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FEBRUARY REVIEW

February presented mild to warmer temperatures for most of the State. The longer days and warmer temperatures enabled green-thumbs and farmers alike to get outdoors and prepare for spring. In the western part of the state, some livestock producers were able to take advantage of February's drier days to prepare pastures and hayfields for spring renovation. Precipitation was reported to be lower than normal in most counties, but landscapes of all genres, including berries and fruit trees started to show new life. Eastern Washington experienced warmer temperatures and minimal runoff from newly melted snow. In Benton County, growers assessed winter damages in grapes and soft fruit. For the most part, wheat has remained in fair condition with minimal damage. Cattle and sheep producers began concentrating on feeding and calving.

Trout: Number of Operations, January 1, 2002-2003

State	Selling Trout		Distributed Trout 1/		Total 2/	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
Idaho	28	26	24	27	52	53
Oregon	21	17	30	24	51	41
Washington	15	15	48	37	59	51
U. S. Total	378	331	258	242	606	545

1/ Trout distributed for restoration, conservation, or recreational purposes, primarily by State and Federal hatcheries.

2/ Totals may not be the sum of the types of operations.

Trout: Value of Fish Sold and Distributed, 2002-2003

State	Fish Sold		Eggs Sold		Total Sales 1/		Distributed Trout 2/ 3/	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	Thousand Dollars							
Idaho	30,456	29,407	NA	NA	NA	NA	3,949	3,234
Oregon	801	506	NA	NA	NA	NA	4,861	2,332
Washington	5,385	5,191	4,305	4,048	9,690	9,239	5,081	4,142
U. S. Total	69,935	66,431	4,446	4,176	74,381	70,607	60,332	61,182

1/ Totals may not add due to rounding.

2/ Fish distributed for restoration or conservation purposes primarily by State and Federal hatcheries.

3/ Distributed trout U. S. totals include eggs sold.

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

Commercial cattle slaughter during 2003, for the United States, totaled 35.5 million head, down 1 percent from 2002, with federal inspection comprising 98.3 percent of the total. The average liveweight was 1,231 pounds, down 20 pounds from a year ago.

Beef production for the U.S., at 26.3 billion pounds, was down 3 percent from last year. Red meat production for the United States totaled 46.8 billion pounds in 2003, 1.2 percent lower than in 2002. Red meat includes beef, veal, pork, and lamb and mutton.

Number & Liveweight of Livestock Slaughtered by Species, WASHINGTON, 1999-2003

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Annual Total
1,000 Head													
Cattle 1/													
1999	65.4	67.4	72.2	66.5	67.5	44.2	66.4	82.0	85.5	81.5	83.5	74.4	856.5
2000	82.9	71.5	71.2	65.6	83.3	88.2	80.5	81.1	70.1	73.7	67.9	68.2	904.4
2001	74.4	63.0	68.6	67.1	84.5	86.2	78.7	87.0	62.6	67.0	69.7	68.5	877.3
2002	73.0	60.9	58.7	64.4	71.0	72.6	84.2	81.9	71.6	78.9	68.5	66.8	852.5
2003	69.7	55.0	60.7	71.5	79.0	73.0	69.2	63.9	66.3	72.5	58.6	58.0	797.3
1,000 Pounds Liveweight													
Cattle 1/													
1999	81,950	84,060	89,400	82,592	83,892	55,231	85,292	105,909	111,019	106,115	105,267	92,928	1,083,655
2000	102,74	89,421	89,650	82,158	101,315	108,349	101,264	103,109	89,067	93,484	85,932	85,398	1,131,888
2001	92,582	77,910	84,012	82,028	103,430	105,745	97,468	109,730	77,993	83,434	88,026	86,246	1,088,605
2002	89,868	72,917	70,687	77,212	85,849	89,672	107,166	103,972	91,461	99,716	87,789	84,696	1,061,005
2003	86,286	67,782	74,229	85,588	95,376	89,048	84,708	78,429	81,915	89,036	73,052	72,260	977,710
1,000 Pounds													
Commercial Red Meat Production 2/													
1999	49,200	51,100	54,200	49,900	50,600	32,900	51,800	65,100	67,900	64,600	63,900	56,300	657,500
2000	62,600	54,200	54,100	49,400	61,900	66,600	62,700	64,000	55,300	57,800	52,800	52,500	694,000
2001	57,100	47,900	51,700	50,500	63,600	65,300	60,400	68,300	48,300	51,300	53,700	53,000	671,000
2002	55,100	45,000	43,400	47,300	52,500	55,400	65,900	63,700	55,200	59,600	53,000	51,700	647,900
2003	52,500	41,200	45,300	52,200	58,400	54,800	51,900	48,300	50,300	54,700	44,600	43,900	598,100

1/ Includes slaughter in federally inspected and other slaughter plants, but excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

2/ Red meat production includes beef, veal, pork, lamb, and mutton, excluding farm slaughter.

Number & Land in Farms, Washington, June 1, 2001-2003 1/

Year	Economic Sales Class					Total
	\$1,000 - \$9,999	\$10,000 - \$99,999	\$100,000 \$249,999	\$250,000 - \$499,000	\$500,000 & Over	
Number of Farms						
2001	21,000	8,700	3,000	1,800	2,000	36,500
2002	20,200	8,900	3,000	1,800	2,100	36,000
2003	19,700	8,900	3,000	1,800	2,100	35,500
Land in Farms (Thousand Acres)						
2001	1,340	2,790	3,190	2,780	5,300	15,400
2002	1,140	2,780	3,190	2,650	5,590	15,350
2003	1,100	2,700	3,200	2,600	5,700	15,300
Average Size of Farm (Acre)						
2001	64	321	1,063	1,544	2,650	422
2002	56	312	1,063	1,472	2,662	426
2003	56	303	1,067	1,444	2,714	431

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

BEES AND HONEY: NUMBER OF COLONIES, PRODUCTION, STOCKS, & VALUE, 2002-2003 1/

State & Year	Honey Producing Colonies	Yield Per Colony	Production	Stocks December 15 2/	Average Price Per Pound 3/	Value of Production
	1,000	Pounds	1,000 Pounds		Cents	1,000 Dollars
California						
2002	470	50	23,500	3,525	132	31,020
2003	480	67	32,160	6,432	142	45,667
Idaho						
2002	100	57	5,700	1,653	137	7,809
2003	100	46	4,600	1,380	135	6,210
Montana						
2002	134	63	8,442	1,097	138	11,650
2003	145	66	9,570	1,914	148	14,164
Oregon						
2002	43	49	2,107	885	135	2,844
2003	42	51	2,142	964	126	2,699
Washington						
2002	50	51	2,550	561	127	3,239
2003	58	56	3,248	942	152	4,937
U.S. Total 4/						
2002	2,574	66.7	171,718	39,393	132.7	228,338
2003	2,590	69.9	181,096	40,735	140.4	255,791

1/ For producers with five or more colonies. Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each State.

2/ Stocks held by producers.

3/ Prices weighted by sales.

4/ Total colonies multiplied by total yield may not exactly equal production. U. S. value of production is U.S. production multiplied by U.S. price per pound.

PRICES

AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMS FOR FARM PRODUCTS (Dollars/Unit)

Commodity	Unit	Entire Month		Prelim. Feb. 2004	Entire Month		Prelim. Feb. 2004	U.S. Parity Price
		Feb. 2003	Jan. 2004		Feb. 2003	Jan. 2004		
		Washington			United States			
Wheat, All	Bu.	3.76	3.82	3.83	3.70	3.68	3.68	9.76
Wheat, Spring	Bu.	3.53	3.94	3.94	3.82	3.66	3.75	-
Wheat, Winter	Bu.	3.73	3.79	3.80	3.52	3.66	3.60	-
Barley	Bu.	2.76	2.55	2.56	2.87	2.71	2.62	6.50
Corn	Bu.	-	-	-	2.34	2.39	2.55	6.56
Oats	Bu.	-	-	-	2.11	1.46	1.51	3.82
Lentils 1/	Cwt.	-	-	-	-	18.20	19.10	-
Chickpeas, All 1/	Cwt.	-	-	-	-	14.50	2/	-
Dry Edible Beans	Cwt.	-	-	-	19.20	17.00	19.60	50.50
Dry Edible Peas 1/	Cwt.	-	-	-	-	7.36	8.21	-
Potatoes, All	Cwt.	6.15	5.90	5.65	6.33	5.75	5.62	14.80
Potatoes, Processing	Cwt.	5.60	5.15	-	5.32	5.36	-	-
Hay, All (baled) 3/	Tons	106.00	93.00	90.00	91.40	79.30	79.90	-
Alfalfa (baled) 3/	Tons	101.00	85.00	83.00	96.20	83.60	84.70	-
Other Hay (baled) 3/	Tons	125.00	115.00	115.00	81.70	71.40	69.90	-
Hops	Lbs.	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.43
Apples, Fresh 4/	Lbs.	.246	.324	.331	.246	.301	.294	.512
Beef Cattle	Cwt.	-	-	-	73.90	80.90	77.80	165.00
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	-	-	-	78.20	85.40	81.60	-
Calves	Cwt.	-	-	-	97.20	110.00	110.00	221.00
Milk Cows 5/	Head	-	1,420.00	-	-	1,390.00	-	-
Broilers, live 6/	Lbs.	-	-	-	.340	.430	.470	-
Eggs, Market 3/	Doz.	.539	.910	.890	.433	.806	.745	1.64
Milk, All Wholesale 7/ 8/	Cwt.	11.30	13.20	13.30	11.40	13.20	13.30	34.10
Hogs, All	Cwt.	-	-	-	34.30	36.80	43.20	102.00
Sheep	Cwt.	-	-	-	44.00	43.80	-	81.30
Lambs	Cwt.	-	-	-	92.40	104.00	-	195.00

1/ Monthly estimates began July 2003.

2/ Insufficient sales to establish a price.

3/ All prices are mid-month estimates.

4/ Equivalent packinghouse door returns for apples for CA, MI, NY, and WA. Prices as sold for other states.

5/ Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Prices available for January, April, July, and October.

6/ Equivalent liveweight returns to producers for most states. Includes growers and contractors.

7/ February 2004 U.S. butterfat test percent was 3.75 for all milk.

8/ Before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.