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CATTLE ON FEED IN HISTORIC 7 STATES

Cattle on feed January 1, 2001, in the historic 7 States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.1 million, up 3 percent from the previous year and 12 percent above January 1, 1999. The inventory included 5.94 million steers and steer calves, up 3 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 59 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.08 million head, up 4 percent from January 1, 2000.

Placements in feedlots during December totaled 1.44 million, 2 percent above 1999 and 15 percent above 1998.

Marketings during December totaled 1.50 million, 6 percent below 1999 and 4 percent below 1998. However, December 2000 had two less slaughter days than December 1999 which limited slaughter and affected the year-to-year relationship for marketings.

Other disappearance during December was 77,000 head, 3 percent above 1999 and 12 percent above 1998.

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

Month	Less than 600 lbs	600-699 lbs	700-799 lbs	800+ lbs	Total
Nov	757	559	405	293	2,014
Dec	504	516	406	273	1,699

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 11.8 million head on January 1, 2001. The inventory was 3 percent above January 1, 2000 and 11 percent above January 1, 1999. The inventory included 7.02 million steers and steer calves, up 3 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 59 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.70 million head, up 3 percent from January 1, 2000.

Placements in feedlots during December totaled 1.70 million, 3 percent above 1999 and 12 percent above 1998. Net placements were 1.60 million. During December, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 504,000, 600-699 pounds were 516,000, 700-799 pounds were 406,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 273,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during December totaled 1.75 million, 5 percent below 1999 and 4 percent below 1998. However, December 2000 had two less slaughter days than December 1999 which limited slaughter and affected the year-to-year relationship for marketings.

Other disappearance totaled 95,000 during December, 6 percent above 1999 and 12 percent above 1998.

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

State	Number on feed December 1			Placed during December			Marketed during December			Other disappearance during December			Number on feed January 1		
	1999	2000	2000-99	1999	2000	2000-99	1999	2000	2000-99	1999	2000	2000-99	2000	2001	2001-00
	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent
AZ	265	298	112	36	30	83	25	23	92	4	4	100	272	301	111
CA	405	450	111	67	62	93	47	52	111	10	10	100	415	450	108
CO	1,220	1,230	101	160	170	106	190	180	95	10	10	100	1,180	1,210	103
IA	370	395	107	45	38	84	39	45	115	1	3	300	375	385	103
KS	2,400	2,460	103	400	420	105	480	460	96	10	20	200	2,310	2,400	104
NE	2,380	2,410	101	340	340	100	400	340	85	20	10	50	2,300	2,400	104
TX	2,980	2,970	100	360	380	106	420	400	95	20	20	100	2,900	2,930	101
7 States	10,020	10,213	102	1,408	1,440	102	1,601	1,500	94	75	77	103	9,752	10,076	103
Oth. Sts.	1,741	1,735	100	238	259	109	241	254	105	15	18	120	1,723	1,722	100
U.S.	11,761	11,948	102	1,646	1,699	103	1,842	1,754	95	90	95	106	11,475	11,798	103

Average prices, Nebraska, dollars per cwt

Week ended	Slaughter steers				Slaughter heifers			
	Choice 1100-1300 lbs				Choice 1000-1200 lbs			
	1999-2000		2000-2001		1999-2000		2000-2001	
Dec	30	67.95	77.00	68.06	77.06			
Jan	06	67.80	77.37	67.76	77.00			
Jan	13	69.03	78.66	69.14	78.59			

CHICKENS AND EGGS

FLORIDA

Table eggs sold in mid-January 2001 averaged 71.0 cents, up 7.0 cents from mid-December. Table egg production in Florida during December was 228 million eggs, up two percent from the previous month.

UNITED STATES

U.S. egg production totaled 7.28 billion during December 2000, down slightly from last year. Production included 6.20 billion table eggs and 1.08 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.02 billion were broiler-type and 63.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during December 2000 averaged 332 million, up 1 percent from the total average number of layers during December 1999. December egg production per 100 layers was 2,192 eggs, down 1 percent from 2,214 eggs in December 1999. December 2000 contained 21 weekdays, 1 holiday and five Saturdays, compared to 23 weekdays, 1 holiday and four Saturdays in December 1999.

All layers in the U.S. on January 1, 2001, totaled 332 million, up 1 percent from a year ago. The 332 million layers consisted of 274 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 55.2 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.85 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on January 1, 2001 averaged 70.3 eggs per 100 layers, down 1 percent from the 71.0 eggs a year ago.

Laying flocks in the 30 major egg producing States produced 6.81 billion eggs during December 2000, down 1 percent from December 1999. The average number of layers during December, at 311 million, was up 1 percent from a year earlier.

Mid-month table egg prices received
by Florida egg producers.

Month	Cents per dozen	
	2000	2001
January	41.0	71.0
February	38.0	
March	41.0	
April	43.0	
May	35.0	
June	37.0	
July	38.0	
August	50.0	
September	45.0	
October	44.0	
November	51.0	
December	64.0	

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

	Jan 2000	Nov 2000	Dec 2000	Jan 2001
Total layers on hand: Thous.	10,694	10,768	10,738	10,766
Percent of layers:				
Being molted	3.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
Molt completed	42.0	31.0	38.5	35.0

Layers and egg production, December 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	10,247	1,923	197	62	135	197	2.5	8.5
Arkansas	15,250	1,977	301	124	177	301	1.0	13.0
California	23,826	2,187	521			521	9.0	38.9
Florida	10,753	2,232	240	228	12	240	2.0	35.0
Georgia	20,775	2,108	438	263	175	458	2.0	22.5
Indiana	23,129	2,235	517	503	14	517	4.0	33.5
Iowa	31,106	2,324	723			723	3.5	31.5
Maine	3,870	2,295	89			89	0.0	0.0
Maryland	3,293	2,126	70	63	7	70	3.0	37.0
Michigan	6,155	2,307	142			142	2.5	27.5
Minnesota	12,473	2,157	269	259	10	269	2.0	31.0
Mississippi	6,652	2,029	135	44	91	135	0.0	11.5
Missouri	6,578	2,250	148			148	3.5	9.0
Nebraska	11,832	2,147	254	254		254	10.0	21.5
New York	4,212	2,350	99			99	2.5	4.5
North Carolina	11,093	1,981	219	86	133	219	0.0	8.5
Ohio	29,459	2,186	644			644	3.0	26.5
Pennsylvania	23,931	2,328	557	539	18	557	5.5	18.5
South Carolina	5,287	2,156	114	97	17	114	3.5	21.5
Texas	18,624	2,185	407			407	0.5	20.5
Virginia	3,366	2,020	68	36	32	68	6.5	15.5
Washington	4,969	2,254	112			112	7.5	42.0
Other States	45,028	2,219	465	377	89	465	2.3	24.7
United States	331,908	2,192	7,275	6,196	1,079	7,275	3.4	24.1

^{1/} Production year begins December 1.

HATCHERY PRODUCTION

FLORIDA

The December hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 8,827,000 was 9 percent below a year earlier. Broiler-type eggs in incubators on January 1, at 7,282,000, were 8 percent below a year ago.

Egg-type hatch during December at 1,030,000 chicks, was 17 percent above last year. Egg-type eggs in incubators on January 1, at 694,000 were 25 percent below last year.

UNITED STATES

The December 2000 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 739 million, was down 1 percent from December of the previous year. There were 611 million eggs in incubators on January 1, 2001, down 2 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 6.43 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during December 2000, down 8 percent from December 1999.

Egg-type chicks hatched during December totaled 35 million, up 6 percent from December 1999. Eggs in incubators totaled 33.9 million on January 1, 2001, up 11 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 324,000 during December 2000, up 85 percent from December 1999

Hatchery production, United States

Item	2000	2001	2001 % of 2000
-- Thousands --			
Egg-Type:			
Eggs in incubators: Jan 1	30,465	33,922	111
Chicks hatched during Dec	33,045	35,008	106
Pullets hatched during Dec for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks	175	324	185
7-18 months earlier ^{1/}	3,179	3,078	97
Broiler-Type:			
Eggs in incubators: Jan 1	623,774	610,712	98
Chicks hatched during Dec	748,438	738,796	99
Pullets hatched during Dec for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks	6,993	6,429	92
7-14 months earlier ^{2/}	64,426	63,339	98

^{1/} 2000 includes pullet chicks hatched June 1999 through May 2000 ^{2/} 2000 includes pullet chicks hatched September 1999 through May 2000.

MILK PRODUCTION

FLORIDA

Florida dairy farms produced 207 million pounds of milk during December 2000, slightly above the previous December. Production per cow of 1,325 pounds was slightly above last year. Milk cow numbers on Florida dairy farms in December totaled 156,000, unchanged from last year.

UNITED STATES

Milk production in the 20 major States during December totaled 11.9 billion pounds, virtually unchanged from production in these same States in December 1999. November revised production, at 11.4 billion pounds was up 1.1 percent from November 1999. The November revision represented a decrease of 0.5 percent or 52 million pounds from last months preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,522 pounds for December, 16 pounds below December 1999.

The number of cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.84 million head, 81,000 head more than December 1999 but 4,000 head less than November 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:			
December 1999	156	1,320	206
November 2000	156	1,170	183
December 2000	156	1,325	207
20 Major States:			
December 1999	7,757	1,538	11,928
November 2000	7,842	1,458	11,434
December 2000	7,838	1,522	11,932
United States			
December 1999	--	--	13,854
November 2000	--	--	13,269
December 2000	--	--	13,846

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	9,253	4,337	4,465	39,771	41,311
Oct-Dec	9,170	9,250	4,406	4,419	40,406	40,877
Annual Total	9,156	9,227	17,771	18,202	162,711	167,952

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

^{2/} Excludes milk sucked by calves.

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

Commercial red meat output in Florida for December 2000 was 5.9 million pounds, 20 percent above the same month last year. Commercial production of red meat in the United States for December at 3.62 billion pounds, was 6 percent below 1999.

Commercial slaughter and red meat production, Florida and United States

Source and kind	December 1999	November 2000	December 2000	Year to date 1999	Year to date 2000
Florida ^{1/}					
Cattle slaughtered (1000 head)	6	7	7	74	77
Hogs:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	13	13	12	111	106
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	2,138	2,440	3,004	19,448	20,375
Red meat production (million pounds)	4.9	5.4	5.9	47.0	55.9
United States					
Cattle:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	2,875	2,931	2,719	36,150	36,248
Total liveweight (million pounds)	3,522	3,606	3,329	43,727	44,201
Average liveweight (pounds)	1,225	1,230	1,224	1,210	1,219
Beef production (million pounds)	2,113	2,169	1,998	26,385	26,776
Calves:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	112	92	92	1,281	1,132
Total liveweight (million pounds)	34	30	29	373	357
Average liveweight (pounds)	302	321	319	291	316
Veal production (million pounds)	20	18	18	224	216
Hogs:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	8,885	8,757	8,094	101,545	97,955
Liveweight (million pounds)	2,320	2,322	2,143	26,247	25,634
Average liveweight (pounds)	261	265	265	259	262
Pork production (million pounds)	1,705	1,712	1,583	19,278	18,906
Red meat production (million pounds)	3,862	3,920	3,620	46,130	46,129

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

Average Dollars Per Cwt Received through 13 Florida Auctions December 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	118.38	92.92	137.90	111.10	Medium #1	99.49	83.54	107.13	90.23
Medium #2	99.13	79.38	113.84	98.31	Medium #2	87.48	75.70	93.25	82.18
All grades	111.43	88.77	128.84	105.53	All grades	96.68	82.67	101.04	87.95

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