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HIGHLIGHTS:

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**March Potato Stocks Up 1 Percent
 from Last Year**

United States: The 15 major potato States held 167 million cwt of potatoes in storage March 1, 2004, up 1 percent from last year and 5 percent above 2002. Potatoes in storage account for 41 percent of the 2003 fall storage States' production, unchanged from a year ago.

Disappearance of 237 million cwt from the start of harvest to March 1, is down 2 percent from the same period last year but 4 percent above two years ago. Shrink and loss, at 22.6 million cwt, is up 2 percent from last year and 4 percent above two years ago.

Processors used 120 million cwt of 2003 crop potatoes so far this season, down 4 percent from a year ago but 5 percent above two years ago. February usage of 18.8 million cwt is 1 percent above last year and 3 percent above two years ago. Dehydrators used 26.1 million cwt to date, down 7 percent from last year.

Western States held 114 million cwt of potatoes in storage on March 1, down 6 percent from last year and 1 percent below two years ago. Idaho's potato stocks are down 6 percent from last year, Washington decreased 3 percent, Colorado's storages held 21 percent less, and California lost 10 percent. Oregon's sheds stored 11 percent more than last year and Montana increased 4 percent.

Central States accounted for 42.1 million cwt of potato stocks on March 1, up 18 percent from last year and 17 percent above two years ago. Both North Dakota and Minnesota stocks increased 30 percent from last year's level, while Michigan gained 4 percent. Nebraska and Ohio combined are up 30 percent, while Wisconsin's storages hold the same amount as last year at this time.

Eastern States stored 11.1 million cwt of potatoes on March 1, up 21 percent from last year and 34 percent above two years ago. Maine's stocks are up 11 percent, New York's gained 150 percent, and Pennsylvania stocks increased 17 percent..

Manufactured Dairy Products

UTAH: Total cheese output (excluding cottage cheese) in January 2004, at 4.64 million pounds, was down 16.1 percent from January 2003 and down 26.9 percent from December 2003. **Hard ice cream** production totaled 1.62 million gallons, up 13.5 percent from January 2003 and down 12.6 percent from December 2003.

UNITED STATES: Total cheese output (excluding cottage cheese) was 735 million pounds, 2.4 percent above January 2003 but 2.5 percent below December 2003. **American type cheese** production totaled 320 million pounds, 0.2 percent above January 2003 and 0.3 percent above December 2003. **Butter** production was 132 million pounds in January, 6.8 percent below January 2003 but 15.3 percent above December 2003. **Hard ice cream** production, at 59.5 million gallons, was down 11.6 from January 2003, but up 9.4 percent from December 2003.

Manufactured Dairy Production -January 2004 with Comparisons

| Product | Utah | | United States | | | |
|----------------------|--------------|----------------------------|---------------|--------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| | January 2003 | December ¹ 2003 | January 2004 | January 2003 | December ¹ 2003 | January 2004 |
| 1,000 Pounds | | | | | | |
| Total Cheese | 5,531 | 6,352 | 4,641 | 717,763 | 754,202 | 735,175 |
| 1,000 Gallons | | | | | | |
| Hard ice cream | 1,426 | 1,852 | 1,618 | 67,337 | 54,399 | 59,521 |

¹ Revised.

US January Egg Production Down Slightly

U.S. egg production totaled 7.38 billion during January 2004, down slightly from last year. Production included 6.32 billion table eggs, and 1.06 billion hatching eggs, of which 996 million were broiler-type and 60.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during January 2004 averaged 338 million, down 1 percent from a year earlier. January egg production per 100 layers was 2,184 eggs, up 1 percent from January 2003. All layers in the U.S. on February 1, 2004, totaled 338 million, down 1 percent from a year ago. The 338 million layers consisted of 280 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 55.9 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.48 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on February 1, 2004, averaged 69.8 eggs per 100 layers, down slightly from a year ago. Laying flocks in the 30 major egg producing States produced 6.88 billion eggs during January 2004, down 1 percent from a year ago. The average number of layers during January, at 315 million, was down 1 percent from a year ago.

Layers & Eggs: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Type, United States, January-February 2003-04

| Item | 2003 ^{1/} | 2004 | 2004 as % of 2003 |
|--|--------------------|---------|-------------------|
| Layers during Jan (Thousand) | | | |
| All Layers | 340,910 | 337,892 | 99 |
| Table Egg Type | 282,062 | 279,963 | 99 |
| Hatching Egg Type | 58,848 | 57,929 | 98 |
| Eggs per 100 Layers during Jan (Number) | | | |
| All Layers | 2,168 | 2,184 | 101 |
| Table Egg Type | 2,234 | 2,259 | 101 |
| Hatching Egg Type | 1,849 | 1,823 | 99 |
| Eggs produced during Jan (Million) | | | |
| All Layers | 7,390 | 7,380 | 100 |
| Table Egg Type | 6,301 | 6,324 | 100 |
| Hatching Egg Type | 1,088 | 1,056 | 97 |
| Item | 2003 ^{1/} | 2004 | 2004 as % of 2003 |
| Layers on Feb 1 (Thousand) | | | |
| All Layers | 341,019 | 338,163 | 99 |
| Table Egg Type | 281,960 | 279,805 | 99 |
| Hatching Egg Type | 59,059 | 58,358 | 99 |
| Eggs per 100 Layers on Feb 1 (Number) | | | |
| All Layers | 69.9 | 69.8 | 100 |

^{1/} Revised.

U.S. Turkey Eggs in Incubators & Poult Placement

Turkey eggs in incubators on March 1, 2004, in the United States totaled 28.9 million, down 7 percent from March 1 a year ago. Eggs in incubators were 1 percent above the February 2004 total of 28.8 million. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central, down 5 percent; West North Central, down 7 percent; North and South Atlantic, down 5 percent; South Central, down 18 percent; and West, down 11 percent. The 22.9 million poult placed during February 2004 in the United States

were down 4 percent from the number placed during the same month a year ago. Placements were down 2 percent from the January 2004 total of 23.3 million. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central, down 12 percent; West North Central, down 1 percent; North and South Atlantic, down 3 percent; South Central, down 13 percent; and West, up 6 percent.

Eggs in Incubators: First of Month by Region and United States, March 2004 with Comparisons

| Geographic Division | Mar 1 2003 | Feb 1 2004 | Mar 1 2004 | Percent of Previous Year | Percent of Previous Month |
|---------------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | Percent | Percent |
| E N Central | 4,816 | 4,269 | 4,559 | 95 | 107 |
| W N Central | 11,954 | 11,669 | 11,131 | 93 | 95 |
| N & S Atlantic | 9,171 | 7,942 | 8,700 | 95 | 110 |
| S Central | 2,886 | 2,306 | 2,379 | 82 | 103 |
| West | 2,444 | 2,588 | 2,172 | 89 | 84 |
| US | 31,271 | *28,774 | 28,941 | 93 | 101 |

*Revised.

Poults Placements: Entire Month by Region and United States, February 2004 with Comparisons ¹

| Geographic Division | Feb 2003 | Jan 2004 | Feb 2004 | Percent of Previous Year | Percent of Previous Month |
|---------------------|----------|----------|----------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | Percent | Percent |
| E N Central | 3,539 | 3,381 | 3,118 | 88 | 92 |
| W N Central | 9,227 | 8,663 | 9,119 | 99 | 105 |
| N & S Atlantic | 7,065 | 7,475 | 6,826 | 97 | 91 |
| S Central | 2,104 | 1,960 | 1,836 | 87 | 94 |
| West | 1,898 | 1,794 | 2,006 | 106 | 112 |
| US | 23,833 | 23,273 | 22,905 | 96 | 98 |

*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.

U.S. 2003 Livestock Slaughter

Red meat production for the United States totaled 46.8 billion pounds in 2003, 1.2 percent below last year's record high. Red meat includes beef, veal, pork, and lamb and mutton. Red meat production in commercial plants totaled 46.6 billion pounds. On farm production totaled 136 million pounds. **Beef production**, at 26.3 billion pounds, was 3 percent below the previous record high set in 2002. Veal production totaled 201.1 million pounds, down 2 percent from last year, and set a new record low. Pork production, at 20.0 billion pounds, was 2 percent above last year, setting a new record high. Lamb and mutton production totaled 203.4 million pounds, falling 9 percent below the previous record low set a year ago. **Commercial cattle slaughter** during 2003 totaled 35.5 million head, down 1 percent from 2002, with federal inspection comprising 98.3 percent of the total. The average live weight was 1,231 pounds, down 20 pounds from a year ago. Steers

comprised 49.2 percent of the total federally inspected slaughter, heifers 31.7 percent, dairy cows 8 percent, other cows 9.1 percent, and bulls 1.8 percent. Commercial calf slaughter totaled 1.0 million head, down 4 percent from a year ago with 97.5 percent under federal inspection. The average live weight was 318 pounds, up 6 pounds from a year earlier. **Commercial hog slaughter** totaled 100.9 million head, up 1 percent from 2002 with 98.8 percent of the hogs slaughtered under federal inspection. The average live weight was up 1 pound from last year, at 266 pounds. Barrows and gilts comprised 96.5 percent of the total federally inspected slaughter. **Commercial sheep and lamb slaughter**, at 2.98 million head, was down 9 percent from 2002 with 94.2 percent comprised by federal inspection. The average live weight was up 1 pound from 2002 to 134 pounds.

U.S. Monthly Commercial Red Meat Production

Million Pounds

