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Other disappearance totaled 105,000 during November, 27 percent above 1999 and 35 percent above 1998.

CATTLE ON FEED IN HISTORIC 7 STATES

Cattle on feed December 1, 2000, in the historic 7 States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.2 million, up 2 percent from the previous year and 9 percent above December 1, 1998.

Placements in feedlots during November totaled 1.68 million, 8 percent below 1999 and 3 percent below 1998.

Marketings during November totaled 1.57 million, 2 percent above 1999 and 8 percent above 1998.

Other disappearance during November was 89,000 head, 44 percent above 1999 and 41 percent above 1998.

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

Month	Less than 600 lbs	600-699 lbs	700-799 lbs	800+ lbs	Total
1,000 head					
Oct	1,066	755	531	477	2,829
Nov	757	559	405	293	2,014

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 December 1, 2000. The inventory was 2 percent above December 1, 1999 and 8 percent above December 1, 1998.

Placements in feedlots during November totaled 2.01 million, 7 percent below 1999 and 2 percent below 1998. Net placements were 1.91 million. During November, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 757,000, 600-699 pounds were 559,000, 700-799 pounds were 405,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 293,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during November totaled 1.83 million, 1 percent above 1999 and 7 percent above 1998.

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

State	Number on feed November 1			Placed during November			Marketed during November			Other disappearance during November			Number on feed December 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	239	292	122	48	39	81	19	30	158	3	3	100	265	298	112
CA	395	440	111	66	69	105	48	49	102	8	10	125	405	450	111
CO	1,220	1,250	102	190	180	95	180	190	106	10	10	100	1,220	1,230	101
IA	345	380	110	74	70	95	48	54	113	1	1	100	370	395	107
KS	2,410	2,420	100	430	470	109	425	400	94	15	30	200	2,400	2,460	103
NE	2,250	2,380	106	490	410	84	350	365	104	10	15	150	2,380	2,410	101
TX	2,930	3,030	103	525	440	84	460	480	104	15	20	133	2,980	2,970	100
7 States	9,789	10,192	104	1,823	1,678	92	1,530	1,568	102	62	89	144	10,020	10,213	102
Oth. Sts.	1,686	1,672	99	347	336	97	271	257	95	21	16	76	1,741	1,735	100
U.S.	11,475	11,864	103	2,170	2,014	93	1,801	1,825	101	83	105	127	11,761	11,948	102

*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	
Nov	25	78.85	72.68	70.72	72.75			
Dec	02	70.89	72.78	70.98	72.70			
Dec	09	70.00	74.52	70.05	74.49			

CHICKENS AND EGGS

UNITED STATES: HOGS AND PIGS

FLORIDA

Table eggs sold in mid-December 2000 averaged 57.0 cents per dozen, an increase from mid-November of 6.0 cents. Table egg production in Florida during November was 219 million eggs, down 3 percent from the previous month.

UNITED STATES

U.S. egg production totaled 7.03 billion during November 2000, up slightly from the 7.02 billion produced in 1999. Production included 5.99 billion table eggs and 1.04 billion hatching eggs, of which 981 billion were broiler-type and 58.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during November 2000 averaged 330 million, up 1 percent from the total average number of layers during November 1999. November egg production per 100 layers was 2,126 eggs, down 1 percent from the 2,133 eggs in November 1999. November 2000 contained 22 weekdays and four Saturdays, equal to November 1999.

All layers in the U.S. on December 1, 2000, totaled 332 million, up one percent from a year ago. The 332 million layers consisted of 275 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 53.8 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.59 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on December 1, 2000, averaged 70.9 eggs per 100 layers, down from 71.5 eggs a year ago.

Laying flocks in the 30 major egg producing States was 6.58 billion eggs during November, down slightly from November 1999. The average number of layers during November, at 310 million, was up slightly from a year earlier.

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

Selected States	Avg. layers on hand	Egg production	Rate of lay
	Thousands	Millions	
Alabama	10,060	191	63.3
Arkansas	14,908	293	65.5
California	24,148	518	71.5
Florida	10,831	235	72.3
Georgia	20,731	421	67.7
Indiana	22,688	493	72.4
Iowa	30,736	676	73.3
Maine	4,009	87	72.3
Maryland	3,327	68	68.1
Michigan	6,220	135	72.3
Minnesota	12,378	261	70.3
Mississippi	6,536	129	65.8
Missouri	6,589	138	69.8
Nebraska	11,801	247	69.8
New York	4,111	94	76.2
North Carolina	11,058	208	62.7
Ohio	29,367	620	70.4
Pennsylvania	24,317	556	76.2
South Carolina	5,178	112	72.1
Texas	18,398	382	69.2
Virginia	3,332	69	69.0
Washington	4,900	108	73.5
Other States	20,615	448	72.4
United States	330,486	7,025	70.9

^{1/} Production year begins December 1.

U.S. INVENTORY of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2000, was 59.8 million head. This was 1 percent above December 1999, but slightly below September 1, 2000.

Breeding inventory, at 6.28 million head was up 1 percent from December 1, 1999, and up slightly from September 1, 2000. Market hog inventory, at 53.6 million head, was 1 percent above last year, but slightly below last quarter.

The September-November 2000 U.S. pig crop, at 25.5 million head, was 2 percent more than 1999, but 1 percent less than 1998. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.88 million head, 1 percent above last year. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 46 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs per litter was 8.88 pigs saved for the September-November period, compared to 8.78 pigs last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.60 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 2.91 million sows farrow during the December 2000-February 2001 quarter, 4 percent above the actual farrowings during the same period in 2000, and 1 percent above 1999. Intended farrowings for March-May 2001, at 2.92 million sows, are 1 percent above the same period in 2000 but down 2 percent from 1999.

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

	1999	2000	2000 as % of 1999
1,000 head			
December 1 Inventory			
All hogs and pigs	59,342	59,848	101
Kept for breeding	6,234	6,275	101
Market	53,109	53,573	101
Market hogs and pigs by weight groups:			
Under 60 pound	19,241	19,566	102
60 - 119 pounds	13,107	13,333	102
120 - 179 pounds	11,073	11,051	100
180 pounds	9,687	9,624	99
Sows farrowing:			
December ^{1/} -February	2,891	2,798	97
March-May	2,986	2,890	101
December ^{1/} -May	5,877	5,688	97
June-August	2,920	2,899	99
September-November	2,844	2,875	101
June-November	5,764	5,774	100
Pig crop:			
December ^{1/} -February	25,247	24,522	97
March-May	26,272	25,610	97
June-August	25,862	25,686	99
September-November	24,973	25,536	102

^{1/} December preceding year.

HATCHERY PRODUCTION

FLORIDA

The November hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 7,988,000 was 15 percent below a year earlier. Broiler-type eggs in incubators on December 1, at 7,461,000, were 11 percent below a year ago.

Egg-type hatch during November at 951,000 chicks, was 5 percent above last year. Egg-type eggs in incubators on December 1, at 804,000 were 12 percent above last year.

UNITED STATES

The November 2000 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 674 million, was down slightly from November of the previous year. There were 618 million eggs in incubators on December 1, 2000, down slightly from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 7.11 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during November 2000, up 2 percent from November 1999.

Egg-type chicks hatched during November totaled 32.6 million, down 1 percent from November 1999. Eggs in incubators totaled 32 million on December 1, 2000, up 7 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 407,000 during November 2000, up 55 percent from November 1999

Hatchery production, United States

Item	1999	2000	2000 % of 1999
-- Thousands --			
Egg-Type:			
Eggs in incubators: Dec 1	30,338	32,311	107
Chicks hatched during Nov	32,892	32,646	99
Pullets hatched during Nov for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks	262	407	155
7-18 months earlier ^{1/}	3,088	3,018	98
Broiler-Type:			
Eggs in incubators: Dec 1	619,595	617,524	100
Chicks hatched during Nov	676,769	674,222	100
Pullets hatched during Nov for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks	6,984	7,105	102
7-14 months earlier ^{2/}	63,799	63,569	100

^{1/} 2000 includes pullet chicks hatched May 1999 through April 2000 ^{2/} 2000 includes pullet chicks hatched August 1999 through April 2000.

MILK PRODUCTION

FLORIDA

Florida dairy farms produced 187 million pounds of milk during November 2000, seven percent above the previous November. Production per cow of 1,200 pounds was eight percent above last year. Milk cow numbers on Florida dairy farms in November totaled 156,000, unchanged from last year.

UNITED STATES

Milk production in the 20 major States during November totaled 11.5 billion pounds, up 1.5 percent from production in these same States in November 1999. October revised production, at 11.9 billion pounds was up 2.7 percent from October 1999. The October revision represented a decrease of 0.2 percent or 29 million pounds from last months preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,463 pounds for November, 4 pounds above November 1999.

The number of cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.85 million head, 95,000 head more than November 1999 and 1,000 head more than October 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:			
November 1999	156	1,115	174
October 2000	156	1,120	175
November 2000	156	1,200	187
20 Major States:			
November 1999	7,756	1,459	11,315
October 2000	7,850	1,511	11,859
November 2000	7,851	1,463	11,486
United States			
November 1999	--	--	13,140
October 2000	--	--	13,772
November 2000	--	--	13,339

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 November 2000 was 5.4 million pounds, 11 percent above the same month last year. Commercial production of red meat in the United States for November at 3.92 billion pounds, was slightly above 1999.

Commercial slaughter and red meat production, Florida and United States

Source and kind	November 1999	October 2000	November 2000	Year to date 1999	Year to date 2000
Florida ^{1/}					
Cattle slaughtered (1000 head)	7	7	7	68	70
Hogs:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	12	12	13	98	94
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	2,097	2,216	2,440	17,310	17,371
Red meat production (million pounds)	4.9	5.1	5.4	42.1	50.0
United States					
Cattle:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	2,940	*3,141	2,931	33,275	33,529
Total liveweight (million pounds)	3,576	3,867	3,606	40,205	40,872
Average liveweight (pounds)	1,216	1,231	1,230	1,208	1,219
Beef production (million pounds)	2,144	2,345	2,169	24,272	24,778
Calves:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	103	97	92	1,169	1,040
Total liveweight (million pounds)	31	30	30	339	328
Average liveweight (pounds)	299	311	321	290	315
Veal production (million pounds)	19	18	18	204	198
Hogs:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	8,896	8,881	8,757	92,660	89,861
Liveweight (million pounds)	2,329	2,329	2,322	23,927	23,491
Average liveweight (pounds)	262	262	265	258	261
Pork production (million pounds)	1,707	1,715	1,712	17,573	17,323
Red meat production (million pounds)	3,892	4,097	3,920	42,268	42,509

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

Average Dollars Per Cwt Received through 13 Florida Auctions November 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	112.50	87.48	136.03	116.32	Medium #1	89.82	75.75	108.96	92.05
Medium #2	94.01	75.62	115.26	95.73	Medium #2	81.20	68.02	92.99	81.72
All grades	102.50	83.17	129.35	108.03	All grades	86.93	73.73	103.73	90.03

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

HAPPY NEW YEAR