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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 10.38 million head on September 1, 2000. The inventory was 9 percent above September 1, 1999 and 15 percent above September 1, 1998.

Placements in feedlots during August totaled 2.44 million, slightly above 1999 and 18 percent above 1998. Net placements were 2.39 million. During August, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 573,000, 600-699 pounds were 504,000, 700-799 pounds were 691,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 672,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during August totaled 2.19 million, 7 percent above 1999 and 11 percent above 1998.

Other disappearance totaled 49,000 during August, 11 percent below 1999 and 6 percent below 1998.

CATTLE ON FEED IN HISTORIC 7 STATES

Cattle on feed September 1, 2000, in the historic 7 States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 8.98 million, up 10 percent from the previous year and 16 percent above September 1, 1998.

Placements in feedlots during August totaled 2.09 million, slightly above 1999 and 18 percent above 1998.

Marketings during August totaled 1.89 million, 8 percent above 1999 and 12 percent above 1998.

Other disappearance during August was 36,000 head, 14 percent below 1999 and 1998.

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

Month	Less than 600 lbs	600-699 lbs	700-799 lbs	800+ lbs	Total
1,000 head					
Jul	424	*386	597	*510	1,917
Aug	573	504	691	672	2,440

* Revised.

Cattle and Calves on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, 7 Historic States and United States

State	Number on feed August 1			Placed during August			Marketed during August			Other disappearance during August			Number on feed September 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	194	262	135	29	29	100	22	33	150	1	1	100	200	257	129
CA	375	420	112	60	56	93	55	57	104	5	4	80	375	415	111
CO	960	1,050	109	255	300	118	250	265	106	5	5	100	960	1,080	113
IA	290	330	114	56	51	91	45	50	111	1	1	100	300	330	110
KS	1,990	2,190	110	575	530	92	465	490	105	10	10	100	2,090	2,220	106
NE	1,600	1,840	115	500	495	99	390	410	105	10	5	50	1,700	1,920	113
TX	2,480	2,720	110	610	630	103	520	580	112	10	10	100	2,560	2,760	108
7 States	7,889	8,812	112	2,085	2,091	100	1,747	1,885	108	42	36	86	8,185	8,982	110
Oth. Sts.	320	320	100	65	67	102	73	70	96	2	2	100	310	315	102
U.S.	9,209	10,180	111	2,428	2,440	100	2,046	2,187	107	55	49	89	9,536	10,384	109

Average prices, Nebraska, dollars per cwt

Week ended	Slaughter steers				Slaughter heifers			
	Choice 1100-1300 lbs				Choice 1000-1200 lbs			
	1999		2000		1999		2000	
Aug	26	65.55	65.83	65.43	65.88			
Sep	02	65.80	64.52	65.65	64.55			
Sep	09	65.91	63.76	66.06	63.86			

CHICKENS AND EGGS

FLORIDA

Table eggs sold in mid-September 2000 averaged 52.0 cents, up 2.0 cents from mid-August. Table egg production in Florida during August was 218 million eggs, up 2 percent from the previous month.

UNITED STATES

U.S. egg production totaled 7.10 billion during August 2000, up 2 percent from the 6.97 billion produced in 1999. Production included 6.01 billion table eggs and 1.09 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.03 billion were broiler-type and 65.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during August 2000 averaged 325 million, up 2 percent from the total average number of layers during August 1999. August egg production per 100 layers was 2,181 eggs, up slightly from the 2,177 eggs in August 1999. August 2000 contained 23 weekdays and four Saturdays, compared to 22 weekdays and four Saturdays in August 1999.

All layers in the U.S. on September 1, 2000, totaled 325 million, up 1 percent from a year ago. The 325 million layers consisted of 268 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 54.3 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.81 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on September 1, 2000, averaged 70.2 eggs per 100 layers, down 1 percent from the 70.9 a year ago.

Laying flocks in the 30 major egg producing States was 6.66 billion eggs during August, up 2 percent from August 1999. The average number of layers during August, at 305 million, was up 1 percent from a year earlier.

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

Selected States	Avg. layers on hand	Egg production	Rate of lay
	Thousands	Millions	
Alabama	10,466	200	61.6
Arkansas	15,218	296	62.7
California	23,624	530	72.4
Florida	10,327	230	71.8
Georgia	20,730	426	66.3
Indiana	22,477	505	72.5
Iowa	27,394	625	73.6
Maine	4,281	85	63.8
Maryland	2,875	62	69.6
Michigan	6,168	137	71.6
Minnesota	12,593	278	71.2
Mississippi	6,607	130	63.5
Missouri	6,111	144	76.0
Nebraska	12,048	260	69.6
New York	3,978	96	77.8
North Carolina	10,872	202	60.0
Ohio	31,104	708	73.4
Pennsylvania	23,578	547	74.8
South Carolina	5,225	111	68.5
Texas	17,004	362	68.7
Virginia	3,418	68	64.2
Washington	4,810	110	74.0
Other States	44,577	1,012	70.4
United States	325,485	7,100	70.4

^{1/} Production year begins December 1.

UNITED STATES: HOGS AND PIGS

U.S. INVENTORY of all hogs and pigs on September 1, 2000, was 60.2 million head. This was 1 percent below September 1999, but 1 percent above June 1, 2000.

Breeding inventory, at 6.27 million head was down 1 percent from September 1, 1999, but up 1 percent from June 1, 2000. Market hog inventory, at 53.9 million head, was 1 percent below last year, but 1 percent above last quarter.

The June 1999-August 2000 U.S. pig crop, at 25.7 million head, was 1 percent less than 1999, and 4 percent less than 1998. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.90 million head, 1 percent below last year. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 47 percent of the breeding herd. The average saved pigs per litter was 8.85 pigs for the June-August period, compared to 8.86 pigs last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.40 for operations with 1-99 hogs to 9.00 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

U.S. HOG PRODUCERS intend to have 2.88 million sows farrow during the September-November 2000 quarter, 1 percent above the actual farrowings during the same period in 1999, but 4 percent below 1998. Intended farrowings for December 2000-February 2001, at 2.89 million sows, are 3 percent above the same period in 2000 and up slightly from 1999. The total number of hogs under contract, owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 33 percent of the total U.S. hog inventory, up from 31 percent last year.

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

	1999	2000	2000 as % of 1999
1,000 head			
September 1 Inventory			
All hogs and pigs	60,776	60,185	99
Kept for breeding	6,301	6,266	99
Market	54,474	53,920	99
Market hogs and pigs by weight groups:			
Under 60 pound	20,243	20,041	99
60 - 119 pounds	13,414	13,275	99
120 - 179 pounds	11,129	11,047	99
180 pounds	9,689	9,557	99
Sows farrowing:			
December ^{1/} -February	2,891	2,798	97
March-May	2,986	2,900	97
December ^{1/} -May	5,877	5,698	97
June-August	2,920	2,903	99
September-November	2,844	2,883	101
June-November	5,764	5,786	100
Pig crop:			
December ^{1/} -February	25,247	24,522	97
March-May	26,270	25,786	98
December-May	51,517	50,309	98
June-August	25,860	25,681	99

^{1/} December preceding year.

HATCHERY PRODUCTION

FLORIDA

The August hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 9,616,000 was 3 percent below a year earlier. Broiler-type eggs in incubators on September 1, at 8,196,000, was 2 percent above a year ago.

Egg-type hatch during August at 983,000 chicks, was 1 percent below last year. Egg-type eggs in incubators on September 1, at 938,000 was 4 percent above last year.

UNITED STATES

The August 2000 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 740 million, was down slightly from August of the previous year. There were 614 million eggs in incubators on September 1, 2000, down 1 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 7.29 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during August 2000, down 5 percent from August 1999.

Egg-type chicks hatched during August totaled 34.3 million, down 3 percent from August 1999. Eggs in incubators totaled 34 million on September 1, 2000, down 2 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 275,000 during August 2000, down 14 percent from August 1999

Hatchery production, United States

Item	1999	2000	2000 % of 1999
-- Thousands --			
Egg-Type:			
Eggs in incubators: Sep 1	35,202	34,370	98
Chicks hatched during Aug	35,454	34,317	97
Pullets hatched during Aug for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks	318	275	86
7-18 months earlier ^{1/}	3,085	2,983	97
Broiler-Type:			
Eggs in incubators: Sep 1	617,128	613,689	99
Chicks hatched during Aug	741,716	739,931	100
Pullets hatched during Aug for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks	7,665	7,288	95
7-14 months earlier ^{2/}	63,377	64,359	102

^{1/} 2000 includes pullet chicks hatched February 1999 through January 2000 ^{2/} 2000 includes pullet chicks hatched May 1999 through January 2000.

MILK PRODUCTION

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Florida dairy farms produced 168 million pounds of milk during August 2000, 2 percent above the previous August. Production per cow, of 1,080 pounds, was 3 percent above last year. Milk cow numbers on Florida dairy farms in August totaled 156,000, one percent below last year.

UNITED STATES

Milk production in the 20 major States during August totaled 12.0 billion pounds, up 4.0 percent from production in these same States in August 1999. July revised production, at 12.2 billion pounds was up 5.4 percent from July 1999. The July revision represented an increase of 0.3 percent or 37 million pounds from last months preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,530 pounds for August, 43 pounds above August 1999.

The number of cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.84 million head, 89,000 head more than August 1999 and 10,000 head more than July 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:			
August 1999	158	1,045	165
July 2000	157	1,210	190
August 2000	156	1,080	168
20 Major States:			
August 1999	7,755	1,487	11,534
July 2000	7,834	1,561	12,232
August 2000	7,844	1,530	11,998
United States			
August 1999	--	--	13,357
July 2000	--	--	14,143
August 2000	--	--	13,865

Milk production by quarters, United States

Month	Milk cows ^{1/}		Milk per cow ^{2/}		Milk production	
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000
	Thousand		Pounds		Mil. Lbs	
Jan-Mar	9,128	9,187	4,437	4,636	40,505	42,593
Apr-Jun	9,155	9,215	4,591	4,683	42,029	43,150
Jul-Sep	9,171		4,337		39,771	
Oct-Dec	9,170		4,406		40,406	
Annual Total	9,156		17,771		162,711	

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

^{2/} Excludes milk sucked by calves.

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

Commercial red meat output in Florida for August 2000 was 5.1 million pounds, 21 percent above the same month last year. Commercial production of red meat in the United States for August at 4.11 billion pounds, was 5 percent above 1999.

Commercial slaughter and red meat production, Florida and United States

Source and kind	August 1999	July 2000	August 2000	Year to date 1999	Year to date 2000
Florida ^{1/}					
Cattle slaughtered (1000 head)	6	6	7	49	50
Hogs:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	10	7	10	67	60
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	1,714	1,141	1,837	11,969	11,027
Red meat production (million pounds)	4.2	4.0	5.1	28.5	35.0
United States					
Cattle:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	3,150	2,962	3,260	24,142	24,422
Total liveweight (million pounds)	3,799	3,613	3,937	29,123	29,665
Average liveweight (pounds)	1,206	1,220	1,226	1,206	1,215
Beef production (million pounds)	2,307	2,202	2,437	17,589	17,989
Calves:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	118	99	100	842	758
Total liveweight (million pounds)	33	30	29	243	241
Average liveweight (pounds)	277	305	289	289	318
Veal production (million pounds)	20	18	17	148	145
Hogs:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	8,404	7,357	8,622	66,179	64,102
Liveweight (million pounds)	2,132	1,905	2,223	17,074	16,738
Average liveweight (pounds)	254	259	258	258	261
Pork production (million pounds)	1,565	1,408	1,641	12,550	12,344
Red meat production (million pounds)	3,910	3,643	4,114	30,443	30,632

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

Average Dollars Per Cwt Received through 13 Florida Auctions August 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	114.43	92.60	130.09	108.24	Large # 1	89.61	76.15	99.98	86.71
Medium #2	96.76	80.49	108.15	91.62	Medium #1	81.18	70.12	87.08	79.98
All grades	108.51	88.94	120.60	100.70	Medium #2	86.40	74.85	93.40	85.54
					All grades				