



HIGHLIGHTS:

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U.S. Winter Wheat

Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.53 billion bushels, down 1 percent from the May 1 forecast and 10 percent below 2003. Based on June 1 conditions, the U.S. yield is forecast at 43.6 bushels per acre, down 0.6 bushel from the previous forecast. Grain area totals 35.1 million acres, unchanged from May 1.

Hard Red production is down 3 percent from a month ago to 887 million bushels. Soft Red is down less than 1 percent from last month, and now totals 397 million bushels. White production totals 247 million bushels, up 2 percent from last month.

Manufactured Dairy Products

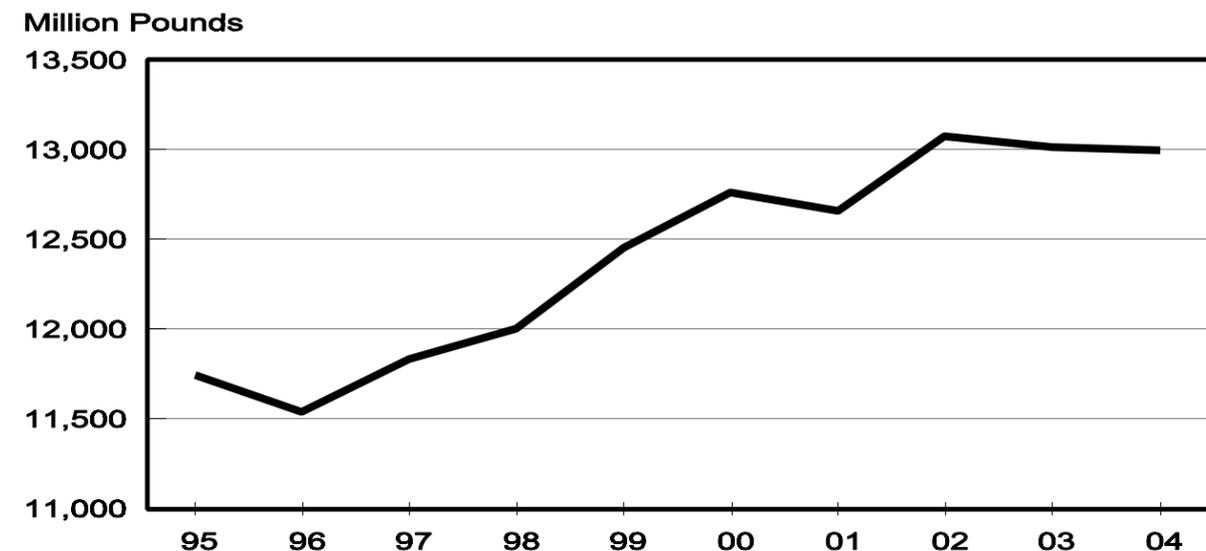
UTAH: Total cheese output (excluding cottage cheese) in April 2004, at 6.7 million pounds, was up 14.1 percent from April 2003 and up 9.9 percent from March 2004. **Hard ice cream** production totaled 2.4 million gallons, up 93.2 percent from April 2003 and up 34.9 percent from March 2004.

UNITED STATES: Total cheese output (excluding cottage cheese) was 755 million pounds, 5.0 percent above April 2003 but 3.2 percent below March 2004. **American type cheese** production totaled 320 million pounds, 4.3 percent above April 2003 but 1.2 percent below March 2004. **Butter** production was 97.1 million pounds in April, 21.0 percent below April 2003 but slightly above March 2004. **Hard ice cream** production, at 77.1 million gallons, was down 8.6 percent from April 2003.

U.S. May Milk Production Down 0.1 Percent

Milk production in the 20 major States during May totaled 13.0 billion pounds, down 0.1 percent from May 2003. April revised production, at 12.6 billion pounds, was down 0.8 percent from April 2003. The April revision represented an increase of 4 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate. **Production per cow** in the 20 major States averaged 1,684 pounds for May, 13 pounds above May 2003. **The number of milk cows** on farms in the 20 major States was 7.72 million head, 71,000 head less than May 2003, and 5,000 head less than April 2004.

**May Milk Production, 1995-2004
 20 States**



Product	Utah			United States		
	April 2003	Mar ¹ 2004	April 2004	April 2003	Mar ¹ 2004	April 2004
1,000 Pounds						
Total Cheese	5,870	6,092	6,697	718,834	779,599	754,790
1,000 Gallons						
Hard ice cream	1,241	1,778	2,398	84,367	78,711	77,120

¹ Revised.

U.S. Spring Fruits Forecast

Peaches: The 2004 peach crop in California, Georgia, and South Carolina is forecast at 2.19 billion pounds, up 5 percent from 2003 and 1 percent above two years ago. The California Clingstone crop is forecast at 1.15 billion pounds, unchanged from the May 1 forecast but 7 percent above 2003. The State experienced an adequate number of chilling hours, benefitting the Clingstone crop. Overall, bloom is reported to be good on all varieties. Fruit maturity is more advanced than last year due to record setting warm temperatures this spring. Fruit is reported to be in excellent condition with good size and uniform growth. Harvest is expected to begin in the Kingsburg area by mid-June, approximately ten days ahead of last year.

The California Freestone crop is forecast at 800 million pounds, down 2 percent from the May 1 forecast but virtually unchanged from 2003. Bloom was delayed by cool, wet weather in February but a warm dry spring made up for the delayed start. The Freestone peach harvest continues with excellent fruit quality. The early season varieties were sizing smaller than average, while the middle to late season varieties are sizing normally.

Sweet Cherries: The 2004 sweet cherry production for California, Oregon, and Washington is forecast at 243,000 tons, up 13 percent from 2003 and 40 percent above 2002. Washington's 2004 production is forecast at a record

high 135,000 tons, up 16 percent from last year. Washington's cherry crop experienced unusually warm conditions during the spring, which contributed to a good bloom. Most growers are reporting crop sizes equal to or greater than a year ago. Some of the increase in production can be attributed to the increasing potential of young plantings. The California crop, at 65,000 tons, is up 5 percent from 2003. Adequate chilling hours and ideal weather conditions during bloom and the growing season have contributed to this production increase. Harvest began in late April and will continue through the second week of June. Fruit quality is reported to be excellent. Sweet cherry production in Oregon is forecasted to be 43,000 tons, up 13 percent from last year's crop. In Oregon, a warm spring advanced crop development, with most regions 7 to 10 days ahead of average.

Apricots: California's 2004 production is forecast at 90,000 tons, down 3 percent from the 2003 crop but 6 percent greater than 2002. Weather was excellent during bloom, with warm temperatures throughout the apricot producing areas. Favorable weather contributed to a good fruit set. Harvest for fresh use began the end of April, while harvest for processing began during early June, approximately two weeks ahead of last year. Excellent fruit quality is reported.

U.S. April Egg Production Up 2 Percent

U.S. egg production: totaled 7.34 billion during April 2004, up 2 percent from last year. Production included 6.28 billion table eggs, and 1.07 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.01 billion were broiler-type and 58.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during April 2004 averaged 342 million, up 1 percent from a year earlier. April egg production per 100 layers was 2,148 eggs, up 1 percent from April 2003. April 2004 and April 2003 both contained 22 weekdays, and four Saturdays.

Layers & Eggs: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Type, United States, April - May 2003 - 04			
Item	2003 ^{1/}	2004	2004 as % of 2003
Layers during Apr (Thousand)			
All Layers	338,182	341,914	101
Table Egg Type	277,986	282,532	102
Hatching Egg Type	60,196	59,382	99
Eggs per 100 Layers during Apr (Number)			
All Layers	2,125	2,148	101
Table Egg Type	2,195	2,221	101
Hatching Egg Type	1,801	1,797	100
Eggs produced during Apr (Million)			
All Layers	7,187	7,343	102
Table Egg Type	6,103	6,276	103
Hatching Egg Type	1,084	1,067	98
Item	2003 ^{1/}	2004	2004 as % of 2003
Layers on May 1 (Thousand)			
All Layers	336,678	341,608	101
Table Egg Type	276,240	281,955	102
Hatching Egg Type	60,438	59,653	99
Eggs per 100 Layers on May 1 (Number)			
All Layers	70.5	71.0	101

^{1/} Revised.

U.S. Turkey Eggs in Incubators & Poult Placement

Turkey eggs in incubators on June 1, 2004, in the United States totaled 29.8 million, down 10 percent from June 1 a year ago. Eggs in incubators were slightly below the May 2004 total of 29.9 million eggs. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central down 12 percent, West North Central down 4 percent, North and South Atlantic down 13 percent, South Central down 4 percent, and West down 19 percent.

The 23.6 million poult placements during May 2004 in the United States were down 6 percent from the number

placed during the same month a year ago. Placements were down 5 percent from the April 2004 total of 24.7 million. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central down 13 percent, West North Central down 7 percent, North and South Atlantic down 5 percent, South Central down 4 percent, and West up 3 percent.

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

Geographic Division	Jun 1 2003	May 1 2004	Jun 1 2004	Percent of Previous Year	Percent of Previous Month
	1,000	1,000	1,000	Percent	Percent
E N Central	4,817	4,603	4,220	88	92
W N Central	11,863	10,772	11,361	96	105
N & S Atlantic	10,071	9,434	8,738	87	93
S Central	2,559	2,255	2,462	96	109
West	3,716	*2,807	3,024	81	108
US	33,026	*29,871	29,805	90	100

*Revised.

Poult Placements: Entire Month by Region and United States, May 2004 with Comparisons ¹

Geographic Division	May 2003	Apr 2004	May 2004	Percent of Previous Year	Percent of Previous Month
	1,000	1,000	1,000	Percent	Percent
E N Central	3,832	3,444	3,343	87	97
W N Central	9,261	9,247	8,613	93	93
N & S Atlantic	7,988	8,155	7,592	95	93
S Central	1,944	1,972	1,860	96	94
West	2,086	*1,848	2,143	103	116
US	25,111	*24,666	23,551	94	95

*Revised. ¹Regional placements refer to poult placements 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.