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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 11.0 million head on October 1, 2000. The inventory was 7 percent above October 1, 1999 and 13 percent above October 1, 1998. The inventory included 6.56 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 4.40 million head, up 9 percent from 1999.

Placements in feedlots during September totaled 2.69 million, 3 percent below 1999 but 1 percent above 1998. Net placements were 2.63 million. During September, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 775,000, 600-699 pounds were 612,000, 700-799 pounds were 681,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 618,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during September totaled 1.99 million, 2 percent above 1999 and 7 percent above 1998.

Other disappearance totaled 54,000 during September, 13 percent below 1999 and 11 percent below 1998.

### CATTLE ON FEED IN HISTORIC 7 STATES

Cattle on feed October 1, 2000, in the historic 7 States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 9.50 million, up 8 percent from the previous year and 13 percent above October 1, 1998. The inventory included 5.58 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 3.88 million head, up 11 percent from 1999.

Placements in feedlots during September totaled 2.29 million, 3 percent below 1999 but 1 percent above 1998.

Marketings during September totaled 1.71 million, 2 percent above 1999 and 8 percent above 1998.

Other disappearance during September was 48,000 head, 13 percent below 1999 and 6 percent below 1998.

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

Month	Less than 600 lbs	600-699 lbs	700-799 lbs	800+ lbs	Total
Aug	573	504	691	672	2,440
Sep	775	612	681	618	2,686

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

State	Number on feed September 1			Placed during September			Marketed during September			Other disappearance during September			Number on feed October 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	200	257	129	29	40	138	20	23	115	1	2	200	208	272	131
CA	375	415	111	56	59	105	48	49	102	3	5	167	380	420	111
CO	960	*1,070	111	330	335	102	210	225	107	10	10	100	1,070	1,170	109
IA	300	330	110	60	52	87	44	41	93	1	1	100	315	340	108
KS	2,090	2,220	106	600	540	90	430	450	105	10	10	100	2,250	2,300	102
NE	1,700	1,920	113	580	360	97	370	370	100	10	10	100	1,900	2,100	111
TX	2,560	2,760	108	690	700	101	560	550	98	20	10	50	2,670	2,900	109
7 States	8,185	8,982	110	2,345	2,286	97	1,682	1,708	102	55	48	87	8,793	9,502	108
Oth. Sts.	1,351	1,392	103	414	400	96	275	282	103	7	6	86	1,483	1,514	102
U.S.	9,536	*10,374	109	2,759	2,686	97	1,957	1,990	102	62	54	87	10,276	11,016	107

\*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
Sep	30	66.25	65.92	66.36	66.04	
Oct	07	68.09	66.97	68.37	66.95	
Oct	14	74.48	67.43	70.53	66.47	

## CHICKENS AND EGGS

### FLORIDA

Table eggs sold in mid-October 2000 averaged 44.0 cents, down 8.0 cents from mid-September. Table egg production in Florida during September was 211 million eggs, down three percent from the previous month.

### UNITED STATES

U.S. egg production totaled 6.84 billion during September 2000, down slightly from the 6.86 billion produced in 1999. Production included 5.80 billion table eggs and 1.03 billion hatching eggs, of which 973 million were broiler-type and 61.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during September 2000 averaged 325 million, up 1 percent from the total average number of layers during September 1999. September egg production per 100 layers was 2,101 eggs, down 1 percent from 2,128 eggs in September 1999. September 2000 contained 21 weekdays and five Saturdays, compared to 22 weekdays and four Saturdays in September 1999.

All layers in the U.S. on October 1, 2000, totaled 326 million, up one percent from a year ago. The 326 million layers consisted of 270 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 53.5 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.67 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on October 1, 2000, averaged 69.2 eggs per 100 layers, down two percent from the 70.6 a year ago.

Laying flocks in the 30 major egg producing States produced 6.40 billion eggs during September, down one percent from September 1999. The average number of layers during September, at 305 million, was up one 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	38.0
March	44.0	41.0
April	37.0	43.0
May	28.0	35.0
June	37.0	37.0
July	34.0	38.0
August	41.0	50.0
September	32.0	45.0
October	26.0	44.0
November	42.0	
December	38.0	

FLORIDA: Layers on hand first of month,  
percent molting and molted

	Oct 1999	Aug 2000	Sep 2000	Oct 2000
Total layers on hand: Thous.	10,487	10,259	10,393	10,433
Percent of layers:				
Being molted	4.0	6.0	5.5	6.0
Molt completed	39.0	31.0	33.5	33.0

Layers and egg production, September 2000, 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 <sup>1/</sup>	Being molted	Molt completed
	Thousand		Millions				Percent	
Alabama	10,310	1,872	193	61	132	1,988	0.5	11.5
Arkansas	15,016	1,871	281	107	174	4,173	5.0	10.0
California	23,812	2,150	512			6,141	6.0	38.5
<b>Florida</b>	<b>10,414</b>	<b>2,132</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2,143</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>33.0</b>
Georgia	20,359	1,979	403	238	165	4,287	7.0	21.5
Indiana	22,490	2,170	488	476	12	5,099	5.0	25.5
Iowa	27,640	2,178	602			6,199	5.5	27.0
Maine	4,170	2,098	88			958	0.0	0.0
Maryland	2,941	2,142	63	58	5	706	6.5	35.0
Michigan	6,073	2,157	131			1,349	3.0	27.5
Minnesota	12,518	2,133	267	258	9	2,736	4.5	35.0
Mississippi	6,614	1,875	124	40	84	1,324	0.0	11.5
Missouri	6,235	2,197	137			1,458	8.0	9.5
Nebraska	12,029	2,137	257	257		2,492	6.5	22.5
New York	4,086	2,276	93			921	1.5	4.0
North Carolina	10,877	1,793	195	79	116	2,076	1.0	9.0
Ohio	30,671	2,158	662			6,886	12.0	16.0
Pennsylvania	23,908	2,213	529	510	19	3,196	6.0	17.0
South Carolina	5,067	2,171	110	92	18	1,101	3.5	33.5
Texas	17,490	2,041	357			2,663	7.5	17.5
Virginia	3,346	1,823	61	30	31	717	6.0	16.0
Washington	4,776	2,102	100			1,091	9.0	41.5
Other States	44,635	2,155	962			9,982	4.3	25.9
United States	325,477	2,101	6,837	5,803	1,034	70,221	5.7	22.5

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

## HATCHERY PRODUCTION

### FLORIDA

The September hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 11,054,000 was 35 percent above a year earlier. Broiler-type eggs in incubators on October 1, at 7,745,000, was 7 percent below a year ago.

Egg-type hatch during September at 911,000 chicks, was 13 percent below last year. Egg-type eggs in incubators on October 1, at 813,000 was slightly below last year.

### UNITED STATES

The September 2000 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 705 million, was up 1 percent from the previous year. There were 587 million eggs in incubators on October 1, 2000, down slightly from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 6.47 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during September 2000, down 6 percent from September 1999.

Egg-type chicks hatched during September totaled 36.3 million, down 8 percent from September 1999. Eggs in incubators totaled 32 million on October 1, 2000, down 10 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 277,000 during September 2000, up 22 percent from September 1999

Hatchery production, United States

Item	1999	2000	2000 % of 1999
-- Thousands --			
<b>Egg-Type:</b>			
Eggs in incubators: Oct 1	35,308	31,890	90
Chicks hatched during Sep	39,287	36,290	92
Pullets hatched during Sep for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks	227	277	122
7-18 months earlier <sup>1/</sup>	3,102	2,967	96
<b>Broiler-Type:</b>			
Eggs in incubators: Oct 1	587,577	586,587	100
Chicks hatched during Sep	700,016	704,901	101
Pullets hatched during Sep for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks	6,870	6,469	94
7-14 months earlier <sup>2/</sup>	63,197	63,624	101

<sup>1/</sup> 2000 includes pullet chicks hatched March 1999 through February 2000 <sup>2/</sup> 2000 includes pullet chicks hatched June 1999 through February 2000.

## MILK PRODUCTION

### FLORIDA

Florida dairy farms produced 168 million pounds of milk during September 2000, five percent above the previous September. Production per cow of 1,070 pounds was five percent above last year. Milk cow numbers on Florida dairy farms in September totaled 157,000, unchanged from last year.

### UNITED STATES

Milk production in the 20 major States during September totaled 11.5 billion pounds, up 2.8 percent from production in these same States in September 1999. The August revision represented a decrease of 0.3 percent or 32 million pounds from last months preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,467 pounds for September, 22 pounds above September 1999.

The number of cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.85 million head, 98,000 head more than September 1999 and 11,000 head more than August 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.
<b>Florida:</b>			
September 1999	157	1,020	160
August 2000	156	1,120	175
September 2000	157	1,070	168
<b>20 Major States:</b>			
September 1999	7,753	1,445	11,200
August 2000	7,840	1,526	11,966
September 2000	7,851	1,467	11,515
<b>United States</b>			
September 1999	--	--	12,970
August 2000	--	--	13,854
September 2000	--	--	13,332

Milk production by quarters, United States

Month	Milk cows <sup>1/</sup>		Milk per cow <sup>2/</sup>		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	9,217	4,591	4,684	42,029	43,171
Jul-Sep	9,171	9,252	4,337	4,469	39,771	41,348
Oct-Dec	9,170		4,406		40,406	
Annual Total	9,156		17,771		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 September 2000 was 4.5 million pounds, 10 percent above the same month last year. Commercial production of red meat in the United States for September at 3.86 billion pounds, was 2 percent below 1999.

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

Source and kind	September 1999	August 2000	September 2000	Year to date 1999	Year to date 2000
<b>Florida <sup>1/</sup></b>					
Cattle slaughtered (1000 head)	6	7	6	55	56
Hogs:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	9	10	9	76	69
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	1,461	1,837	1,688	13,430	12,715
Red meat production (million pounds)	4.1	5.1	4.5	32.6	39.5
<b>United States</b>					
Cattle:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	3,099	3,260	3,035	27,241	27,457
Total liveweight (million pounds)	3,751	3,937	3,734	32,874	33,399
Average liveweight (pounds)	1,210	1,226	1,231	1,207	1,217
Beef production (million pounds)	2,275	2,437	2,275	19,864	20,264
Calves:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	120	100	93	962	851
Total liveweight (million pounds)	34	29	27	277	268
Average liveweight (pounds)	280	289	293	288	315
Veal production (million pounds)	20	17	17	168	162
Hogs:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	8,641	8,622	8,118	74,320	72,223
Liveweight (million pounds)	2,208	2,223	2,102	19,282	18,840
Average liveweight (pounds)	255	258	259	258	261
Pork production (million pounds)	1,618	1,641	1,552	14,168	13,896
Red meat production (million pounds)	3,933	4,114	3,861	34,376	34,493

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

### Average Dollars Per Cwt Received through 13 Florida Auctions September 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
					Large # 1	<sup>1/</sup>	<sup>1/</sup>	96.62	83.88
Medium #1	111.81	89.05	125.93	103.47	Medium #1	86.86	75.24	<sup>1/</sup>	<sup>1/</sup>
Medium #2	95.37	75.19	106.50	88.47	Medium #2	79.73	69.11	86.44	78.37
All grades	101.96	81.85	116.42	96.25	All grades	84.11	73.44	91.95	82.78

SOURCE: FDA & CS, Div. of Marketing and Development, Market News Service. <sup>1/</sup> Not available.