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Louisiana Livestock Slaughter

Commercial red meat production in Louisiana during August totaled 1.4 million pounds, 17 percent above July, but unchanged from the previous year.

There were 1,800 head of **cattle** slaughtered during August, up 500 head from July and 300 head above the previous year. Average live weight was 839 pounds, up 13 pounds from the previous month and 31 pounds above August 2001. Total live weight at 1.50 million pounds, was 40 percent above the previous month and 20 percent above the previous year.

Calves slaughtered during August totaled 700 head, down 100 head from July and 300 head below the previous year. Live weight averaged 502 pounds, up 3 pounds from July and 1 pound above a year ago. Total live weight at 328,000 pounds, was 15 percent below July and 32 percent below the previous year.

The number of **hogs** slaughtered during August totaled 1,800 head, unchanged from the previous month but 300 head below July 2001. Average live weight was 215 pounds, up 6 pounds from July but 2 pounds below the previous year. Total live weight was 382,000 pounds, down 1 percent from July and 15 percent below a year ago.

The number of **sheep** slaughtered during August was 200 head, unchanged from July and the previous year. Live weight averaged

81 pounds, up 5 pounds from the previous month and 2 pounds above the previous year.

United States Livestock Slaughter

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.14 billion pounds in August, up 2 percent from the 4.06 billion pounds produced in August 2001.

August 2001 contained 23 weekdays and four Saturdays. August 2002 contained 22 weekdays and five Saturdays.

Beef production, at 2.47 billion pounds, was 2 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.21 million head, down 1 percent from August 2001. The average live weight was 1,259 pounds, up 31 pounds from August a year ago.

Veal production totaled 16.7 million pounds, 3 percent below August a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 96,000 head, up 2 percent from August 2001. The average live weight was 288 pounds, down 15 pounds from August a year ago.

Pork production totaled 1.64 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.54 million head, 2 percent above August 2001. The average live weight was 259 pounds, up 1 pound from August a year ago.

Lamb and mutton production, at 16.6 million pounds, was down 11 percent from August 2001. Sheep slaughter totaled 264,600 head, 3 percent below last year. The average live weight was 126 pounds, down 11 pounds from August a year ago.

January-August red meat production was 31.1 billion pounds, 4 percent above the previous year. Accumulated beef production was up 5 percent from last year; veal was down 3 percent; pork was up 3 percent, and lamb and mutton production was down 3 percent.

Commercial Livestock Slaughter and Red Meat Production

Item	Louisiana					United States			
	July	August		Jan - August		August		Jan - August	
	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	-----Thousand head-----					-----Thousand head-----			
Cattle	1.3	1.5	1.8	11.4	11.3	3,239.4	3,213.3	23,716.9	23,966.2
Calves	0.8	1.0	0.7	6.1	5.9	94.2	96.0	662.2	665.3
Hogs	1.8	2.1	1.8	19.3	17.4	8,374.7	8,544.2	63,680.0	65,040.3
Sheep & Lambs	0.2	0.2	0.2	1.8	1.8	273.4	264.6	2,122.1	2,150.1
	-----Total live weight, thousand pounds-----					-----Total live weight, thousand pounds-----			
Cattle	1,072	1,249	1,503	9,425	9,672	3,976,718	4,045,025	28,613,886	29,805,322
Calves	385	484	328	3,047	2,938	28,511	27,667	214,274	209,128
Hogs	384	450	382	4,220	3,704	2,159,367	2,211,934	16,728,816	17,232,078
Sheep & Lambs	13	12	16	159	162	37,477	33,351	299,405	289,361
	-----Average live weight, pounds-----					-----Average live weight, pounds-----			
Cattle	826	808	839	827	856	1,228	1,259	1,207	1,244
Calves	499	501	502	500	498	303	288	324	314
Hogs	209	217	215	219	213	258	259	263	265
Sheep & Lambs	76	79	81	88	90	137	126	141	135
	-----Million pounds-----					-----Million pounds-----			
Red meat	1.2	1.4	1.4	10.9	10.7	4,060.5	4,139.9	29,828.1	31,147.1

Prices Received Index Down

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by farmers in September was 99, based on 1990-92=100, down 1.0 percent from the August index. Lower prices for hogs, potatoes, lettuce, and strawberries more than offset increased prices for wheat, corn, broccoli, and broilers. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell also affects the overall index. Decreased marketings of cattle, wheat, broilers, and grapes more than offset increased marketings of soybeans, corn, peanuts, and potatoes.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is also 6.6 percent below September 2001. Lower prices for milk, broilers, hogs,

and lettuce more than offset higher prices for corn, wheat, soybeans, and broccoli. The Food Commodities Index decreased 1.0 percent from last month, to 97, and was 11.0 percent below September last year.

Prices Paid Index Up

The September Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) was 125 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index was up 0.8 percent from August and September 2001. Higher prices in September for complete feeds, feed grains, feeder cattle, and diesel fuel more than offset lower prices for feeder pigs.

Average Prices Received By Farmers: August 2002

ITEM	Louisiana			United States		
	Entire Month		Preliminary	Entire Month		Preliminary
	September	August	September ¹	September	August	September ¹
	2001	2002	2002	2001	2002	2002
	-----Dollars-----			-----Dollars-----		
Soybeans, per bushel	4.76	5.86	5.68	4.53	5.53	5.54
Rice, per cwt	4.91	3.81	3.89	4.78	3.72	3.79
Upland Cotton, per pound	.486	.329	2/ .289	.385	.330	2/ .325
Hay, all, baled, per ton	N/A	N/A	N/A	99.00	93.70	95.50
Beef Cattle, per cwt	55.40	48.10	46.30	69.00	64.30	64.60
Steers & Heifers, per cwt	80.30	69.50	69.00	72.10	67.10	67.60
Cows, per cwt	40.70	35.60	33.00	40.80	36.40	35.40
Calves, per cwt	98.70	83.50	82.00	107.00	94.40	93.00
Broilers, live, per pound	N/A	N/A	N/A	.430	.290	.300
Eggs, all, per dozen	N/A	N/A	N/A	.555	.622	.579
Milk, all, per cwt ³	N/A	N/A	N/A	17.10	11.30	11.50

¹Mid-month;

²Based on sales during the first half of the month;

³Before deductions for hauling and government withholdings. Includes bulk tank, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.

N/A = Not Available

Grain Stocks: September 1, 2002

Item	Louisiana		United States	
	September 1		September 1	
	2001	2002	2001	2002
	-----Thousand Bushels-----		-----Thousand Bushels-----	
Corn (Old Crop)				
On Farm	1/	1/	753,150	586,800
Off Farm ²	<u>5,407</u>	<u>1,623</u>	<u>1,145,958</u>	<u>1,012,620</u>
Total	1/	1/	1,899,108	1,599,420
Sorghum (Old Crop)				
On Farm	1/	1/	8,900	7,400
Off Farm ²	1/	<u>1,173</u>	<u>32,851</u>	<u>51,975</u>
Total	1/	1/	41,751	59,375
Soybeans (Old Crop)				
On Farm	1/	1/	83,500	62,700
Off Farm ²	<u>4,362</u>	<u>2,639</u>	<u>164,247</u>	<u>145,487</u>
Total	1/	1/	247,747	208,187
All Wheat				
On Farm	1/	1/	696,850	588,200
Off Farm ²	<u>12,426</u>	<u>12,785</u>	<u>1,458,964</u>	<u>1,151,952</u>
Total	1/	1/	2,155,814	1,740,152

¹Not published. ²Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals, and processors.

Louisiana Grain Stocks

Total off-farm soybean stocks were estimated at 2.64 million bushels, down 39 percent from a year ago. Off-farm holdings of corn totaled 1.62 million bushels, compared to 5.41 million bushels last year. All wheat off-farm stocks totaled 12.8 million bushels, up 2 percent from a year ago.

United States Grain Stocks

Old crop **corn** stocks in all positions on September 1, 2002, totaled 1.60 billion bushels, down 16 percent from September 1, 2001. Of the total stocks, 587 million bushels are stored on farms, down 22 percent from a year earlier. Off-farm stocks, at 1.01 billion bushels, are down 12 percent from the previous year. The June-August 2002 indicated disappearance is 2.00 billion bushels, compared with 2.02 billion bushels during the same period last year.

Old crop grain **sorghum** stored in all positions on September 1, 2002 totaled 59.4 million bushels, up 42 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks, at 7.40 million bushels, are 17 percent below September 1, 2001. Off-farm stocks, at 52.0 million bushels, are up 58 percent from last year. The June-August 2002 indicated disappearance from all positions is 46.1 million bushels, up 33 percent from the same period a year ago.

Old crop **soybeans** stored in all positions on September 1, 2002, totaled 208 million bushels, down 16 percent from September 1, 2001. On-farm stocks totaled 62.7 million bushels, down 25 percent from a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 145 million bushels, are down 11 percent from a year ago. Indicated disappearance for the June-August 2002 quarter totaled 477 million bushels, up 4 percent from the same period a year ago.

The 2001 soybean production was revised to 2.89 billion bushels. Acreage planted was decreased by 30,000 acres while the harvested acres were reduced by 25,000 acres. The 2001 yield, at 39.6 bushels per acre, was unchanged from the previous estimate. *A state table with the revised acreage, yield, and production estimates is included on back page.* Revisions were made based on an analysis of end of marketing year stock estimates, disappearance data for exports and crushings, and farm program administrative data.

All wheat stored in all positions on September 1, 2002, totaled 1.74 billion bushels, down 19 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks are estimated at 588 million bushels, down 16 percent from last year. Off-farm stocks, at 1.15 billion bushels, are down 21 percent from a year ago. The indicated June-August 2002 disappearance is 662 million bushels, down 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Soybeans: Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production by State and United States, 2001¹

State	Area		Yield	Production
	Planted	Harvested		
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>Bushels</i>	<i>1,000 Bushels</i>
AL	140	135	35.0	4,725
AR	2,900	2,850	32.0	91,200
DE	205	201	39.0	7,839
FL	10	9	29.0	261
GA	165	155	26.0	4,030
IL	10,700	10,620	45.0	477,900
IN	5,600	5,590	49.0	273,910
IA	11,000	10,920	44.0	480,480
KS	2,850	2,730	32.0	87,360
KY	1,240	1,220	40.0	48,800
LA	640	610	33.0	20,130
MD	520	515	39.0	20,085
MI	2,150	2,130	30.0	63,900
MN	7,300	7,200	37.0	266,400
MS	1,160	1,120	33.0	36,960
MO	4,950	4,900	38.0	186,200
NE	4,950	4,900	45.5	222,950
NJ	103	101	31.0	3,131
NY	160	158	33.0	5,214
NC	1,380	1,350	32.0	43,200
ND	2,150	2,110	33.5	70,685
OH	4,600	4,580	41.0	187,780
OK	415	255	19.0	4,845
PA	400	395	35.0	13,825
SC	440	420	21.0	8,820
SD	4,500	4,470	32.0	143,040
TN	1,070	1,040	34.0	35,360
TX	260	225	26.0	5,850
VA	500	480	35.5	17,040
WV	17	16	42.0	672
WI	1,600	1,570	37.0	58,090
US	74,075	72,975	39.6	2,890,682

¹Revised.

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