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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 December 1, 2004. The inventory was slightly above December 1, 2003 and 4 percent above December 1, 2002.

Placements in feedlots during November totaled 1.74 million, 10 percent below 2003 and 12 percent below 2002. This is the lowest placements for the month of November since the series began in 1996. Net placements were 1.64 million. During November, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 590,000, 600-699 pounds were 557,000, 700-799 pounds were 326,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 270,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during November totaled 1.63 million, 6 percent above 2003 but 6 percent below 2002. This is the second lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of November since the series began in 1996.

Other disappearance totaled 108,000 during November, 11 percent above 2003 and 20 percent above 2002.

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

Month	Less than 600 lbs	600-699 lbs	700-799 lbs	800+ lbs	Total
<i>1,000 head</i>					
November	680	578	379	289	1,926
October	912	764	529	496	2,701
November	590	557	326	270	1,743

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

State	Number on feed November 1			Placed during November			Marketed during November			Other disappearance during November			Number on feed December 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	278	321	115	26	35	135	19	23	121	1	4	400	284	329	116
CA	495	525	106	62	66	106	52	53	102	5	8	160	500	530	106
CO	1,050	1,090	104	185	175	95	165	155	94	10	10	100	1,060	1,100	104
ID	295	305	103	64	50	78	47	48	102	2	2	100	310	305	98
IA	350	430	123	77	90	117	56	82	146	1	3	300	370	435	118
KS	2,430	2,400	99	425	390	92	350	370	106	25	30	120	2,480	2,390	96
NE	2,140	2,210	103	410	410	100	260	310	119	10	10	100	2,280	2,300	101
NM	118	134	114	22	14	64	17	16	94	2	3	150	121	129	107
OK	350	360	103	56	43	77	51	44	86	5	4	80	350	355	101
SD	177	169	95	54	51	94	30	33	110	1	1	100	200	186	93
TX	2,840	2,880	101	440	320	73	410	430	105	30	30	100	2,840	2,740	96
WA	200	180	90	46	37	80	35	31	89	1	1	100	210	185	88
Oth. Sts.	320	330	103	59	62	105	45	30	67	4	2	50	330	360	109
U.S.	11,043	11,334	103	1,926	1,743	90	1,537	1,625	106	97	108	111	11,335	11,344	100

AVERAGE PRICES, NEBRASKA, DOLLARS PER CWT

Week ended	Slaughter steers Choice 1150-1500 lbs				Slaughter heifers Choice 1000-1300 lbs			
	2003		2004		2003		2004	
Nov 27	101.70		87.35		101.95		88.33	
Dec 04	102.12		89.76		100.76		90.08	
Dec 11	97.19		84.54		96.87		84.87	

CHICKENS AND EGGS

FLORIDA

Table eggs sold in mid-December 2004 averaged 53.0 cents per dozen, an increase from mid-November of 7.0 cents. Table egg production in Florida during November was 245 million eggs, two percent below the previous month.

UNITED STATES

U.S. egg production totaled 7.46 billion during November 2004, up 2 percent from last year. Production included 6.42 billion table eggs, and 1.04 billion hatching eggs, of which 980 million were broiler-type and 59 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during November 2004 averaged 343 million, up 2 percent from a year earlier. November egg production per 100 layers was 2,170 eggs, up slightly from November 2003. November 2004 contained 22 weekdays, 4 Saturdays and 2 holidays compared to November 2003 which contained 20 weekdays, 5 Saturdays and 2 holidays.

All layers in the U.S. on December 1, 2004, totaled 343 million, up one percent from a year ago. The 343 million layers consisted of 285 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 54.9 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.51 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on December 1, 2004, averaged 72.8 eggs per 100 layers, up one percent from a year ago.

Laying flocks in the 30 major egg producing States produced 6.98 billion eggs during November 2004, up 2 percent from a year ago. The average number of layers during November, at 321 million, was up 2 percent from a year ago.

LAYERS AND EGGS: Selected States and U.S.,
November 2004

Selected States	Avg. layers on hand	Egg production	Rate of lay
	Thousands	Millions	
Alabama	9,300	174	62.4
Arkansas	14,196	266	62.5
California	20,614	460	74.4
Florida	10,944	252	76.8
Georgia	20,079	420	69.7
Indiana	23,040	516	74.7
Iowa	46,545	1,018	72.9
Maine	2,732	57	69.5
Maryland	3,186	72	75.3
Michigan	7,603	175	76.7
Minnesota	11,046	240	72.4
Mississippi	6,906	134	64.7
Missouri	7,266	163	74.8
Nebraska	12,037	265	73.4
New York	4,045	97	79.9
North Carolina	10,826	208	64.0
Ohio	28,149	622	73.7
Pennsylvania	23,630	545	76.9
South Carolina	5,264	115	72.8
Texas	18,599	401	71.9
Virginia	3,227	68	70.2
Washington	4,969	117	78.5
Other States	49,274	1,233	
United States	343,477	7,455	72.3

HOGS AND PIGS

Florida inventory of all hogs and pigs was estimated at 20,000 head on December 1, 2004, down 10,000 head from a year earlier. Breeding inventory at 4,000 head was 1,000 head below the previous year's total. Market hog inventory of 16,000 head was down 64 percent from December 2003. The pig crop for December 2003 through November 2004 totaled 60,000 86 percent below the previous year.

UNITED STATES HOG AND PIGS

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2004 was 60.5 million head. This was up slightly from December 1, 2003, but down 1 percent from September 1, 2004.

Breeding inventory, at 5.97 million head, was down 1 percent from December 1, 2003, but up slightly from from last quarter. Market hog inventory, at 54.5 million head, was up slightly from last year, but 2 percent below last quarter.

The September-November 2004 U.S. pig crop, at 25.6 million head, was up slightly from 2003 and up 2 percent from 2002. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.85 million head, down slightly from last year. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 48 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 8.96 for the September-November period, compared to 8.93 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.50 for operations with 1-99 hogs to 9.10 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

HOGS AND PIGS: Inventory number, sows farrowing and
pig crop, 2003-04, United States

	2003	2004	2004 as % of 2003
	1,000 head		
DECEMBER 1 INVENTORY			
All hogs and pigs	60,444	60,501	100
Kept for breeding	6,009	5,969	99
Market	54,434	54,531	100
MARKET HOGS AND PIGS			
BY WEIGHT GROUPS:			
Under 60 pounds	19,778	19,636	99
60 - 119 pounds	13,238	13,439	102
120 - 179 pounds	11,109	11,286	102
180 pounds	10,311	10,171	99
SOWS FARROWING:			
December ^{1/} -February	2,769	2,836	102
March-May	2,886	2,870	99
December ^{1/} -May	5,655	5,706	101
June-August	2,918	2,888	99
September-November	2,856	2,852	100
June-November	5,773	5,740	99
PIG CROP:			
December ^{1/} -February	24,400	25,105	103
March-May	25,629	25,633	100
June-August	25,974	26,010	100
September-November	25,488		

^{1/} December preceding year.

HATCHERY PRODUCTION

FLORIDA

The November hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 4,735,000 was one percent below a year earlier. Broiler-type eggs in incubators on December 1, at 4,016,000, were one percent below a year ago.

Egg-type hatch during November at 830,000 chicks was 21 percent above last year. Egg-type eggs in incubators on December 1, at 900,000 were 43 percent above a year ago.

UNITED STATES

The November 2004 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 731 million, was up 3 percent from November of the previous year. There were 645 million eggs in incubators on December 1, 2004, up 1 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 7.01 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during November 2004, up 1 percent from November 2003.

Egg-type chicks hatched during November totaled 38.4 million, up 27 percent from November 2003. Eggs in incubators totaled 35.9 million on December 1, 2004, up 10 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 225,000 during November 2004, down 29 percent from November 2003.

HATCHERY PRODUCTION, UNITED STATES

Item	2003	2004	2004 % of 2003
<i>-- Thousands --</i>			
EGG-TYPE:			
Eggs in incubators: Dec 1	32,660	35,902	110
Chicks hatched during Nov	30,241	38,421	127
Pullets hatched during Nov for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks	319	225	71
7-18 months earlier ^{1/}	2,954	3,325	113
BROILER-TYPE:			
Eggs in incubators: Dec 1	638,154	644,675	101
Chicks hatched during Nov	707,627	730,789	103
Pullets hatched during Nov for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks	6,946	7,008	101
7-15 months earlier ^{2/}	60,504	61,659	102

^{1/} 2004 includes pullet chicks hatched May 2003 through April 2004.

^{2/} 2004 includes pullet chicks hatched August 2003 through April 2004.

MILK PRODUCTION

FLORIDA

Florida dairy farms produced 171 million pounds of milk during November 2004, up four percent from the previous November. Production per cow of 1,250 pounds was six percent above last year. Milk cow numbers on Florida dairy farms in November totaled 137,000, two percent below last year.

UNITED STATES

Milk production in the 20 major States during November totaled 11.8 billion pounds, up 1.2 percent from November 2003. October revised production, at 12.3 billion pounds, was up 1.4 percent from October 2003. The October revision represented an increase of 0.1 percent or 9 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,526 pounds for November, 9 pounds above November 2003.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.77 million head, 44,000 head more than November 2003, but unchanged from October 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>
FLORIDA:			
November 2003	140	1,180	165
October 2004	137	1,060	159
November 2004	137	1,250	171
20 MAJOR STATES:			
November 2003	7,721	1,517	11,709
October 2004	7,765	1,578	12,254
November 2004	7,765	1,526	11,846
UNITED STATES:			
November 2003	9,005	1,496	13,470
October 2004	9,032	1,559	14,078
November 2004	9,030	1,507	13,611

MILK PRODUCTION BY QUARTERS, UNITED STATES

Month	Milk cows ^{1/}		Milk per cow ^{2/}		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	42,193
Oct-Dec	9,011		4,609		41,532	
Annual Total	9,084		18,749		170,312	

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

^{2/} Excludes milk fed to calves.

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

Commercial red meat output in Florida for November 2004 was 4.7 million pounds, eight percent below the same month last year. Commercial production of red meat in the

United States for November at 3.77 billion pounds, was seven percent above 2003.

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER AND RED MEAT PRODUCTION, FLORIDA AND UNITED STATES

Source and kind	November 2003	October 2004	November 2004	Year to date 2003	Year to date 2004
FLORIDA					
Cattle slaughtered (1000 head) ^{1/}	8	7	7	89	73
HOGS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	9	9	8	96	89
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	1,537	1,542	1,421	16,809	15,049
SHEEP AND LAMBS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	0.1	0.2	0.2	14.2	12.1
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	11	12	10	221	140
Red meat production (million pounds)	5.1	4.7	4.7	60.7	49.7
UNITED STATES					
CATTLE:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	2,434	2,746	2,541	32,819	30,032
Total liveweight (million pounds)	3,009	3,479	3,229	40,374	37,171
Average liveweight (pounds)	1,236	1,267	1,271	1,230	1,238
Beef production (million pounds)	1,783	2,114	1,943	24,261	22,505
CALVES:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	78	63	68	903	769
Total liveweight (million pounds)	25	21	23	285	254
Average liveweight (pounds)	322	330	336	317	330
Veal production (million pounds)	15	12	14	173	152
HOGS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	8,597	8,970	8,964	91,569	94,197
Total liveweight (million pounds)	2,316	2,393	2,417	24,347	25,063
Average liveweight (pounds)	269	267	270	266	266
Pork production (million pounds)	1,718	1,779	1,797	18,077	18,650
SHEEP AND LAMBS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	236	241	242	2,717	2,595
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	33	32	33	363	352
LAMB AND MUTTON:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	16	16	17	182	177
Red meat production (million pounds)	3,533	3,921	3,771	42,692	41,485

^{1/} Does not include calf slaughter data.