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# LIVESTOCK DAIRY & POULTRY

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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 11.3 million head on November 1, 2004. The inventory was 3 percent above November 1, 2003 and 5 percent above November 1, 2002.

Placements in feedlots during October totaled 2.70 million, 3 percent below 2003 but 13 percent above 2002. This is the second lowest placements for the month of October since the series began in 1996. Net placements were 2.64 million head. During October, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 912,000, 600-699 pounds were 764,000, 700-799 pounds were 529,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 496,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during October totaled 1.80 million, 3 percent below 2003 and 9 percent below 2002.

Other disappearance totaled 66,000 during October, 35 percent below 2003 and 21 percent below 2002.

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

Month	Less than 600 lbs	600-699 lbs	700-799 lbs	800+ lbs	Total
<i>1,000 head</i>					
October	1,023	796	508	454	2,781
September	*628	*475	557	*725	*2,385
October	912	764	529	496	2,701

\*Revised.

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

State	Number on feed October 1			Placed during October			Marketed during October			Other disappearance during October			Number on feed November 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	275	298	108	26	48	185	22	21	95	1	4	400	278	321	115
CA	485	520	107	68	70	103	54	59	109	4	6	150	495	525	106
CO	950	1,020	107	270	260	96	160	185	116	10	5	50	1,050	1,090	104
ID	270	275	102	88	78	89	60	47	78	3	1	33	295	305	103
IA	310	375	121	113	125	111	72	68	94	1	2	200	350	430	123
KS	2,300	2,220	97	570	570	100	410	375	91	30	15	50	2,430	2,400	99
NE	1,830	1,940	106	640	600	94	320	325	102	10	5	50	2,140	2,210	103
NM	123	125	102	19	29	153	20	29	145	4	2	50	118	134	114
OK	350	340	97	78	87	112	74	64	86	4	3	75	350	360	103
SD	145	143	99	68	65	96	34	38	112	2	1	50	177	169	95
TX	2,720	2,770	102	680	650	96	530	520	98	30	20	67	2,840	2,880	101
WA	195	175	90	51	43	84	45	37	82	1	1	100	200	180	90
Oth. Sts.	265	285	108	110	76	69	54	30	56	1	1	100	320	330	103
U.S.	10,218	10,486	103	2,781	2,701	97	1,855	1,798	97	101	66	65	11,043	11,334	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	
Oct 23	101.45		85.50		101.88		85.91	
Oct 30	103.34		84.62		102.50		85.24	
Nov 06	105.66		81.33		105.69		81.81	

## CHICKENS AND EGGS

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

#### FLORIDA

Table eggs sold in mid-November 2004 averaged 34.0 cents, down two cents from mid-October. Table egg production in Florida during October was 254 million eggs, five percent above the previous month.

#### UNITED STATES

U.S. egg production totaled 7.64 billion during October 2004, up 3 percent from last year. Production included 6.56 billion table eggs, and 1.08 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.02 billion were broiler-type and 62 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during October 2004 averaged 344 million, up 3 percent from a year earlier. October egg production per 100 layers was 2,221 eggs, up slightly from October 2003.

October 2004 contained 21 weekdays, 5 Saturdays and 1 holiday compared to October 2003 contained 23 weekdays, 4 Saturdays and 1 holiday.

All layers in the U.S. on November 1, 2004, totaled 344 million, up 2 percent from a year ago. The 344 million layers consisted of 287 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 55.5 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.50 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on November 1, 2004, averaged 71.8 eggs per 100 layers, down slightly from a year ago.

Laying flocks in the 30 major egg producing States produced 7.15 billion eggs during October 2004, up 3 percent from a year ago. The average number of layers during October, at 322 million, was up 3 percent from a year ago.

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	34.0
December	75.0	

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

	Nov 2003	Sep 2004	Oct 2004	Nov 2004
Total layers on hand: Thous.	11,010	11,435	11,302	11,281
Percent of layers:				
Being molted	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5
Molt completed	30.0	27.5	24.0	21.0

#### LAYERS AND EGG PRODUCTION, OCTOBER 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	9,233	1,937	179	44	135	1,925	0.5	5.5
Arkansas	14,390	1,932	278	101	177	3,059	0.5	11.0
California	20,578	2,289	471			4,960	5.0	34.0
<b>Florida</b>	<b>11,302</b>	<b>2,309</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2,811</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>21.0</b>
Georgia	20,323	2,140	435	263	172	4,617	6.5	17.0
Indiana	23,238	2,276	529	516	13	5,723	3.0	31.0
Iowa	46,197	2,260	1,044			10,592	5.0	37.5
Maine	2,781	2,229	62			900	0.0	0.0
Maryland	3,215	2,208	71	69	2	775	15.5	12.0
Michigan	7,614	2,246	171			1,824	1.0	34.0
Minnesota	10,771	2,265	244	236	8	2,682	6.0	14.0
Mississippi	7,007	1,955	137	39	98	1,472	2.0	10.5
Missouri	7,303	2,328	170			1,685	1.5	24.0
Nebraska	12,044	2,233	269	269		2,909	9.6	15.4
New York	4,054	2,467	100			1,067	1.5	4.5
North Carolina	10,826	1,977	214	83	131	2,314	1.0	8.0
Ohio	28,467	2,234	636			6,733	7.0	28.0
Pennsylvania	23,835	2,333	556	541	15	6,040	0.0	13.5
South Carolina	5,222	2,202	115	95	20	1,214	5.0	29.0
Texas	18,515	2,220	411			4,428	3.0	45.5
Virginia	3,163	2,150	68	33	35	692	7.0	20.5
Washington	5,017	2,452	123			1,209	0.0	14.0
Other States	49,099	2,194	489	392	98	6,507	5.1	24.6
United States	344,194	2,221	7,643	6,559	1,084	72,924	4.3	23.5

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

## HATCHERY PRODUCTION

### FLORIDA

The October hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 4,933,000 was one percent below a year earlier. Broiler-type eggs in incubators on November 1, at 4,043,000, were 15 percent below a year ago.

Egg-type hatch during October at 520,000 chicks was 24 percent below last year. Egg-type eggs in incubators on November 1, at 785,000 were 28 percent above a year ago.

### UNITED STATES

The October 2004 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 758 million, was up 3 percent from October of the previous year. There were 608 million eggs in incubators on November 1, 2004, up 3 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 6.59 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during October 2004, up 4 percent from October 2003.

Egg-type chicks hatched during October totaled 36.0 million, up 3 percent from October 2003. Eggs in incubators totaled 37.0 million on November 1, 2004, up 27 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 268,000 during October 2004, down 14 percent from October 2003.

### HATCHERY PRODUCTION, UNITED STATES

Item	2003	2004	2004 % of 2003
<i>-- Thousands --</i>			
<b>EGG-TYPE:</b>			
Eggs in incubators: Nov 1	29,088	37,001	127
Chicks hatched during Oct	34,812	35,971	103
Pullets hatched during Oct for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks	310	268	86
7-18 months earlier <sup>1/</sup>	2,969	3,294	111
<b>BROILER-TYPE:</b>			
Eggs in incubators: Nov 1	587,923	607,594	103
Chicks hatched during Oct	734,961	757,530	103
Pullets hatched during Oct for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks	6,312	6,587	104
7-15 months earlier <sup>2/</sup>	60,371	62,328	103

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

<sup>2/</sup> 2004 includes pullet chicks hatched July 2003 through March 2004.

## MILK PRODUCTION

### FLORIDA

Florida dairy farms produced 156 million pounds of milk during October 2004, up one percent from the previous October. Production per cow of 1,140 pounds was three percent above last year. Milk cow numbers on Florida dairy farms in October totaled 137,000, two percent below last year.

### UNITED STATES

Milk production in the 20 major States during October totaled 12.2 billion pounds, up 1.3 percent from October 2003. September revised production, at 11.9 billion pounds, was up 1.3 percent from September 2003. The September revision represented a decrease of 1 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,576 pounds for October, 15 pounds above October 2003.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.77 million head, 26,000 head more than October 2003, but unchanged from September 2004.

### MILK COWS AND PRODUCTION, FLORIDA AND U.S.

Month and year	Milk cows	Monthly milk production		
		Per cow	Monthly Total	
	<i>Thous.</i>	<i>Lbs.</i>	<i>Mil. Lbs.</i>	
<b>FLORIDA:</b>				
October 2003	140	1,105	155	
September 2004	137	1,050	144	
October 2004	137	1,140	156	
<b>20 MAJOR STATES:</b>				
October 2003	7,743	1,561	12,083	
September 2004	7,769	1,529	11,878	
October 2004	7,769	1,576	12,245	
<b>UNITED STATES:</b>				
October 2003	9,034	1,538	13,898	
September 2004	9,038	1,507	13,620	
October 2004	9,038	1,556	14,067	

### 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
	<i>Thousand</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Mil. Lbs.</i>	
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> Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh.

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

## LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

Commercial red meat output in Florida for October 2004 was 4.7 million pounds, 16 percent below the same month last year.

Commercial production of red meat in the United States for October at 3.92 billion pounds, was six percent below 2003.

### COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER AND RED MEAT PRODUCTION, FLORIDA AND UNITED STATES

Source and kind	October 2003	September 2004	October 2004	Year to date 2003	Year to date 2004
<b>FLORIDA</b>					
Cattle slaughtered (1000 head) <sup>1/</sup>	8	5	7	81	66
HOGS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	9	7	9	87	81
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	1,615	1,146	1,542	15,272	13,628
SHEEP AND LAMBS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	0.2	0.2	0.2	14.1	11.9
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	14	10	12	210	130
Red meat production (million pounds)	5.6	3.6	4.7	55.6	45.0
<b>UNITED STATES</b>					
CATTLE:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	3,010	2,736	2,746	30,385	27,491
Total liveweight (million pounds)	3,704	3,462	3,479	37,365	33,942
Average liveweight (pounds)	1,231	1,266	1,267	1,230	1,235
Beef production (million pounds)	2,212	2,104	2,114	22,478	20,562
CALVES:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	87	67	63	825	701
Total liveweight (million pounds)	27	22	21	260	231
Average liveweight (pounds)	308	321	330	317	330
Veal production (million pounds)	16	13	12	158	138
HOGS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	9,649	8,998	8,970	82,972	85,233
Total liveweight (million pounds)	2,579	2,384	2,393	22,031	22,646
Average liveweight (pounds)	267	265	267	266	266
Pork production (million pounds)	1,912	1,772	1,779	16,359	16,853
SHEEP AND LAMBS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	265	244	241	2,481	2,353
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	36	32	32	330	319
LAMB AND MUTTON:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	18	16	16	166	160
Red meat production (million pounds)	4,158	3,905	3,921	39,159	37,714

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

\* Revised.