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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 11.9 million head on November 1, 2000. The inventory was 3 percent above November 1, 1999 and 10 percent above November 1, 1998.

Placements in feedlots during October totaled 2.83 million, 9 percent below 1999 and slightly below 1998. Net placements were 2.76 million. During October, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 1.07 million, 600-699 pounds were 755,000, 700-799 pounds were 531,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 477,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during October totaled 1.92 million, 4 percent above 1999 and 8 percent above 1998.

Other disappearance totaled 66,000 during October, 17 percent below 1999 and 27 percent above 1998.

CATTLE ON FEED IN HISTORIC 7 STATES

Cattle on feed November 1, 2000, in the historic 7 States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.2 million, up 4 percent from the previous year and 11 percent above November 1, 1998.

Placements in feedlots during October totaled 2.39 million, 9 percent below 1999 and slightly below 1998.

Marketings during October totaled 1.65 million, 5 percent above 1999 and 7 percent above 1998.

Other disappearance during October was 50,000 head, 21 percent below 1999 but 11 percent above 1998.

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

Month	Less than 600 lbs	600-699 lbs	700-799 lbs	800+ lbs	Total
1,000 head					
Sep	775	612	681	618	2,686
Oct	1,066	755	531	477	2,829

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

State	Number on feed October 1			Placed during October			Marketed during October			Other disappearance during October			Number on feed November 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	208	272	131	48	42	88	15	21	140	2	1	50	239	292	122
CA	380	420	111	67	76	113	47	49	104	5	7	140	395	440	111
CO	1,070	1,170	109	360	290	81	205	205	100	5	5	100	1,220	1,250	102
IA	315	340	108	84	99	118	53	57	108	1	2	200	345	380	110
KS	2,250	2,300	102	570	550	96	390	415	106	20	15	75	2,410	2,420	100
NE	1,900	2,100	111	690	660	96	330	370	112	10	10	100	2,250	2,380	106
TX	2,670	2,900	109	810	670	83	530	530	100	20	10	50	2,930	3,030	103
7 States	8,793	9,502	108	2,629	2,387	91	1,570	1,647	105	63	50	79	9,789	10,192	104
Oth. Sts.	1,483	1,514	102	485	442	91	265	268	101	17	16	94	1,686	1,672	99
U.S.	10,276	11,016	107	3,114	2,829	91	1,835	1,915	104	80	66	83	11,475	11,864	103

*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	
Oct	28	69.30	69.63	69.19	69.62			
Nov	04	69.58	69.83	69.57	69.91			
Nov	11	69.80	71.43	69.68	71.40			

CHICKENS AND EGGS

FLORIDA

Table eggs sold in mid-November 2000 averaged 51.0 cents, up 7.0 cents from mid-October. Table egg production in Florida during October was 229 million eggs, up nine percent from the previous month.

UNITED STATES

U.S. egg production totaled 7.11 billion during October 2000, down slightly from the 7.13 billion produced in 1999. Production included 6.04 billion table eggs and 1.07 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.01 billion were broiler-type and 60.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during October 2000 averaged 327 million, up 1 percent from the total average number of layers during October 1999. October egg production per 100 layers was 2,172 eggs, down 1 percent from 2,192 eggs in October 1999. October 2000 contained 22 weekdays and four Saturdays, compared to 21 weekdays and five Saturdays in October 1999.

All layers in the U.S. on November 1, 2000, totaled 328 million, up slightly from a year ago. The 328 million layers consisted of 272 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 53.7 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.51 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on November 1, 2000, averaged 70.3 eggs per 100 layers, down one percent from the 70.7 a year ago.

Laying flocks in the 30 major egg producing States produced 6.66 billion eggs during October, down one percent from October 1999. The average number of layers during October, at 307 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	51.0
December	38.0	

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

	Nov 1999	Sep 2000	Oct 2000	Nov 2000
Total layers on hand: Thous.	10,814	10,393	10,433	10,739
Percent of layers:				
Being molted	4.5	5.5	6.0	1.5
Molt completed	31.5	33.5	33.0	40.5

Layers and egg production, October 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 ^{1/}	Being molted	Molt completed
	Thousand		Millions				Percent	
Alabama	10,178	1,975	201	67	134	2,189	0.0	10.0
Arkansas	14,874	1,997	297	114	183	4,470	3.0	12.0
California	23,960	2,199	527			6,668	7.5	37.0
Florida	10,784	2,235	241	229	12	2,384	2.0	31.0
Georgia	20,636	2,035	420	246	174	4,707	4.0	21.5
Indiana	22,536	2,241	505	492	13	5,604	2.0	26.5
Iowa	28,398	2,218	630			6,829	5.5	27.5
Maine	4,079	2,349	96			1,054	0.0	0.0
Maryland	3,121	2,275	71	65	6	777	8.0	34.5
Michigan	6,110	2,226	136			1,485	7.0	38.0
Minnesota	12,393	2,187	271	261	10	3,007	4.5	34.0
Mississippi	6,540	1,972	129	43	86	1,453	1.5	12.0
Missouri	6,487	2,112	137			1,595	4.5	25.0
Nebraska	11,911	2,183	260	260		2,752	7.5	23.0
New York	4,119	2,355	97			1,018	2.5	5.5
North Carolina	10,984	1,875	206	85	121	2,282	1.5	8.5
Ohio	30,009	2,189	657			7,543	9.5	17.0
Pennsylvania	24,292	2,305	560	542	18	3,756	1.5	15.0
South Carolina	5,011	2,235	112	94	18	1,213	0.0	28.0
Texas	17,847	2,118	378			3,041	1.5	22.5
Virginia	3,322	1,987	66	34	32	783	3.0	19.0
Washington	4,899	2,188	107			1,198	10.5	39.5
Other States	40,655	2,232	1,002			11,519	2.3	26.3
United States	327,145	2,172	7,106	6,038	1,068	77,327	4.0	23.2

^{1/} Production year begins December 1.

HATCHERY PRODUCTION

FLORIDA

The October hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 9,216,000 was 1 percent above a year earlier. Broiler-type eggs in incubators on November 1, at 6,971,000, was 12 percent below a year ago.

Egg-type hatch during October at 1,012,000 chicks, was 7 percent below last year. Egg-type eggs in incubators on November 1, at 713,000 was 11 percent below last year.

UNITED STATES

The October 2000 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 711 million, was up 2 percent from October of the previous year. There were 563 million eggs in incubators on November 1, 2000, down 2 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 6.69 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during October 2000, down 6 percent from October 1999.

Egg-type chicks hatched during October totaled 35.2 million, down 10 percent from October 1999. Eggs in incubators totaled 29 million on November 1, 2000, down 8 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 283,000 during October 2000, up 2 percent from October 1999

Hatchery production, United States			
Item	1999	2000	2000 % of 1999
-- Thousands --			
Egg-Type:			
Eggs in incubators: Nov 1	31,011	28,644	92
Chicks hatched during Oct	39,044	35,231	90
Pullets hatched during Oct for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks	277	283	102
7-18 months earlier ^{1/}	3,134	2,996	96
Broiler-Type:			
Eggs in incubators: Nov 1	572,876	563,263	98
Chicks hatched during Oct	697,434	711,012	102
Pullets hatched during Oct for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks	7,121	6,694	94
7-14 months earlier ^{2/}	63,549	63,893	101

^{1/} 2000 includes pullet chicks hatched April 1999 through March 2000 ^{2/} 2000 includes pullet chicks hatched July 1999 through March 2000.

MILK PRODUCTION

FLORIDA

Florida dairy farms produced 174 million pounds of milk during October 2000, nine percent above the previous October. Production per cow of 1,115 pounds was nine percent above last year. Milk cow numbers on Florida dairy farms in October totaled 156,000, unchanged from last year.

UNITED STATES

Milk production in the 20 major States during October totaled 11.9 billion pounds, up 2.9 percent from production in these same States in October 1999. September revised production, at 11.5 billion pounds was up 2.7 percent from September 1999. The September revision represented a decrease of 0.1 percent or 15 million pounds from last months preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,514 pounds for October, 23 pounds above October 1999.

The number of cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.85 million head, 105,000 head more than October 1999 and 2,000 head more than September 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:			
October 1999	156	1,020	160
September 2000	157	1,070	168
October 2000	156	1,115	174
20 Major States:			
October 1999	7,746	1,491	11,549
September 2000	7,849	1,465	11,500
October 2000	7,851	1,514	11,888
United States			
October 1999	--	--	13,412
September 2000	--	--	13,317
October 2000	--	--	13,806

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	9,217	4,591	4,684	42,029	43,171
Jul-Sep	9,171	9,252	4,337	4,467	39,771	41,333
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 October 2000 was 5.1 million pounds, 13 percent above the same month last year. Commercial production of red meat in the United States for October at 4.10 billion pounds, was 6 percent above 1999.

Commercial slaughter and red meat production, Florida and United States

Source and kind	October 1999	September 2000	October 2000	Year to date 1999	Year to date 2000
Florida ^{1/}					
Cattle slaughtered (1000 head)	6	6	7	61	63
Hogs:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	10	9	12	86	81
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	1,783	1,688	2,216	15,213	14,931
Red meat production (million pounds)	4.6	4.5	5.1	37.2	44.6
United States					
Cattle:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	3,094	3,035	3,142	30,335	30,598
Total liveweight (million pounds)	3,755	3,734	3,867	36,629	37,266
Average liveweight (pounds)	1,214	1,231	1,231	1,207	1,218
Beef production (million pounds)	2,265	2,275	2,345	22,128	22,609
Calves:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	105	93	97	1,066	948
Total liveweight (million pounds)	31	27	30	308	298
Average liveweight (pounds)	298	293	311	289	315
Veal production (million pounds)	19	17	18	185	180
Hogs:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	8,943	8,118	8,881	83,764	81,104
Liveweight (million pounds)	2,316	2,102	2,329	21,598	21,169
Average liveweight (pounds)	259	259	262	258	261
Pork production (million pounds)	1,698	1,552	1,715	15,866	15,611
Red meat production (million pounds)	4,001	3,861	4,097	38,376	38,590

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

Average Dollars Per Cwt Received through 13 Florida Auctions October 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 #10	111.20	84.90	124.76	105.73	Medium #1	89.82	74.36	98.08	86.45
Medium #2	94.62	74.09	107.06	90.32	Medium #2	81.18	66.50	87.30	78.62
All grades	102.51	81.06	116.03	100.08	All grades	86.49	72.26	93.93	84.26

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