Produced	(Million)	7,234	7,331	101
Average Layers	(000)	330,862	336,638	102
Eggs Per 100		2,186	2,178	100
Egg Type Hatchery				
Eggs Set Apr. 1	(000)	32,995	35,984	109
Chicks Hatched	(000)	38,874	40,109	103
Broiler Type				
Eggs Set Apr. 1	(000)	635,798	627,159	99
Chicks Hatched	(000)	759,244	763,450	101

Prices Received, Cattle, US



Prices Received, Wheat, US



ANNUAL DAIRY PRODUCTS

Butter production in the United States during 2000 totaled 1.27 billion pounds, 0.3 percent below 1999. California accounted for 27.8 percent of the production, followed by Wisconsin with 22.6 percent.

Total cheese production, excluding cottage cheeses, was 8.25 billion pounds, 4.6 percent above 1999 production. Wisconsin was the leading State with 26.6 percent of the production. American type cheese production was 3.63 billion pounds, 2.9 percent above 1999 and accounted for 44.0 percent of total cheese in 2000. Italian varieties, with 3.31 billion pounds were 5.3 percent above 1999 production. Mozzarella accounted for 79.5 percent of the Italian production followed by Provolone with 7.5 percent and Ricotta with 7.3 percent. Wisconsin was the leading State in Italian cheese production with 27.6 percent of the production.

Ice cream production was mostly down in 2000. Regular ice cream production totaled 970 million gallons, down 0.3 percent from 1999. Lowfat ice cream, at 382 million gallons, was up 0.2 percent. Nonfat dry milk for human food production, at 1.45 billion pounds, was up 6.8 percent from 1999. Dry whole milk, at 111 million pounds, was down 5.6 percent.

Kentucky plants produced 15.1 million pounds of cottage cheese curd in 2000, down 6 percent from 1999. Lowfat cottage cheese production totaled 9.1 million pounds, up 2 percent from 1999. Creamed cottage cheese production totaled 17.7 million pounds, down 7 percent from last year. Sixteen Kentucky plants produced one or more dairy products in 2000. Totals for most dairy products manufactured in Kentucky are not published to avoid disclosing individual plant production.

U. S. DAIRY PRODUCTS, MARCH 2001

PRODUCT	Mar. 2000	Feb. 2001 ^{1/}	Mar. 2001	Percent of	
				Mar. 2000	Feb. 2001
(000) Pounds					
BUTTER	120,987	110,175	101,751	84	92
(000) Gallons					
CHEESE				Percent	
American Types ^{2/}	314,183	274,753	299,747	95	109
Mozzarella	226,466	214,093	237,329	105	111
All Other Types ^{3/}	174,167	143,313	176,956	102	123
Total	714,816	632,159	714,032	100	113
(000) Gallons					
FROZEN PRODUCTS				Percent	
Ice Cream (Hard)	83,032	67,138	76,893	93	115
Frozen Yogurt (Total)	8,088	6,428	7,847	97	122
(000) Gallons					
MIX FOR FROZEN PRODUCTS				Percent	
Ice Cream Mix	47,190	37,457	44,900	95	120
Yogurt Mix	4,661	3,781	4,616	99	122

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

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