



# LIVESTOCK DAIRY & POULTRY

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## FLORIDA AGRICULTURE

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Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.5 million head on October 1, 2004. The inventory was 3 percent above October 1, 2003 and up slightly from October 1, 2002. The inventory included 6.46 million steers and steer calves, up 4 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 62 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.96 million head, up 1 percent from 2003.

Placements in feedlots during September totaled 2.37 million, 4 percent below 2003 but 8 percent above 2002. Net placements were 2.31 million head. During September, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 623,000, 600-699 pounds were 474,000, 700-799 pounds were 557,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 720,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during September totaled 1.80 million, 11 percent below 2003 and 3 percent below 2002. This is the second lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of September since the series began in 1996.

Other disappearance totaled 61,000 during September, 3 percent below 2003 but 15 percent above 2002.

**CATTLE ON FEED: U.S. Number Placed on Feed, by weight groups, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, September 2003, August and September 2004**

Month	Less than 600 lbs	600-699 lbs	700-799 lbs	800+ lbs	Total
<i>1,000 head</i>					
September	698	545	610	621	2,474
August	506	413	565	615	2,099
September	623	474	557	720	2,374

### CATTLE AND CALVES ON FEED, 1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS, AND UNITED STATES

State	Number on feed September 1			Placed during September			Marketed during September			Other disappearance during September			Number on feed October 1		
	2003	2004	2004-03	2003	2004	2004-03	2003	2004	2004-03	2003	2004	2004-03	2003	2004	2004-03
	<i>1,000 head</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>		<i>Percent</i>
AZ	274	296	108	25	28	112	23	25	109	1	1	100	275	298	108
CA	490	520	106	61	64	105	63	60	95	3	4	133	485	520	107
CO	900	930	103	255	275	108	200	180	90	5	5	100	950	1,020	107
ID	245	245	100	82	84	102	56	53	95	1	1	100	270	275	102
IA	300	375	125	80	70	88	69	69	100	1	1	100	310	375	121
KS	2,250	2,130	95	530	520	98	465	410	88	15	20	133	2,300	2,220	97
NE	1,660	1,800	108	520	470	90	345	320	93	5	10	200	1,830	1,940	106
NM	121	129	107	16	18	113	10	19	190	4	3	75	123	125	102
OK	345	325	94	81	80	99	73	62	85	3	3	100	350	340	97
SD	134	138	103	49	41	84	37	35	95	1	1	100	145	143	99
TX	2,700	2,670	99	620	600	97	580	490	84	20	10	50	2,720	2,770	102
WA	185	160	86	53	48	91	41	32	78	2	1	50	195	175	90
Oth. Sts.	235	255	109	102	76	75	70	45	64	2	1	50	265	285	108
U.S.	9,839	9,973	101	2,474	2,374	96	2,032	1,800	89	63	61	97	10,218	10,486	103

### AVERAGE PRICES, NEBRASKA, DOLLARS PER CWT

Week ended	Slaughter steers Choice 1150-1500 lbs				Slaughter heifers Choice 1000-1300 lbs	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
Sep 25	93.83	83.44	93.36	83.57		
Oct 02	92.71	82.69	93.97	83.30		
Oct 09	99.15	82.96	99.90	83.69		

## CHICKENS AND EGGS

### FLORIDA

Table eggs sold in mid-October 2004 averaged 36.0 cents, up two cents from mid-September. Table egg production in Florida during September was 242 million eggs, one percent below the previous month.

### UNITED STATES

U.S. egg production totaled 7.32 billion during September 2004, up 3 percent from last year. Production included 6.26 billion table eggs, and 1.06 billion hatching eggs, of which 996 million were broiler-type and 60 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during September 2004 averaged 343 million, up 3 percent from a year earlier. September egg production per 100 layers was 2,133 eggs, up slightly from September 2003. September 2004 and September 2003 both contained 22 weekdays, 4 Saturdays and 1 holiday.

All layers in the U.S. on October 1, 2004, totaled 344 million, up 3 percent from a year ago. The 344 million layers consisted of 285 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 55.8 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.61 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on October 1, 2004, averaged 71.3 eggs per 100 layers, up slightly from a year ago.

Laying flocks in the 30 major egg producing States produced 6.84 billion eggs during September 2004, up 3 percent from a year ago. The average number of layers during September, at 321 million, was up 3 percent from a year ago.

### MID-MONTH TABLE EGG PRICES RECEIVED BY FLORIDA EGG PRODUCERS.

Month	Cents per dozen	
	2003	2004
January	55.0	81.0
February	56.0	81.0
March	51.0	101.0
April	52.0	67.0
May	41.0	52.0
June	50.0	53.0
July	51.0	46.0
August	57.0	40.0
September	63.0	34.0
October	72.0	36.0
November	83.0	
December	75.0	

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

	Oct 2003	Aug 2004	Sep 2004	Oct 2004
Total layers on hand: Thous.	10,926	11,346	11,435	11,321
Percent of layers:				
Being molted	4.5	5.0	3.5	3.5
Molt completed	29.5	31.5	27.5	24.0

### LAYERS AND EGG PRODUCTION, SEPTEMBER 2004, 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
	<i>Thousand</i>		<i>Millions</i>			<i>Percent</i>		
Alabama	9,273	1,887	175	43	132	1,746	0.0	6.0
Arkansas	14,187	1,875	266	92	174	2,781	1.5	10.5
California	20,105	2,203	443			4,489	5.0	34.5
<b>Florida</b>	<b>11,379</b>	<b>2,188</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2,550</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>24.0</b>
Georgia	20,280	2,027	411	243	168	4,182	3.0	18.0
Indiana	23,885	2,135	510	498	12	5,194	4.5	32.0
Iowa	45,805	2,166	992			9,548	5.0	37.0
Maine	2,821	2,410	68			838	0.0	0.0
Maryland	3,217	2,207	71	69	2	704	2.0	35.5
Michigan	7,627	2,150	164			1,663	5.5	33.0
Minnesota	10,638	2,200	234	226	8	2,438	6.5	25.0
Mississippi	6,922	1,921	133	38	95	1,335	2.0	11.0
Missouri	7,258	2,204	160			1,515	0.0	24.0
Nebraska	11,835	2,188	259	259		2,640	6.5	16.0
New York	4,139	2,319	96			967	1.5	7.5
North Carolina	10,819	1,913	207	80	127	2,100	1.0	9.5
Ohio	28,388	2,138	607			6,097	7.5	20.5
Pennsylvania	23,774	2,255	536	521	15	5,484	1.0	15.0
South Carolina	5,210	2,150	112	93	19	1,099	3.5	33.5
Texas	18,194	2,171	395			4,017	3.0	20.5
Virginia	3,098	1,969	61	27	34	624	0.0	12.0
Washington	4,945	2,083	103			1,086	5.5	39.0
Other States	49,321	2,120	477	389	93	6,018	4.1	26.7
United States	343,120	2,133	7,319	6,264	1,056	65,281	3.9	23.8

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

## HATCHERY PRODUCTION

### FLORIDA

The September hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 4,746,000 was one percent below a year earlier. Broiler-type eggs in incubators on October 1, at 4,245,000, were four percent above a year ago.

Egg-type hatch during September at 537,000 chicks was ten percent below last year. Egg-type eggs in incubators on October 1, at 441,000 were 17 percent below a year ago.

### UNITED STATES

The September 2004 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 770 million, was up 4 percent from September of the previous year. There were 617 million eggs in incubators on October 1, 2004, up 3 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 7.76 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during September 2004, up 17 percent from September 2003.

Egg-type chicks hatched during September totaled 36.8 million, up 3 percent from September 2003. Eggs in incubators totaled 33.7 million on October 1, 2004, up 13 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 205,000 during September 2004, down 25 percent from September 2003.

### HATCHERY PRODUCTION, UNITED STATES

Item	2003	2004	2004 % of 2003
<i>-- Thousands --</i>			
<b>EGG-TYPE:</b>			
Eggs in incubators: Oct 1	29,750	33,662	113
Chicks hatched during Sep	35,763	36,750	103
Pullets hatched during Sep for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks	273	205	75
7-18 months earlier <sup>1/</sup>	2,887	3,212	111
<b>BROILER-TYPE:</b>			
Eggs in incubators: Oct 1	601,567	616,708	103
Chicks hatched during Sep	739,481	769,865	104
Pullets hatched during Sep for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks	6,654	7,758	117
7-15 months earlier <sup>2/</sup>	60,539	62,261	103

<sup>1/</sup> 2004 includes pullet chicks hatched March 2003 through February 2004.

<sup>2/</sup> 2004 includes pullet chicks hatched June 2003 through February 2004.

## MILK PRODUCTION

### FLORIDA

Florida dairy farms produced 153 million pounds of milk during September 2004, up eight percent from the previous September. Production per cow of 1,115 pounds was nine percent above last year. Milk cow numbers on Florida dairy farms in September totaled 137,000, one percent below last year.

### UNITED STATES

Milk production in the 20 major States during September totaled 11.9 billion pounds, up 1.3 percent from September 2003. August revised production, at 12.4 billion pounds, was up 1.4 percent from August 2003. The August revision represented a decrease of 11 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,529 pounds for September, 18 pounds above September 2003.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.77 million head, 6,000 head more than September 2003, and 4,000 head more than August 2004.

### 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 2003	139	1,020	142
August 2004	138	1,225	169
September 2004	137	1,115	153
<b>20 MAJOR STATES:</b>			
September 2003	7,764	1,511	11,731
August 2004	7,766	1,594	12,376
September 2004	7,770	1,529	11,879
<b>UNITED STATES:</b>			
September 2003	9,061	1,486	13,468
August 2004	9,034	1,571	14,192
September 2004	9,038	1,507	13,621

### MILK PRODUCTION BY QUARTERS, UNITED STATES

Month	Milk cows <sup>1/</sup>		Milk per cow <sup>2/</sup>		Milk production	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
	Thousand		Pounds		Mil. Lbs.	
Jan-Mar	9,144	8,990	4,710	4,750	43,069	42,701
Apr-Jun	9,109	8,998	4,827	4,858	43,965	43,712
Jul-Sep	9,073	9,033	4,601	4,671	41,746	42,194
Oct-Dec	9,011		4,609		41,532	
Annual Total	9,084		18,749		170,312	

<sup>1/</sup> Dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh.

<sup>2/</sup> Excludes milk fed to calves.

## LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

Commercial red meat output in Florida for September 2004 was 3.6 million pounds, 33 percent below the same month last

year. Commercial production of red meat in the United States for September at 3.91 billion pounds, was two percent below 2003.

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

Source and kind	September 2003	August 2004	September 2004	Year to date 2003	Year to date 2004
<b>FLORIDA</b>					
Cattle slaughtered (1000 head) <sup>1/</sup>	8	7	5	73	59
HOGS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	9	8	7	78	72
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	1,517	1,271	1,146	13,657	12,086
SHEEP AND LAMBS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	0.1	0.1	0.2	13.9	11.7
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	10	7	10	196	118
Red meat production (million pounds)	5.4	4.6	3.6	50.0	40.3
<b>UNITED STATES</b>					
CATTLE:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	3,129	*2,820	2,736	27,375	24,745
Total liveweight (million pounds)	3,841	3,530	3,462	33,661	30,463
Average liveweight (pounds)	1,228	1,252	1,266	1,230	1,231
Beef production (million pounds)	2,314	2,151	2,104	20,265	18,449
CALVES:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	82	73	67	738	638
Total liveweight (million pounds)	25	23	22	233	210
Average liveweight (pounds)	308	*323	321	318	330
Veal production (million pounds)	15	14	13	141	126
HOGS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	8,573	8,720	8,998	73,323	76,262
Total liveweight (million pounds)	2,252	2,283	2,384	19,452	20,253
Average liveweight (pounds)	263	262	265	265	266
Pork production (million pounds)	1,668	1,698	1,772	14,447	15,074
SHEEP AND LAMBS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	257	233	244	2,216	2,112
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	34	30	32	294	287
LAMB AND MUTTON:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	17	15	16	148	144
Red meat production (million pounds)	4,014	3,878	3,905	35,001	33,793

<sup>1/</sup> Does not include calf slaughter data.

\* Revised.