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Thank You for Your Support in 2001

As 2001 comes to a close, Virginia producers have finished crop harvests and are reflecting on a year where they faced many challenges. Commodity prices remained low and farmers had to make some tough decisions on what to plant in 2001. When we completed our planted acreage survey in June 2001, we had some shifts in acreage between our traditional row crops with corn down 40,000 acres and soybeans up 20,000 acres.

Once the crops were planted, producers had better than average weather during the growing season. Come harvest time, weather was very dry making for near ideal harvesting conditions. Yields turned out to be above-average, although not quite as good as 2000.

Livestock producers and dairy operations also benefitted from the good weather. Feed supplies were generally plentiful and prices for livestock and milk were stronger than previous years. We hope this cycle continues in 2002 and that feed supplies remain cheap and plentiful.

Farmers in Virginia continue to be very productive. We have much to be thankful for. I want to take this opportunity to thank you, our data providers, for completing our crop and livestock surveys throughout the year. We know you are busy but when you complete one of our surveys, you help producers like yourself get the needed data to make informed production and marketing decisions. Without your help, this information would not be possible.

I also want to wish you and your family a great holiday season and health and happiness in 2002. If I can ever help you with an information request, or if you ever have questions about one of our surveys, please contact me at 1-800-772-0670.

Best wishes,

Steven Manheimer
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COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER AND TOTAL LIVeweIGHTS, OCTOBER 2000-2001 1/

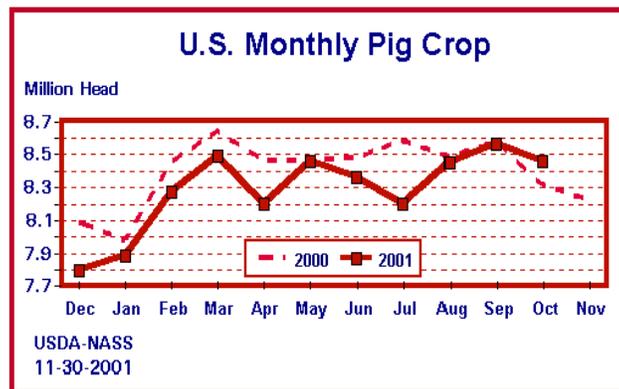
Class	Number Slaughtered			Total Liveweight		
	Oct. 2000	Sept. 2001	Oct. 2001	Oct. 2000	Sept. 2001	Oct. 2001
	<i>-thousand head-</i>			<i>-thousand pounds-</i>		
Virginia						
Cattle	1.4	2.1	3.0	1,374	2,135	3,237
Calves	0.1	0.1	0.1	18	19	28
Hogs	363.7	318.4	397.4	92,019	82,379	102,702
Sheep & Lamb	1.4	1.5	1.6	155	146	159
United States						
Cattle	3,141.4	2,807.3	3,160.8	3,867,204	3,481,256	3,942,113
Calves	97.1	78.6	93.7	30,252	24,637	29,722
Hogs	8,882.1	7,810.5	9,330.0	2,331,502	2,045,377	2,487,615
Sheep & Lamb	278.9	243.3	288.5	37,349	32,872	39,630

1/ Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter.

VIRGINIA: COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION 1/

	Oct. 2000	Sept. 2001	Oct. 2001	Oct. 2001 as % of: 2/	
				Oct. 2000	Sept. 2001
	<i>-million pounds-</i>			<i>-percent-</i>	
Virginia	69.7	63.2	78.9	113	125

1/ Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb, and mutton. 2/ Percentages based on unrounded data.


HOGS AND PIGS: MONTHLY SOWS AND GILT INVENTORY AND NUMBER BRED, MONTHLY FARROWINGS, AND PIG CROP, UNITED STATES, DECEMBER-NOVEMBER 2000-2001 1/

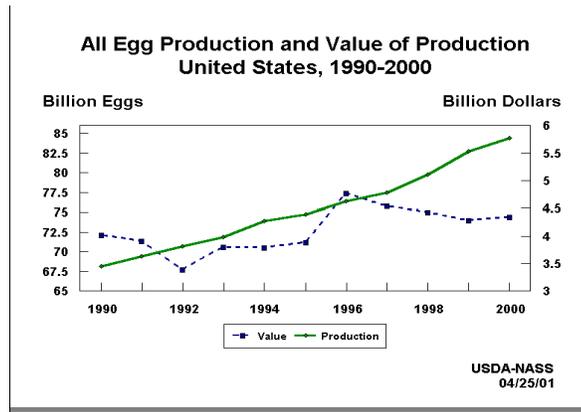
Date	Sow/Gilt Inventory	Sows Bred 2/	Sows Farrowing	Pigs per Litter	Pig Crop
	<i>-thousand head -</i>			<i>-number-</i>	
December 2000	6,090	1,185	901	8.66	7,803
January 2001	6,030	1,169	906	8.71	7,887
February	6,031	1,142	943	8.78	8,279
March	6,053	1,200	963	8.83	8,497
April	5,987	1,170	930	8.83	8,207
May	5,974	1,165	952	8.90	8,466
June	6,001	1,197	953	8.79	8,369
July	5,955	1,155	932	8.81	8,204
August	5,955	1,133	954	8.86	8,455
September	5,975	1,171	964	8.88	8,564
October	5,990	1,197	953	8.88	8,465
November	5,968				

1/ 1st of month inventory. 2/ Bred during month.

CHICKEN AND EGGS : LAYERS ON HAND AND EGGS PRODUCED, VIRGINIA, OCTOBER 2000-2001

Item		2000	2001
Layers on Hand during October- All Layers 1/	(thousand)	3,322	3,237
Eggs per 100 during October- All Layers 1/	(number)	1,987	1,854
Eggs Produced During October			
Total Production	(million)	66	60
Table Eggs	(million)	34	32
Hatching Eggs	(million)	32	28

1/ Includes all layers and eggs produced in both table egg and hatching egg flocks regardless of size.



FARM LABOR: EMPLOYMENT

**VIRGINIA-NORTH CAROLINA AND U.S. 1/
OCTOBER 7-13, 2001 , WITH COMPARISONS**

AND WAGE RATES,

FARM EMPLOYMENT	VA-NC			UNITED STATES		
	Oct. 8-14, 2000	July 8-14, 2001	Oct. 7-13, 2001	Oct. 8-14, 2000	July 8-14, 2001	Oct. 7-13, 2001
	-Thousand -			-Thousand -		
Hired Workers Employed 2/						
150 days or more	40	62	40	952	1,039	959
149 days or less	23	36	24	662	722	676
Agricultural Services						
Workers Working on Farms	17	26	16	290	317	283
Hired Farm & Service	3/	3/	3/	288	335	262
Hired Farm & Service	3/	3/	3/	1,240	1,374	1,221
Hours Worked 2/				-Hours Per Week-		
Hired	36.2	36.7	35.2	41.2	39.9	41.5
Wage Rates For All Hired Workers 2/4/				-Dollars Per Hour-		
	7.65	7.79	8.26	8.29	8.29	8.58
Type of Worker: 2/4/						
Field	7.21	7.22	7.52	7.74	7.70	8.01
Livestock	7.56	7.89	8.57	7.84	7.89	8.36
Field & Livestock Combined	7.28	7.39	7.80	7.76	7.75	8.08

1/ Excludes Alaska. 2/ Excludes Agricultural Service workers. 3/ Insufficient data for this category. 4/ Benefits, such as housing and meals, are provided some workers but the values are not included in the wage rates.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS 1/

Commodity	Unit	Virginia			United States			Parity Prices Nov. 2001
		Nov. 2000	Oct. 2001	Nov. 2001	Nov. 2000	Oct. 2001	Nov. 2001	
		- Dollars -			- Dollars -			
Wheat (Winter) 2/	Bu.	1.95	2.19	2.45	2.82	2.86	2.94	9.57
Corn	Bu.	1.91	1.93	1.97	1.86	1.84	1.85	6.53
Barley (All)	Bu.	1.42	1.38	1.37	2.15	2.30	2.31	6.39
Hay, Baled: All 3/	Ton	91.50	80.00	75.00	84.00	99.40	97.10	--
Alfalfa 3/	Ton	117.00	120.00	115.00	88.00	108.00	106.00	--
Other 3/	Ton	89.00	76.00	71.00	71.10	70.00	74.10	--
All Tobacco	Cwt.	194.0	1.95	1.99	1.95	1.91	1.98	--
Peanuts	Lb.	.179	.269	.179	.261	.228	.204	.673
Soybeans	Bu.	4.21	3.93	4.07	4.55	4.09	4.18	14.20
Apples, For Fresh Use	Lb.	.230	.230	.240	.185	.242	.233	.484
Potatoes	Cwt.	--	--	--	4.31	5.28	6.04	--
Beef Cattle	Cwt.	67.70	65.50	62.00	69.10	66.60	62.80	157.00
Cows	Cwt.	34.10	35.40	33.70	36.60	37.50	35.30	--
Steers and Heifers	Cwt.	79.50	73.50	72.00	73.80	70.20	66.60	--
Calves	Cwt.	99.40	87.50	86.00	106.00	99.20	96.20	206.00
Hogs (All)	Cwt.	7/	7/	7/	36.80	40.50	34.90	102.00
Milk: All, Wholesale 4/	Cwt.	15.60	17.90	17.50	12.60	15.70	14.30 ^{8/}	31.90
Fluid Consumption	Cwt.	15.60	17.90	17.50	12.60	15.70	14.30 ^{8/}	--
Manufacture	Cwt.	7/	7/	7/	10.40	14.80	12.40 ^{8/}	--
Market Eggs 3/ 5/	Doz.	.530	.390	.390	.573	.446	.485	1.54
Broilers, Live 6/	Lb.	7/	7/	7/	.380	.410	.390	--
Turkeys, Live 3/ 6/	Lb.	.490	.450	.450	.471	.440	.443	.951

-- No sales indicated. 1/ Current month prices are mid-month prices, other months are entire month prices except where noted. 2/ Parity price is for All Wheat. 3/ All prices are mid-month. 4/ Before deductions for hauling and govt. withholding, but includes bulk tank, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies. 5/ Includes eggs sold retail by the producer. 6/ Equivalent liveweight returns to producers for most states. 7/ Discontinued. 8/ Fat test percent: all milk 3.71, fluid milk 3.71, mfg. grade 3.88.

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