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CATTLE ON FEED IN HISTORIC 7 STATES UP 8 PERCENT

Cattle on feed January 1, 2000, in the historic 7 States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 9.73 million, up 8 percent from the previous year and 3 percent above January 1, 1998. The inventory included 5.76 million steers and steer calves, up 6 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 59 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.93 million head, up 11 percent from January 1, 1999.

Placements in feedlots during December totaled 1.41 million, 13 percent above 1998 and 8 percent above 1997.

Marketings during December totaled 1.60 million, 2 percent above 1997.

Other disappearance during December was 75,000 head, up 9 percent from 1998 and 10 percent above 1997.

U. S. CATTLE ON FEED 1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.46 million head on January 1, 2000. The inventory was 7 percent above January 1, 1999 and 3 percent above January 1, 1998. The inventory included 6.83 million steers and steer calves, up 6 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 60 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.56 million head, up 10 percent from January 1, 1999.

Placements in feedlots during December totaled 1.65 million, 9 percent above 1998 and 6 percent above 1997. Net placements were 1.56 million. During December, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 465,000, 600-699 pounds were 498,000, 700-799 pounds were 422,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 261,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during December totaled 1.84 million, 1 percent above 1998 and 5 percent above 1997.

Other disappearance totaled 90,000 during December, 6 percent above 1998 and 1997.

Cattle on Feed: U.S. Number Placed on Feed, by weight groups, 1,000+ capacity Feedlots, November and December 1999

Month	Less than 600 lbs	600-699 lbs	700-799 lbs	800+ lbs	Total
	1,000 head				
Nov	766	657	416	331	2,170
Dec	465	498	422	261	1,646

Cattle and calves on feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, 7 Historic States and United States

State	Number on feed December 1			Placed during December			Marketed during December			Other disappearance during December			Number on feed January 1		
	1998	1999	1999-98	1998	1999	1999-98	1998	1999	1999-98	1998	1999	1999-98	1999	1999-2000	2000-99
	1,000 head	Percent		1,000 head	Percent		1,000 head	Percent		1,000 head	Percent		1,000 head	Percent	
AZ	214	265	124	22	36	164	28	25	89	2	4	200	206	272	132
CA	410	405	99	50	67	134	55	47	85	5	10	200	400	415	104
CO	1,190	1,220	103	170	160	94	210	190	90	10	10	100	1,140	1,180	104
IA	320	*370	116	53	45	85	36	39	108	2	1	50	335	375	112
KS	2,250	2,380	106	320	400	125	440	480	109	20	10	50	2,110	2,290	109
NE	2,160	2,380	110	330	340	103	370	400	108	10	20	200	2,110	2,300	109
TX	2,860	2,980	104	305	360	118	425	420	99	20	20	100	2,720	2,900	107
7 States	9,404	10,000	106	1,250	1,408	113	1,564	1,601	102	69	75	109	9,021	9,732	108
Oth. Sts.	1,659	1,741	126	262	238	91	259	241	93	16	15	94	1,646	1,723	105
U.S.	11,063	*11,741	106	1,512	1,646	109	1,823	1,842	101	85	90	106	10,667	11,455	107

* Revised.

Average prices, Nebraska, dollars per cwt

Week ended	Slaughter steers				Slaughter heifers			
	Choice 1100-1300 lbs				Choice 1000-1200 lbs			
	1998-1999		1999-2000		1998-1999		1999-2000	
December	25	57.18	67.85	57.34	68.08			
January	01	59.71	67.95	59.86	68.06			
January	08	60.00	65.91	59.00	NA			

NA: Not available.

CHICKENS AND EGGS

FLORIDA

Table eggs sold in mid-January 2000 averaged 41.0 cents, up 3.0 cents from mid-December. Table egg production in Florida during December was 231 million eggs, up five percent from the previous month.

UNITED STATES

U.S. egg production totaled 7.27 billion during December 1999, up 3 percent from the 7.05 billion produced in 1998. Production included 6.19 billion table eggs and 1.08 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.02 billion were broiler-type and 64.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during December 1999 averaged 329 million, up 2 percent from the total average number of layers during December 1998. December egg production per 100 layers was 2,213 eggs, up 1 percent from 2,190 eggs in December 1998.

All layers in the U.S. on January 1, 2000, totaled 328 million, up 2 percent from a year ago. The 328 million layers consisted of 270 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 55.6 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.73 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on January 1, 1999, averaged 70.7 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from the 70.3 a year ago.

Laying flocks in the 30 major egg producing States produced 6.84 billion eggs during December, up 3 percent from December 1998. The average number of layers during December, at 309 million, was up 2 percent from a year earlier.

Mid-month table egg prices received by Florida egg producers.

Month	Cents per dozen	
	1999	2000
January	49.0	41.0
February	45.0	
March	44.0	
April	37.0	
May	28.0	
June	37.0	
July	34.0	
August	41.0	
September	32.0	
October	26.0	
November	42.0	
December	38.0	

FLORIDA: Layers on hand first of month; percentages by age and molting stage

	Jan 1999	Nov 1999	Dec 1999	Jan 2000
Total layers on hand: Thous.	10,670	10,783	10,671	10,683
Percent of layers:				
Being molted	4.5	4.5	1.5	4.0
Molt completed	36.0	41.0	40.5	42.0

Layers and egg production, December 1999, production year-to-date egg production for selected States

Selected States	Average layers on hand	Eggs per 100 layers	Egg production				Layers	
			Total	Table	Hatching	Year to date ^{1/}	Being molted	Molt completed
	Thousand		Millions				Percent	
Alabama	10,431	1,975	206	79	127	206	1.5	13.0
Arkansas	15,782	1,926	304	116	188	304	1.0	8.0
California	24,931	2,250	561			561	4.0	39.0
Florida	10,678	2,266	242	231	11	242	4.0	42.0
Georgia	21,002	2,181	458	276	182	458	3.0	15.5
Indiana	22,743	2,335	531	519	12	531	2.0	32.0
Iowa	27,242	2,247	612			612	5.0	33.0
Maine	4,322	2,406	104			104	0.0	0.0
Maryland	3,493	2,405	84	76	8	84	3.0	37.0
Michigan	6,206	2,257	140			140	6.5	29.5
Minnesota	12,831	2,198	282	273	9	282	1.5	29.0
Mississippi	6,675	2,022	135	43	92	135	2.0	17.5
Missouri	6,182	2,232	138			138	0.0	25.0
Nebraska	11,850	2,186	259	259		259	6.0	27.5
New York	3,851	2,337	90			90	1.0	4.0
North Carolina	11,429	1,934	221	90	131	221	1.0	10.5
Ohio	31,454	2,283	718			718	0.5	13.0
Pennsylvania	22,720	2,271	516	498	18	516	4.5	21.0
South Carolina	4,764	2,204	105	88	17	105	5.5	27.5
Texas	17,899	2,252	403			403	2.5	21.0
Virginia	3,559	2,023	72	37	35	72	5.5	14.5
Washington	4,736	2,310	109			109	4.5	44.0
Other States	19,589	2,243	984	734	250	984	2.9	23.2
United States	328,646	2,213	7,274	6,194	1,080	7,274	2.9	23.0

^{1/} Production year begins December 1.

HATCHERY PRODUCTION

FLORIDA

The December hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 9,677,000, was down 3 percent from a year earlier. Broiler-type eggs in incubators on January 1, at 7,952,000, were 6 percent below a year ago.

Egg-type hatch during December at 885,000 chicks, was 12 percent below last year. Egg-type eggs in incubators on January 1, at 931,000 was down 7 percent from last year.

UNITED STATES

The December 1999 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 748 million, was up 1 percent from December of the previous year. There were 624 million eggs in incubators on January 1, 2000, up 1 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 7 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during December 1999, up 1 percent from December 1998.

Egg-type chicks hatched during December totaled 32.7 million, down 8 percent from December 1998. Eggs in incubators totaled 30.5 million on January 1, 2000, down 7 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 175,000 during December 1999, down 4 percent from December 1998.

Hatchery production, United States

Item	1999	2000	2000 % of 1999
-- Thousands --			
Egg-Type:			
Eggs in incubators: Jan 1	32,836	30,465	93
Chicks hatched during Dec	35,733	32,730	92
Pullets hatched during Dec for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks	183	175	96
7-18 months earlier ^{1/}	2,929	3,179	109
Broiler-Type:			
Eggs in incubators: Jan 1	619,107	623,774	101
Chicks hatched during Dec	737,840	747,905	101
Pullets hatched during Dec for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks	6,904	6,999	101
7-14 months earlier ^{2/}	58,973	64,337	109

^{1/} 1999 includes pullet chicks hatched June 1998 through May 1999 ^{2/} 1999 includes pullet chicks hatched September 1998 through May 1999.

MILK PRODUCTION

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Florida dairy farms produced 205 million pounds of milk during December 1999, 1 percent less than the previous December. Production per cow, at 1,315 pounds, was slightly below last year. Milk cow numbers on Florida dairy farms in December totaled 156,000, 1 percent below last year.

UNITED STATES

Milk production in the 20 major States during December totaled 11.9 billion pounds, up 3.8 percent from production in these same States in December 1998. November revised production, at 11.3 billion pounds was up 4.5 percent from November 1998. The November revision represented an increase of 0.1 percent or 11 million pounds from last months preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,536 pounds for December, 47 pounds above December 1998.

The number of cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.76 million head, 52,000 head more than December 1998, and 2,000 head more than November 1999.

Milk cows and production, Florida and U.S.

Month and year	Milk cows	Monthly milk production	
		Per cow	Monthly Total
	Thous.	Lbs.	Mil. Lbs.
Florida:			
December 1998	157	1,320	207
November 1999	156	1,110	173
December 1999	156	1,315	205
20 Major States:			
December 1998	7,708	1,489	11,481
November 1999	7,758	1,459	11,317
December 1999	7,760	1,536	11,918
United States			
December 1998	--	--	13,370
November 1999	--	--	13,146
December 1999	--	--	13,844

Milk production by quarters, United States

Month	Milk cows ^{1/}		Milk per cow ^{2/}		Milk production	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
	Thousand		Pounds		Mil. Lbs	
Jan-Mar	9,176	9,136	4,268	4,437	39,164	40,540
Apr-Jun	9,171	9,151	4,451	4,587	40,821	41,980
Jul-Sep	9,149	9,166	4,210	4,340	38,519	39,784
Oct-Dec	9,137	9,178	4,261	4,405	38,937	40,428
Annual Total	9,158	9,158	17,192	17,769	157,441	162,732

^{1/} Dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh.

^{2/} Excludes milk sucked by calves.

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

Commercial red meat output in Florida for December 1999 was 4.9 million pounds, 4 percent above the same month last year. Commercial production of red meat in the United States for December at 3.86 billion pounds, 2 percent below 1998.

Commercial slaughter and red meat production, Florida and United States

Source and kind	Dec 1998	Nov 1999	Dec 1999	Year to date 1998	Year to date 1999
Florida ^{1/}					
Hogs:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	18	12	13	142	112
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	3,142	2,097	2,136	24,738	19,531
Red Meat production (million pounds)	4.7	4.9	4.9	44.7	47.0
United States					
Cattle:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	2,895	2,943	2,877	35,466	36,161
Total liveweight (million pounds)	3,513	3,579	3,523	42,671	43,721
Average liveweight (pounds)	1,214	1,216	1,225	1,203	1,210
Beef production (million pounds)	2,100	2,146	2,114	25,653	26,390
Calves:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	130	104	113	1,458	1,286
Total liveweight (million pounds)	36	31	34	416	372
Average liveweight (pounds)	278	300	303	285	291
Veal production (million pounds)	22	19	21	252	226
Hogs:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	9,426	8,898	8,887	101,031	101,554
Liveweight (million pounds)	2,452	2,329	2,320	25,898	26,258
Average liveweight (pounds)	260	262	261	256	259
Pork production (million pounds)	1,799	1,708	1,704	18,980	19,278
Red meat production (million pounds)	3,944	3,894	3,863	45,134	46,135

^{1/} Florida cattle and calves data not printed to avoid disclosing individual operations.

Average Dollars Per Cwt Received through 13 Florida Auctions December 1998 and 1999

Stocker calves under 300 lbs.					Stocker calves over 300 lbs.				
Grade	1998		1999		Grade	1998		1999	
	Steers	Heifers	Steers	Heifers		Steers	Heifers	Steers	Heifers
Medium #1	100.53	75.86	118.38	92.92	Medium #1	78.45	65.05	99.49	83.54
Medium #2	83.29	65.24	99.13	79.38	Medium #2	71.37	58.24	87.48	75.70
All grades	93.80	73.28	111.43	88.77	All grades	76.58	63.82	96.68	82.67

SOURCE: FDA & CS. Div. of Marketing and Development, Market News Section.