



**HIGHLIGHTS:**

*2003 Farms & Land in Farms*      *Livestock Slaughter*  
*Trout Sales*                              *U.S. Cold Storage*  
*U.S. Cattle & Feed*                      *Honey Production*  
*Farm Labor*                                *Agricultural Prices*

## Farms and Land in Farms in 2003

**UTAH:** The number of farms in Utah in 2003 is estimated at 15,300, the same as 2002. Land in farms, estimated at 11.6 million acres, was unchanged from the previous year, and the average size of farm, at 758 acres, remained the same as 2002.

**UNITED STATES:** The number of farms in the United States in 2003 is estimated at 2.13 million, 0.4 percent less than in 2002. The decline in farms occurred in all sales categories except the \$250,000-\$499,999 class which remained unchanged. Total land in farms, at 938.8 million acres, decreased 1,550,000 acres from 2002. The average size farm during 2003 was 441 acres, an increase of one acre from the previous year. The decline in the number of farms and land in farms continues to reflect consolidation in farming operations and competition for agricultural land for other uses.

### Number of Farms, Land in Farms, and Average Size Farm 1991-2003 <sup>1</sup>

Year	Utah			United States		
	Farms	Land in Farms	Average Size Farm	Farms	Land in Farms	Average Size Farm
	Number	1,000 Acres	Acres	1,000 Farms	1,000 Acres	Acres
1991	13,300	11,300	850	2,117	981,736	464
1992	13,200	11,300	856	2,108	978,503	464
1993	14,500	11,200	772	2,202	968,845	440
1994	14,500	11,200	772	2,198	968,845	441
1995	15,000	11,400	760	2,196	962,515	438
1996	15,000	11,400	760	2,191	958,675	438
1997	15,000	11,600	773	2,191	956,010	436
1998	15,000	11,600	773	2,192	953,765	435
1999	15,500	11,600	748	2,192	947,440	432
2000	15,500	11,600	748	2,172	943,090	434
2001	15,500	11,600	757	2,149	942,070	438
2002	15,300	11,600	758	2,135	940,300	440
2003	15,300	11,600	758	2,127	938,750	441

<sup>1</sup> A farm is any establishment from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were sold or would normally be sold during the year.

## Trout Sales

**UTAH:** The total value of trout sales (excluding value of eggs) for 2003 was \$1.0 million, down 4.4 percent from 2002. The total number of operations selling and/or distributing fish and/or eggs in 2003 was 21 operations, two less than 2002.

**UNITED STATES:** The total value of all sales, both fish and eggs, received by trout growers in the 20 selected States totaled 66.4 million dollars during 2003, a decrease of 5 percent from 2002. Sales of fish totaled 62.3 million dollars for 2003, while egg sales totaled 4.18 million dollars. The State of Idaho accounted for 47 percent of the total value of fish sold. **Trout egg** sales in 2003 totaled 264 million eggs, down 12 percent from the 298 million eggs sold during the previous year. The average value per 1,000 eggs during 2003 was \$15.80, up 90 cents from 2002. The total value of trout egg sales during 2003 was 4.18 million dollars, down 6 percent from the 4.45 million dollars in egg sales during the previous year.

## U.S. Cattle on Feed Up 4 Percent

**Cattle and calves on feed** for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.1 million head on February 1, 2004. The inventory was 4 percent above February 1, 2003 but 4 percent below February 1, 2002. **Placements** in feedlots during January totaled 1.75 million, 16 percent below 2003 and 20 percent below 2002. Net placements were 1.65 million. During January, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 362,000,

600-699 pounds were 466,000, 700-799 pounds were 576,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 342,000. **Marketings** of fed cattle during January totaled 1.78 million, down 10 percent from 2003 and down 14 percent from 2002. **Other disappearance** totaled 94,000 during January, 25 percent above 2003 and 6 percent above 2002.

### Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings and Other Disappearance, 1,000 + Capacity Feedlots, United States, February 1, 2002- 2004

Item	Number			2004 as % of	
	2002	2003	2004	2002	2003
	1,000 Head			Percent	
On Feed Jan 1 <sup>1</sup>	11,565	*10,658	*11,253	97	106
Placed on Feed during Jan	2,179	*2,089	1,746	80	84
Fed Cattle Marketed during Jan.	2,083	*1,972	1,782	86	90
Other Disappearance during Jan <sup>2</sup>	89	75	94	106	125
On Feed Feb 1 <sup>1</sup>	11,572	*10,700	11,123	96	104

\* Revised <sup>1</sup> Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better. <sup>2</sup> Includes death loss, movement from feedlots to pasture and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

## Farm Labor

**MOUNTAIN REGION II:** (includes Utah, Nevada, and Colorado): During the week of January 11-17, 2004 there were 17,000 workers hired by farm operators in the region. All hired workers (excluding Agricultural Service Workers) were paid an average wage of \$9.80 per hour, up 83 cents from October 2003 and 39 cents higher than the national average. Field workers received \$8.75 per hour on average, up 64 cents from October 2003. Livestock workers received \$8.81 per hour, up 69 cents from October 2003. **UNITED STATES:** There were 847,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of January 11-17, 2004, down 5 percent from a year ago. Of these hired workers, 667,000 workers were hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches

made up the remaining 180,000 workers. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$9.41 per hour during the January 2004 reference week, up 7 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$8.39 per hour, up 9 cents from last January, while livestock workers earned \$8.84 per hour compared with \$8.90 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$8.55 per hour, was up 5 cents from last year. The number of hours worked averaged 38.1 hours for hired workers during the survey week, up 1 percent from a year ago.

### Hired Workers: Number and Hours Worked by Region and United States, January 11-17, 2004<sup>1</sup>

U.S. and Region	Hired							
	Number of Workers	Expected to be Employed		Number of Hours Worked	Type of Worker			Wage Rates for All Hired Workers
		150 Days or More	149 Days or Less		Field	Livestock	Field & Lvstk Combined	
	1,000	1,000	1,000	Hours per Week	Dollars per Hour	Dollars per Hour	Dollars per Hour	Dollars per Hour
Mountain I <sup>2</sup>	12	11	1	35.4	8.29	8.72	8.64	8.92
Mountain II <sup>3</sup>	17	16	1	39.7	8.75	8.81	8.80	9.80
Mountain III <sup>4</sup>	16	15	1	44.9	7.44	7.98	7.69	8.37
US	667	554	113	38.1	8.39	8.84	8.55	9.41

<sup>1</sup> Excludes agricultural service workers. <sup>2</sup> Mountain I - Idaho, Montana and Wyoming. <sup>3</sup> Mountain II - Colorado, Nevada and Utah. <sup>4</sup> Mountain III - Arizona and New Mexico.

## Livestock Slaughter

**UTAH: Commercial red meat production** totaled 34.8 million pounds in January 2004, 19.8 percent below January the previous year. **Cattle slaughter** in Utah for January 2004 totaled 45,500 head, 15.9 percent below a year earlier. The average live weight was 1,192 pounds, down 71 pounds from January 2003. **Hog slaughter** totaled 4,100 head, the same as January 2003. The average live weight was 217 pounds was up 21 pounds from the previous year. **Sheep and lamb slaughter** during January 2004 totaled 2,700 head, down 100 head from a year earlier. Average live weight, at 126 pounds, was up 5 pounds from the previous year.

**UNITED STATES: Commercial red meat production** for the United States totaled 3.71 billion pounds in January, down 9 percent from the 4.07 billion pounds produced in January 2003. **Beef production**, at 1.92 billion pounds, was 16 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.57 million head, down 14 percent from January 2003. The average live weight was 1,249 pounds, down 19 pounds from January a year ago. **Veal production** totaled 16.0 million pounds, 10 percent below January a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 79,000 head, down 16 percent from January 2003. The average live weight was 336 pounds, up 18 pounds from January a year ago. **Pork production** totaled 1.76 billion pounds, up 1 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.79 million head, slightly above January 2003. The average live weight was 269 pounds, up 1 pound from January a year ago. **Lamb and mutton production**, at 15.4 million pounds, was down 3 percent from January 2003. Sheep slaughter totaled 219,200 head, 8 percent below last year. The average live weight was 141 pounds, up 8 pounds from January a year ago.

### Commercial Livestock Slaughter,

January 2003-2004 <sup>1</sup>

Item	Utah		United States	
	January		January	
	2003	2004	2003	2004
<b>Production (Million Pounds)</b>				
Red Meat . . . .	43.4	34.8	4,073.4	3,713.1
<b>Number Slaughtered (Thousand Head)</b>				
Cattle . . . . .	54.1	45.5	3,007.0	2,571.0
Calves . . . . .	1	1	93.7	79.0
Hogs . . . . .	4.1	4.1	8,785.5	8,785.7
Sheep & Lamb	2.8	2.7	238.8	219.2
<b>Average Live Weight (Pounds)</b>				
Cattle . . . . .	1,263	1,192	1,268	1,249
Calves . . . . .	1	1	318	336
Hogs . . . . .	196	217	268	269
Sheep & Lamb	121	126	133	141

## U.S. Cold Storage Highlights

**Frozen Food stocks** in refrigerated warehouses on January 31, 2004 were below last year's levels for poultry, red meat, and orange juice concentrate. Butter stocks were up 45 percent from last month, but 29 percent below last year. **Total red meat supplies** in freezers were 9 percent above last month, but 5 percent below January 31, 2003. Frozen pork stocks were 9 percent above last month's levels but only slightly below last year. Stocks of pork bellies were up 29 percent from last month and up 78 percent from last year. **Total frozen poultry supplies** on January 31, 2004 were down 2 percent from last month, and down 20 percent from last year. Total stocks of chicken were down 13 percent from last month, and down 26 percent from a year ago. Total pounds of turkey in freezers were up 16 percent from last month, but down 9 percent from January 31, 2003.

### Stocks in Cold Storage, United States

Commodity	Jan 31,	Dec 31,	Jan 31,
	2003	2003	2004
1,000 Pounds			
<b>Total Frozen</b>			
Eggs . . . . .	15,340	18,036	21,386
Chicken . . . . .	722,477	611,472	532,475
Turkey . . . . .	451,874	354,039	409,911
Total Poultry	1,179,573	966,703	943,870
Cherries, Tart			
RTP . . . . .	47,995	68,945	60,753
Juice . . . . .	1,362	1,707	1,308
Cherries, Sweet . .	7,195	6,655	6,039
Potatoes . . . . .	1,173,053	1,120,418	1,156,566
Beef . . . . .	482,419	395,084	435,610
Pork . . . . .	512,657	470,656	510,724
Lamb & Mutton	6,232	3,795	3,395
Total Meat . . . . .	1,015,168	878,958	961,199
<b>Total in Storage</b>			
Apples, Fresh . . . .	3,576,931	4,114,748	3,425,099
Butter . . . . .	204,828	99,613	144,616
Cheese, Natural . .			
American . . . . .	514,914	491,419	510,741
Swiss . . . . .	25,060	26,237	25,467
Other Natural . . .	221,241	206,730	215,118

<sup>1</sup> Missing data not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

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## Utah Honey Production Up

**UTAH:** Utah's honey production in 2003 from producers with five or more colonies was 1.3 million pounds. This was 15 percent above the total production for 2002. The total number of colonies, at 23,000, was up 1,000 from the previous year. The average yield per colony was 57 pounds compared with 59 pounds in 2002. Stocks of honey on hand December 15 totaled 144,000 pounds, 64,000 pounds less than 2002. The average price of \$1.30 per pound was the same as the 2002 price. The 2003 honey crop is valued at \$1.7 million, up from \$17,000 in 2002.

**UNITED STATES:** Honey production in 2003 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 181 million pounds, up 5 percent from 2002. There were 2.59 million colonies producing honey in 2003, up 1 percent from 2002. Yield per colony averaged 69.9 pounds, up 5 percent from the 66.7 pounds in 2002. Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each State and yields per colony may therefore be understated. Colonies were not

included if honey was not harvested. Producer honey stocks were 40.7 million pounds on December 15, 2003, up 3 percent from a year earlier. Stocks held by producers exclude stocks held under the commodity loan program.

### Honey Production, 2003 <sup>1</sup>

	Utah	United States
No. Colonies (000)	23	2,590
Yield per Colony (Lbs)	57	69.9
Production (000 Lbs)	1,311	181,096
Stocks (000 Lbs) <sup>2</sup>	144	40,735
Avg. Price/Lb (dollars) <sup>3</sup>	1.3	1.404
Value Production (\$1,000)	1,704	255,791

<sup>1</sup> For producers with 5 or more colonies. <sup>2</sup> Stocks held by producers December 15, 2003. <sup>3</sup> Prices weighted by sales.

## Agricultural Prices

**Utah:** Prices received by Utah farmers and ranchers during mid-February 2004, compared with January 2004, were up for barley, but down for alfalfa hay and other hay, according to the Utah Agricultural Statistics Service. The lamb price for January 2004 was \$102.00 per cwt, up \$11.00 from February 2003. The January 2004 sheep price, at \$34.00 was \$7.00 below February 2003. Barley, at \$2.61 per bushel, was up 22 cents from the previous month's price and 9 cents above last year. Baled alfalfa hay was \$78.00 per ton, down \$6.00 from last month and \$15.00 below last year. Other hay, at \$66.00 per ton, was \$5.00 lower than last month but \$3.00 higher than February 2003.

**United States:** The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in February at 113, based on 1990-92=100, is 2 points (1.8 percent) above the January Index. The Livestock Products Index increased 1 point (0.9 percent) from January while the All Crops Index increased 2 points (1.8 percent). Producers received higher commodity prices for soybeans, broilers, corn, and hogs. Lower prices were received for cattle, lettuce, eggs, and broccoli. 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 milk, cattle, broilers, and eggs offset decreased marketings of soybeans, corn, tobacco, and wheat. This preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 14 points (14 percent) from February 2003. The Food Commodities Index increased 2 points (1.8 percent) from last month to 114, and is 18 points (19 percent) above February 2003.

### Average Prices Received by Farmers

Commodity	Unit	Utah			United States		
		Entire Month		Preliminary	Entire Month		Preliminary
		Feb 2003	Jan 2004	Feb 2004 <sup>1</sup>	Feb 2003	Jan 2004	Feb 2004 <sup>1</sup>
<b>Livestock &amp; Products</b>							
Lambs	Dol/Cwt	91.00	102.00	( <sup>2</sup> )	92.40	104.00	( <sup>2</sup> )
Sheep	Dol/Cwt	41.00	34.00	( <sup>2</sup> )	44.00	43.80	( <sup>2</sup> )
<b>Crops</b>							
Barley	Dol/Bu	2.52	2.39	2.61	2.87	2.71	2.62
Alfalfa Hay, Baled	Dol/Ton	93.00	84.00	78.00	96.20	83.60	84.70
Other Hay, Baled	Dol/Ton	63.00	71.00	66.00	81.70	71.40	69.90

<sup>1</sup> Prices refer to sales occurring about the 15th of the month.

<sup>2</sup> February data will be published next month.