

Livestock Slaughter

UTAH: Commercial red meat production totaled 27.6 million pounds in November 2003, 32.0 percent below November of last year. **Cattle slaughter** in Utah for November 2003 totaled 36,400 head, 27.3 percent below a year ago. The average live weight was 1,197 pounds, down 72 pounds from November 2002. **Hog slaughter** totaled 3,100 head, down 1,100 head from November 2002. The average live weight was 245 pounds compared with 186 pounds last year. **Sheep and lamb slaughter** during November 2003 totaled 2,600 head, the same as a year ago. Average live weight, at 135 pounds, was up 15 pounds from a year ago.

totalled 2.43 million head, down 15 percent from November 2002. The average live weight was down 24 pounds from the previous year, at 1,236 pounds. **Veal production** totaled 15.2 million pounds, 10 percent below November a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 78,000 head, down 14 percent from November 2002. The average live weight was 12 pounds above last year, at 321 pounds. **Pork production** totaled 1.71 billion pounds, up slightly from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.58 million head, 1 percent below November 2002. The average live weight was 1 pound above the previous year, at 269 pounds. **Lamb and mutton production**, at 16.3 million pounds, was down 8 percent from November 2002. Sheep slaughter totaled 236,300 head, 13 percent below last year. The average live weight was 138 pounds, up 6 pounds from November a year ago.

UNITED STATES: Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.53 billion pounds in November, down 10 percent from the 3.91 billion pounds produced in November 2002. **Beef production**, at 1.78 billion pounds, was 18 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter

Commercial Livestock Slaughter, November 2002-2003 ¹

Item	Utah		United States	
	November		November	
	2002	2003	2002	2003
Production (Million Pounds)				
Red Meat	40.6	27.6	3,907.1	3,526.0
Number Slaughtered (Thousand Head)				
Cattle	50.1	36.4	2,861.1	2,425.8
Calves	1	1	90.8	78.0
Hogs	4.2	3.1	8,654.2	8,581.9
Sheep & Lamb	2.6	2.6	271.1	236.3
Average Live Weight (Pounds)				
Cattle	1,269	1,197	1,260	1,236
Calves	1	1	309	321
Hogs	186	245	268	269
Sheep & Lamb	120	135	132	138

¹ Missing data not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

Frozen food stocks in refrigerated warehouses on November 30, 2003 were greater than year earlier levels for frozen eggs,vegetables, potatoes, and total turkey.

Butter stocks were down 28 percent from October 2003 and 9 percent below a year ago.

Total red meat supplies in freezers were 1 percent below October 31, 2003, and 17 percent below November 2002. Frozen pork stocks were 2 percent below last month, and 5 percent below last year. Stocks of pork bellies were 60 percent above last month and 88 percent above November 2002 stocks.

Total frozen poultry supplies on November 30, 2003 were down 21 percent from last month and 18 percent below last year's level. Total stocks of chicken were down 3 percent from last month and down 27 percent from last year's level. Total pounds of turkey in freezers decreased 39 percent from last month but were 6 percent above last year.

Public cooler occupancy on November 30, 2003, was at 43 percent of capacity, unchanged from last year. Public freezer occupancy, was at 57 percent, down 1 point from last year.

Stocks in Cold Storage, United States

Commodity	Nov 30, 2002	Oct 31, 2003	Nov 30, 2003
1,000 Pounds			
Total Frozen			
Eggs	11,199	16,854	14,922
Chicken	800,423	600,664	583,846
Turkey	334,339	582,683	353,353
Total Poultry	1,142,313	1,186,037	939,035
Cherries, Tart			
RTP	59,721	83,314	76,352
Juice	2,174	1,732	1,868
Cherries, Sweet . .	8,019	8,241	7,444
Potatoes	1,214,375	1,253,946	1,232,555
Beef	512,567	375,171	371,824
Pork	463,942	446,843	439,852
Lamb & Mutton	9,255	4,485	4,943
Total Meat	997,688	836,916	827,731
Total in Storage			
Apples, Fresh	4,979,757	5,507,595	4,851,010
Butter	135,632	170,154	123,187
Cheese, Natural . .			
American	474,055	491,098	467,455
Swiss	22,251	22,044	24,931
Other Natural . . .	200,757	209,264	203,366

U.S. Cattle on Feed Up 3 Percent

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.3 million head on December 1, 2003. The inventory was 4 percent above December 1, 2002 but 5 percent below December 1, 2001.

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Marketings of fed cattle during November totaled 1.54 million, 11 percent below 2002 and 15 percent below 2001.

Placements in feedlots during November totaled 1.93 million, 3 percent below 2002 but 1 percent above 2001. Net placements were 1.83 million. During November, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 680,000, 600-699 pounds were 578,000, 700-

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Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings and Other Disappearance, 1,000 + Capacity Feedlots, United States, December 1, 2001- 2003

Item	Number			2003 as % of	
	2001	2002	2003	2001	2002
	1,000 Head			Percent	
On Feed Nov ¹	11,863	10,742	11,038	93	103
Placed on Feed during Nov	1,908	1,977	1,926	101	97
Fed Cattle Marketed during Nov.	1,800	1,731	1,537	85	89
Other Disappearance during Nov ²	80	90	97	121	108
On Feed Dec ¹	11,891	10,898	11,330	95	104

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Hog Inventory

UTAH: Utah inventory of all hogs and pigs was estimated at 660,000 head as of December 1, 2003. The inventory was 1 percent below December 1, 2002.

The December 1, 2003 **breeding inventory** of 91,000 head was up 1 percent from last year. The **market inventory**, at 569,000 head, was 2 percent below December 1, 2002.

The 2003 **pig crop** totaled 1,263,000 head, 2 percent above 2002. The number of sows farrowed during the December 1, 2002 - November 30, 2003 period was 135,000 head, 2,000 head less than the previous year. The average litter size of 9.36 pigs was up from last year's average of 9.07.

UNITED STATES: U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2003, was 60.0 million head. This was 1 percent above December 1, 2002, but slightly below September 1, 2003.

Breeding inventory, at 5.97 million head, was down 1 percent from December 1, 2002, but 1 percent above last quarter. Market hog inventory, at 54.1 million head, was 1 percent above last year but slightly below last quarter.

The September - November 2003 U.S. pig crop, at 25.3 million head, was 2 percent more than 2002, but 1 percent below 2001. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.84 million head, 1 percent above last year. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 48 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 8.93 for the September - November period, compared to 8.83 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.40 for operations with 1-99 hogs to 9.10 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

U.S. hog producers intend to have 2.81 million sows farrow during the December 2003 - February 2004 quarter, 1 percent above the actual farrowings during the same period in 2003, but 1 percent below 2002. Intended farrowings for March - May 2004, at 2.85 million sows, are 1 percent below the same period in 2003, and 3 percent below 2002.

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Agricultural Prices

Utah: Prices received by Utah farmers and ranchers during mid-December 2003, compared with November 2003, were up for barley, alfalfa hay, and other hay, according to the Utah Agricultural Statistics Service.

The lamb price for November 2003 was \$97.00 per cwt, up \$11.00 from December 2002. The November 2003 sheep price, at \$34.00, was up \$1.00 from December 2002.

Barley, at \$2.31 per bushel, was up 3 cents from the previous month's price but 25 cents below last year. Baled alfalfa hay was \$87.00 per ton, up \$17.00 from last month but \$7.00 below last year. Other hay, at \$76.00 per ton, was up \$16.00 from last month, and \$18.00 higher than December 2002.

United States: The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in December, at 115, based on 1990-92=100, is 2 points (1.7 percent) below the November Index. The Livestock Products Index is down 4 points (3.4 percent) from November while the All Crops Index is unchanged. Lower Prices received for eggs, milk, lettuce, and cattle more than offset higher commodity prices for corn, soybeans, broccoli, and broilers. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell, based on the past 3-year average, also affects the overall index. Increased average marketings of tobacco, wheat, milk, and lettuce offset decreased marketings of cattle, soybeans, grapes, and corn.

This preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 15 points (15 percent) from December 2002. The Food Commodities Index, at 118, is 4 points (3.3 percent) below last month but 19 points (19 percent) above December 2002.

Average Prices Received by Farmers

Commodity	Unit	Utah			United States		
		Entire Month		Preliminary	Entire Month		Preliminary
		Dec 2002	Nov 2003	Dec 2003 ¹	Dec 2002	Nov 2003	Dec 2003 ¹
Livestock & Products							
Lambs	Dol/Cwt	86.00	97.00	(²)	87.20	99.20	(²)
Sheep	Dol/Cwt	33.00	34.00	(²)	38.70	40.10	(²)
Crops							
Barley	Dol/Bu	2.56	2.28	2.31	2.91	2.86	2.41
Alfalfa Hay, Baled	Dol/Ton	94.00	70.00	87.00	98.00	88.00	87.90
Other Hay, Baled	Dol/Ton	58.00	60.00	76.00	76.30	64.90	66.90

¹ Prices refer to sales occurring about the 15th of the month.

² December data will be published next month.

US November Egg Up 1 One Percent

U.S. egg production totaled 7.28 billion during November 2003, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.25 billion table eggs and 1.02 billion hatching eggs, of which 968 million were broiler-type and 56.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during November 2003 averaged 336 million, down 1 percent from a year earlier. November egg production per 100 layers was 2,165 eggs, up one percent from November 2002.

All layers in the U.S. on December 1, 2003, totaled 338 million, up slightly from a year ago. The 338 million layers consisted of 280 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 54.9 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.51 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on December 1, 2003, averaged 72.4 eggs per 100 layers, up 2 percent from a year ago.

Laying flocks in the 30 major egg producing States produced 6.79 billion eggs during November 2003, up slightly from a year ago. The average number of layers during November, at 313 million, was down 1 percent from a year ago.

**Layers & Eggs: Layers on
Hand and Eggs Produced by Type,
United States, November-December 2002-03**

Item	2002 ^{1/}	2003	2003 as % of 2002
Layers during Nov (Thousand)			
All Layers	337,808	336,052	99
Table Egg Type	280,830	278,725	99
Hatching Egg Type	56,978	57,327	101
Eggs per 100 Layers during Nov (Number)			
All Layers	2,139	2,165	101
Table Egg Type	2,209	2,243	102
Hatching Egg Type	1,790	1,786	100
Eggs produced during Nov (Million)			
All Layers	7,226	7,275	101
Table Egg Type	6,204	6,251	101
Hatching Egg Type	1,020	1,024	100
Item	2002 ^{1/}	2003	2003 as % of 2002
Layers on Dec 1 (Thousand)			
All Layers	337,213	337,713	100
Table Egg Type	280,659	280,252	100
Hatching Egg Type	56,554	57,461	102
Eggs per 100 Layers on Dec 1 (Number)			
All Layers	71.3	72.4	102

^{1/} Revised.