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The 2003 Utah Agricultural Statistics and Utah Department of Agriculture and Food Annual Bulletin will soon be available at our Web Site on the INTERNET. This publication includes State and county crop and livestock estimates, farming enterprise budgets, crop progress data, and the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food's annual report. It will be accessible by logging onto <http://www.nass.usda.gov/ut/>. First select the Utah Publications icon, then the Annual Bulletin icon, and then the publication year that you would like to access. A drop down Table of Contents will appear and then you can access any page of the bulletin. By selecting the UDAF link in the Table of Contents you will be sent to the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food's Web Site and can access their annual report from there.

The 2002 publication is still available on the INTERNET but historic data available in that publication may have been revised in the 2003 publication.

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AGRICULTURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT SURVEY TO BE CONDUCTED

How are changes in farm programs affecting agricultural productivity? What land conservation practices are agricultural producers using? What are the actual application rates used for chemicals and pesticides sprayed on cropland? To answer these questions and gather reliable, objective information about U.S. agriculture, the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will conduct the Agricultural Resource Management Survey on production practices and costs for barley, corn, sorghum, cotton, and potatoes..

This survey will gather information on crop production practices, chemical applications, pest management practices and cost of production data from October through December 2003. Fewer than 12,000 of the Nation's two million farm operators will be asked to participate in the survey, so every response is critical. About 100 barley producers will be contacted by the Utah Agricultural Statistics Service as Utah's portion of the national sample.

Producers selected to participate in the Agricultural Resource Management Survey will be making an important contribution to the overall welfare of the U.S. agricultural community. "This survey gives participants an opportunity to set the record straight about issues that affect them, such as use of fertilizers and pesticides on crops," said Rick Kestle, State Statistician. Results from this survey will be used by the EPA, for example, to determine tolerance levels for the re-registration of pesticide products. Other uses of the survey data will help to develop agricultural production practices that improve productivity for farm operators and ensure a safer, cleaner working environment for producers, their families, and communities.

"We safeguard the confidentiality of all survey responses," said Kestle. "Data about individual operations are used only in conjunction with information from other producers." All survey information will be merged into summarized State and national totals and used by commodity analysts, producer organizations, and others to benefit farmers and ranchers.

Farm operators selected to participate in this year's survey will be notified by letter, and interviewers will visit them personally to collect their reports at the operator's convenience. USDA will publish national information on agricultural chemical usage and analyze commodity production costs and returns in a series of reports in 2004.

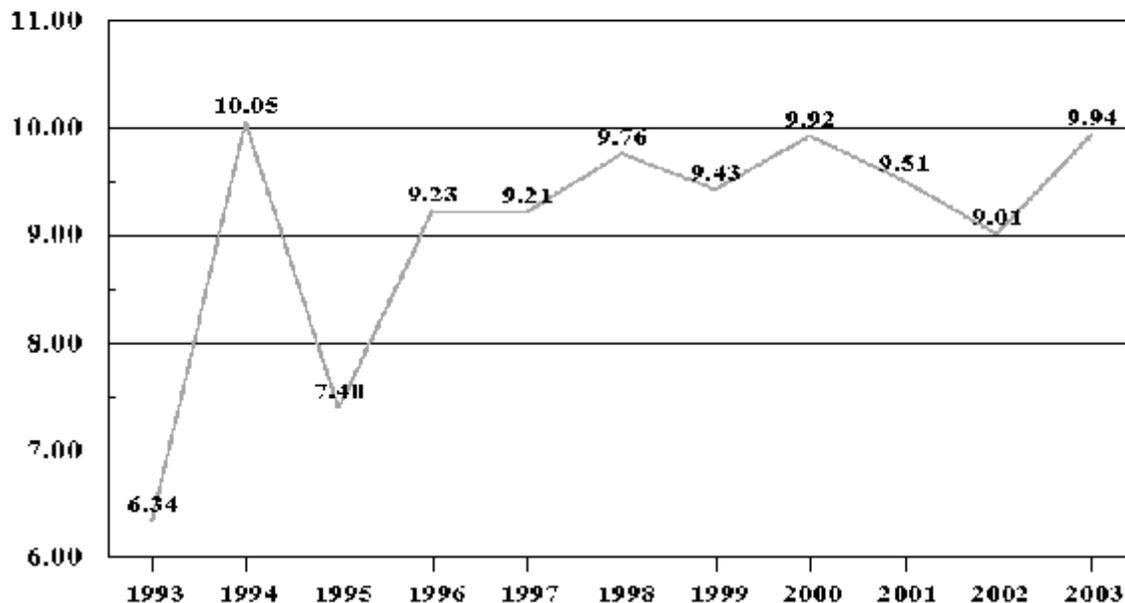
U.S. Corn for Grain Production Down 1 Percent

Corn production is forecast at 9.94 billion bushels, down 1 percent from last month but 10 percent above 2002. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average 138.5 bushels per acre, down 1.4 bushels from August but up 8.5 bushels from last year. If realized, both production and yield would be the second largest on record. The record for both was set in 1994 when production was estimated at 10.1 billion bushels and yield was 138.6 bushels per acre. Yields are lower than last month across much of

the Great Plains and northern Corn Belt as hot, dry conditions prevailed during most of August. However, yields are up in many Southeast and Atlantic Coastal States as adequate moisture was received and conditions were mostly favorable. Farmers expect to harvest 71.8 million acres of corn for grain, down 100,000 acres from August but up 4 percent from 2002.

U.S. Corn Production

Billion Bushels



Manufactured Dairy Products

UTAH: Total cheese output (excluding cottage cheese) in July 2003, at 6.4 million pounds, was up 5.7 percent from July 2002 but down 6.1 percent from June 2003. Hard ice cream production totaled 1.4 million gallons,

up 1.3 percent from July 2002 but down 19.2 percent from June 2003.

UNITED STATES: Total cheese output (excluding cottage cheese) was 712 million pounds, 2.9 percent above July 2002 but 0.3 percent below June 2003. American type cheese production totaled 300 million pounds, 1.8 percent below July 2002 and 2.4 percent below June 2003. Butter production was 79.2 million pounds in July, 16.1 percent below July 2002 and 5.5 percent below June 2003.

Manufactured Dairy Production - July 2003 with Comparisons

| Product | Utah | | | United States | | |
|----------------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|---------------|-------------|-----------|
| | July 2002 | June1/ 2003 | July 2003 | July 2002 | June1/ 2003 | July 2003 |
| 1,000 Pounds | | | | | | |
| Total Cheese | 6,063 | 6,822 | 6,408 | 692,195 | 714,533 | 712,197 |
| 1,000 Gallons | | | | | | |
| Hard ice cream | 1,384 | 1,736 | 1,402 | 82,999 | 83,405 | 82,512 |

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U.S. Turkey Eggs in Incubators & Poult Placement

Turkey eggs in incubators on September 1, 2003, in the United States totaled 28.3 million, down 4 percent from September 1 a year ago. Eggs in incubators were 13 percent below the August 2003 total of 32.5 million. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central, down 4 percent; West North Central, down slightly; North and South Atlantic, up 3 percent; South Central, down 22 percent; and West, down 26 percent.

United States were down 4 percent from the number placed during the same month a year ago. Placements were down 5 percent from the July 2003 total of 25.3 million. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central, down 10 percent; West North Central, down 1 percent; North and South Atlantic, up slightly; South Central, down 30 percent; and West, up 12 percent.

The 24.0 million poult placements during August 2003 in the

Eggs in Incubators: First of Month by Region and United States, September 2003 with Comparisons

| Geographic Division | Sept 1 2002 | Aug 1 2003 | Sept 1 2003 | Percent of Previous Year | Percent of Previous Month |
|---------------------|-------------|------------|-------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | Percent | Percent |
| E N Central | 4,815 | 5,102 | 4,604 | 96 | 90 |
| W N Central | 11,353 | *11,679 | 11,341 | 100 | 97 |
| N & S Atlantic | 8,051 | *9,842 | 8,318 | 103 | 85 |
| S Central | 2,671 | 2,204 | 2,083 | 78 | 95 |
| West | 2,603 | 3,692 | 1,933 | 74 | 52 |
| US | 29,493 | *32,519 | 28,279 | 96 | 87 |

*Revised.

Poults Placements: Entire Month by Region and United States,
August 2003 with Comparisons ¹

| Geographic Division | Aug 2002 | Jul 2003 | Aug 2003 | Percent of Previous Year | Percent of Previous Month |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | Percent | Percent |
| <i>E N Central</i> | 3,935 | 3,649 | 3,541 | 90 | 97 |
| <i>W N Central</i> | 8,864 | *9,197 | 8,795 | 99 | 96 |
| <i>N & S Atlantic</i> | 7,374 | 8,072 | 7,399 | 100 | 92 |
| <i>S Central</i> | 2,428 | 1,882 | 1,708 | 70 | 91 |
| <i>West</i> | 2,323 | 2,530 | 2,593 | 112 | 102 |
| <i>US</i> | 24,924 | *25,330 | 24,036 | 96 | 95 |

*Revised.

¹Regional placements refer to poults placed from hatcheries located in that region, and not the actual location of the birds after placement.

Regional Listing:

North Atlantic: CT, ME, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT.

East North Central: IL, IN, MI, OH, WI.

West North Central: IA, KS, MN, MO, NE, ND, SD.

South Atlantic: DE, FL, GA, MD, NC, SC, VA, WV.

South Central: AL, AR, KY, LA, MS, OK, TN, TX.

West: AZ, CA, CO, ID, MT, NM, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY.

Monthly Milk Production

Milk production in the 20 major States during August totaled 12.1 billion pounds, down 0.8 percent from August 2002. July revised production, at 12.3 billion pounds, was up 0.5 percent from July 2002. The July revision represented a decrease of 5 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,563 pounds for August, 7 pounds below August 2002. **The number of milk cows** on farms in the 20 major States was 7.76 million head, 26,000 head less than August 2002, and 6,000 head less than July 2003.

Milk Cows and Production: By State, August 2002-2003

| State | Milk Cows ¹ | | Milk Per Cow ² | | Milk Production ² | | |
|-------|------------------------|------------|---------------------------|--------|------------------------------|----------------|------------------------|
| | 2002 | 2003 | 2002 | 2003 | 2002 | 2003 | Change From 2002 |
| | 1,000 Head | 1,000 Head | Pounds | Pounds | Million Pounds | Million Pounds | Percent |

| | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------|-------|
| AZ | 150 | 150 | 1,785 | 1,665 | 268 | 250 | -6.7 |
| CA | 1,651 | 1,696 | 1,810 | 1,740 | 2,988 | 2,951 | -1.2 |
| FL | 149 | 140 | 1,195 | 1,160 | 178 | 162 | -9.0 |
| ID | 395 | 410 | 1,830 | 1,870 | 723 | 767 | 6.1 |
| IL | 115 | 108 | 1,395 | 1,450 | 160 | 157 | -1.9 |
| IN | 148 | 143 | 1,410 | 1,470 | 209 | 210 | 0.5 |
| IA | 210 | 200 | 1,480 | 1,530 | 311 | 306 | -1.6 |
| KY | 122 | 113 | 1,025 | 1,000 | 125 | 113 | -9.6 |
| MI | 301 | 298 | 1,680 | 1,705 | 506 | 508 | 0.4 |
| MN | 485 | 475 | 1,410 | 1,445 | 684 | 686 | 0.3 |
| MO | 136 | 128 | 1,090 | 1,125 | 148 | 144 | -2.7 |
| NM | 305 | 317 | 1,765 | 1,750 | 538 | 555 | 3.2 |
| NY | 676 | 678 | 1,505 | 1,480 | 1,017 | 1,003 | -1.4 |
| OH | 263 | 260 | 1,390 | 1,420 | 366 | 369 | 0.8 |
| PA | 585 | 571 | 1,515 | 1,480 | 886 | 845 | -4.6 |
| TX | 308 | 312 | 1,290 | 1,340 | 397 | 418 | 5.3 |
| VT | 154 | 148 | 1,450 | 1,450 | 223 | 215 | -3.6 |
| VA | 119 | 114 | 1,250 | 1,175 | 149 | 134 | -10.1 |
| WA | 248 | 244 | 1,965 | 1,960 | 487 | 478 | -1.8 |
| WI | 1,265 | 1,254 | 1,470 | 1,480 | 1,860 | 1,856 | -0.2 |
| 20-State Total | 7,785 | 7,759 | 1,570 | 1,563 | 12,223 | 12,127 | -0.8 |

1 Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

2 Excludes milk sucked by calves.