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## CATTLE ON FEED IN HISTORIC 7 STATES UP 11 PERCENT

Cattle on feed March 1, 2000, in the historic 7 States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 9.70 million, up 9 percent from the previous year and 10 percent above March 1, 1998.

Placements in feedlots during February totaled 1.61 million, 3 percent above 1999 and 24 percent above 1998.

Marketings during February totaled 1.75 million, 12 percent above 1999 and 11 percent above 1998.

Other disappearance during February was 47,000 head, 12 percent above 1999 but 16 percent below 1998.

Cattle on Feed: U.S. Number Placed on Feed, by weight groups, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, January and February 2000

Month	Less than 600 lbs	600-699 lbs	700-799 lbs	800+ lbs	Total
1,000 head					
Jan	*489	*691	654	382	*2,216
Feb	351	476	596	457	1,880

\* Revised.

## 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 11.33 million head on March 1, 2000. The inventory was up 9 percent from the 10.42 million head on March 1, 1999 and 9 percent above March 1, 1998.

Placements in feedlots during February totaled 1.88 million, 4 percent above 1999 and 26 percent above 1998. Net placements were 1.80 million. During February, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 351,000, 600-699 pounds were 476,000, 700-799 pounds were 596,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 457,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during February totaled 2.05 million, 12 percent above 1999 and 11 percent above 1998.

Other disappearance totaled 78,000 during February, 20 percent above 1999 and 13 percent above 1998.

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

State	Number on feed February 1			Placed during February			Marketed during February			Other disappearance during February			Number on feed March 1		
	1999	2000	2000-99	1999	2000	2000-99	1999	2000	2000-99	1999	2000	2000-99	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	202	275	136	27	27	100	25	24	96	1	3	300	203	275	135
CA	385	415	108	45	50	111	40	52	130	5	8	160	385	405	105
CO	1,140	1,200	105	235	250	106	240	265	110	5	5	100	1,130	1,180	104
IA	350	385	110	56	39	70	45	48	107	1	1	100	360	375	104
KS	2,030	2,340	115	390	420	108	380	430	113	10	10	100	2,030	2,320	114
NE	2,150	2,370	110	410	390	95	390	440	113	10	10	100	2,160	2,310	107
TX	2,660	2,900	109	400	430	108	440	490	111	10	10	100	2,610	2,830	108
7 States	8,917	9,885	111	1,563	1,606	103	1,560	1,749	112	42	47	112	8,878	9,695	109
Oth. Sts.	1,592	1,689	106	245	274	112	272	297	109	23	31	135	1,542	1,635	106
U.S.	10,509	*11,574	110	1,808	1,880	104	1,832	2,046	112	65	78	120	10,420	11,330	109

\* Revised.

Average prices, Nebraska, dollars per cwt

Week ended	Slaughter steers				Slaughter heifers			
	Choice 1100-1300 lbs				Choice 1000-1200 lbs			
	1999		2000		1999		2000	
February 12	61.54	68.88	62.12	68.92				
February 19	62.23	68.08	62.45	68.21				
February 26	62.78	67.84	63.03	67.91				

## CHICKENS AND EGGS

### FLORIDA

Table eggs averaged 41.0 cents per dozen sold in mid-March 2000, down 3.0 cents from last month. Table egg production in Florida during February was 200 million eggs, 8 percent below the previous month.

### UNITED STATES

U.S. egg production totaled 6.66 billion during February 2000, up 6 percent from the 6.28 billion produced in 1999. Production included 5.63 billion table eggs and 1.03 billion hatching eggs, of which 969 million were broiler-type and 60.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during February 2000 averaged 330 million, up 2 percent from the total average number of layers during February 1999. February egg production per 100 layers was 2,019 eggs, up 4 percent from the 1,946 eggs in February 1999.

All layers in the U.S. on March 1, 2000, totaled 331 million, up 2 percent from a year ago. The 331 million layers consisted of 271 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 56.8 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.71 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on March 1, 2000, averaged 69.5 eggs per 100 layers, down slightly from the 69.6 a year ago.

Laying flocks in the 30 major egg producing States was 6.26 billion eggs during February, up 5 percent from February 1999. The average number of layers during February, at 310 million, was up 2 percent from a year earlier.

**LAYERS AND EGGS:** Selected States and U.S.,  
February 2000

Selected States	Avg. layers on hand	Egg production	Rate of lay
	Thousands	Millions	
Alabama	10,684	191	61.7
Arkansas	15,483	286	63.7
California	24,343	500	70.8
<b>Florida</b>	<b>10,560</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>69.2</b>
Georgia	21,139	413	67.4
Indiana	22,755	481	72.9
Iowa	27,485	586	73.5
Maine	4,236	94	76.5
Maryland	3,415	73	73.7
Michigan	6,271	126	69.3
Minnesota	12,766	266	71.9
Mississippi	6,725	125	64.1
Missouri	6,123	128	72.1
Nebraska	11,848	227	66.1
New York	3,874	86	76.6
North Carolina	11,487	205	61.6
Ohio	32,158	646	69.3
Pennsylvania	23,250	489	72.5
South Carolina	4,624	89	66.4
Texas	17,756	346	67.2
Virginia	3,598	64	61.3
Washington	4,732	104	76.1
<b>Other States</b>	<b>19,762</b>	<b>406</b>	<b>70.8</b>
<b>United States</b>	<b>329,892</b>	<b>6,662</b>	<b>69.6</b>

<sup>1/</sup> Production year begins December 1.

## UNITED STATES: HOGS AND PIGS

**U.S. INVENTORY** of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 2000, was 58.1 million head. This was 3 percent below March 1999, and 2 percent below December 1, 1999.

Breeding inventory, at 6.22 million head was down 5 percent from March 1, 1999, and down slightly from December 1, 1999. Market hog inventory, at 51.9 million head, was 3 percent below last year, and 2 percent below last quarter.

The December 1999-February 2000 U.S. pig crop, at 24.8 million head, was 2 percent less than 1999, and 3 percent less than 1998. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.82 million head, 2 percent below last year. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 45 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs per litter rose to an average of 8.79 pigs saved per litter for the December-February period, compared to 8.73 pigs last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.50 for operations with 1-99 hogs to 8.90 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

**U.S. HOG PRODUCERS** intend to have 2.87 million sows farrow during the March-May 2000 quarter, 4 percent below the actual farrowings during the same period in 1999, and 7 percent below 1998. Intended farrowings for June-August 2000, at 2.85 million sows, are 2 percent below the same period last year and 7 percent below 1998.

**Hogs and Pigs:** Inventory number, sows farrowing and pig crop, 1999-00, United States

	1999	2000	2000 as % of 1999
1,000 head			
March 1 Inventory			
All hogs and pigs	60,191	58,147	97
Kept for breeding	6,527	6,215	95
Market	53,663	51,933	97
Market hogs and pigs			
by weight groups:			
Under 60 pound	19,978	19,312	97
60 - 119 pounds	12,899	12,513	97
120 - 179 pounds	10,995	10,648	97
180 pounds	9,792	9,460	97
Sows farrowing:			
December <sup>1/</sup> -February	2,891	2,819	98
March-May	2,986	2,868	96
December <sup>1/</sup> -May	5,877	5,687	97
June-August	2,920	2,851	98
September-November	2,869		
June-November	5,789		
Pig crop:			
December <sup>1/</sup> -February	25,247	24,777	98
March-May	26,270		
December-May	51,517		
June-August	25,860		

<sup>1/</sup> December preceding year.

## HATCHERY PRODUCTION

### FLORIDA

The February hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 8,844,000 was 1 percent above a year earlier. Broiler-type eggs in incubators on March 1, at 8,346,000, were 6 percent below a year ago.

Egg-type hatch during February at 1,004,000 chicks, was 2 percent above last year. Egg-type eggs in incubators on March 1, at 879,000 was slightly above last year.

### UNITED STATES

The February 1999 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 701 million, was up 6 percent from February of the previous year. There were 621 million eggs in incubators on March 1, 2000, down slightly from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 7.00 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during February 2000, up 2 percent from February 1999.

Egg-type chicks hatched during February totaled 35.5 million, down slightly from February 1999. Eggs in incubators totaled 36.1 million on March 1, 2000, up 2 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 251,000 during February 2000, down 6 percent from February 1999.

Hatchery production, United States

Item	1999		2000 % of 1999
	1999	2000	
-- Thousands --			
Egg-Type:			
Eggs in incubators: Mar 1	35,347	36,078	102
Chicks hatched during Feb	35,648	35,491	100
Pullets hatched during Feb for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks	267	251	94
7-18 months earlier <sup>1/</sup>	3,120	2,945	94
Broiler-Type:			
Eggs in incubators: Mar 1	623,749	620,879	100
Chicks hatched during Feb	661,739	700,967	106
Pullets hatched during Feb for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks	6,882	7,001	102
7-14 months earlier <sup>2/</sup>	59,937	64,255	107

<sup>1/</sup> 2000 includes pullet chicks hatched August 1998 through July 1999 <sup>2/</sup> 2000 includes pullet chicks hatched November 1998 through July 1999.

## MILK PRODUCTION

### FLORIDA

Florida dairy farms produced 224 million pounds of milk during February 2000, 4 percent more than the previous February. Production per cow, at 1,425 pounds, was 4 percent above last year. Milk cow numbers on Florida dairy farms in February totaled 157,000, 1 percent below last year.

### UNITED STATES

Milk production in the 20 major States during February totaled 11.7 billion pounds, up 8.2 percent from production in these same States in February 1999. However, adjusting production for the additional day due to the leap year causes February milk production to be up 4.5 percent on a per day basis. January revised production, at 12.3 billion pounds was up 4.9 percent from January 1999. The January revision represented and increase of 0.2 percent or 24 million pounds from last months preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,505 pounds for February, 101 pounds above February 1999 without adjusting for the extra day.

The number of cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.77 million head, 72,000 head more than February 1999 and 3,000 head more than January 2000.

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:			
February 1999	158	1,365	216
January 2000	156	1,440	225
February 2000	157	1,425	224
20 Major States:			
February 1999	7,696	1,404	10,804
January 2000	7,765	1,578	12,256
February 2000	7,768	1,505	11,692
United States			
February 1999	--	--	12,607
January 2000	--	--	14,301
February 2000	--	--	13,643

Milk production by quarters, United States

Month	Milk cows <sup>1/</sup>		Milk per cow <sup>2/</sup>		Milk production	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
	Thousand		Pounds		Mil. Lbs	
Jan-Mar	9,176	9,128	4,268	4,437	39,164	40,505
Apr-Jun	9,171	9,155	4,451	4,591	40,821	42,029
Jul-Sep	9,149	9,171	4,210	4,337	38,519	39,771
Oct-Dec	9,137	9,170	4,261	4,406	38,937	40,406
Annual Total	9,158	9,156	17,192	17,771	157,441	162,711

<sup>1/</sup> Dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh.

<sup>2/</sup> Excludes milk sucked by calves.

## LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

Commercial red meat output in Florida for February 2000 was 4.4 million pounds, 47 percent above the same month last year. Commercial production of red meat in the United States for February at 3.76 billion pounds, was six percent above 1999.

### Commercial slaughter and red meat production, Florida and United States

Source and kind	Feb 1999	Jan 1999	Feb 2000	Year to date 1999	Year to date 2000
<b>Florida <sup>1/</sup></b>					
Hogs:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	7	7	7	14	14
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	1,340	1,195	1,362	2,583	2,557
Red Meat production (million pounds)	3.0	4.2	4.4	6.3	8.6
<b>United States</b>					
Cattle:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	2,723	2,937	2,937	5,684	5,874
Total liveweight (million pounds)	3,324	3,610	3,598	6,937	7,208
Average liveweight (pounds)	1,221	1,229	1,225	1,220	1,227
Beef production (million pounds)	1,998	2,178	1,175	4,168	4,353
Calves:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	100	93	95	205	188
Total liveweight (million pounds)	29	29	30	58	59
Average liveweight (pounds)	286	311	318	282	314
Veal production (million pounds)	17	17	18	35	35
Hogs:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	7,908	8,141	8,067	16,461	16,208
Liveweight (million pounds)	2,045	2,133	2,108	4,260	4,241
Average liveweight (pounds)	259	262	261	259	262
Pork production (million pounds)	1,501	1,570	1,554	3,129	3,124
Red meat production (million pounds)	3,537	3,784	3,767	7,370	7,552

<sup>1/</sup> Florida cattle and calves data not printed to avoid disclosing individual operations.

### Average Dollars Per Cwt Received through 13 Florida Auctions February 1999 and 2000

Stocker calves under 300 lbs.					Stocker calves over 300 lbs.				
Grade	1999		2000		Grade	1999		2000	
	Steers	Heifers	Steers	Heifers		Steers	Heifers	Steers	Heifers
Medium #1	111.24	82.94	127.67	105.81	Medium #1	89.88	72.17	108.99	92.89
Medium #2	91.77	70.13	111.19	92.75	Medium #2	78.00	64.02	94.85	83.72
All grades	104.40	76.95	123.50	100.82	All grades	84.97	69.99	104.70	89.91

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