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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 10.6 million head on May 1, 2005. The inventory was 3 percent above May 1, 2004 and 1 percent above May 1, 2003.

Placements in feedlots during April totaled 1.66 million, 4 percent above 2004 but 11 percent below 2003. Net placements were 1.57 million. During April, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 340,000, 600-699 pounds were 225,000, 700-799 pounds were 500,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 595,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 1.80 million, 5 percent below 2004 and 9 percent below 2003. This is the lowest fed

cattle marketings for the month of April since the series began in 1996.

Other disappearance totaled 90,000 during April, 7 percent below 2004 but 43 percent above 2003.

CATTLE ON FEED: U.S. Number Placed on Feed, by weight groups, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, April 2004, March and April 2005

Month	Less than 600 lbs	600-699 lbs	700-799 lbs	800+ lbs	Total
<i>1,000 head</i>					
April	315	304	566	415	1,600
March	299	320	*609	*522	*1,750
April	340	225	500	595	1,660

*Revised.

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

State	Number on feed April 1			Placed during April			Marketed during April			Other disappearance during April			Number on feed May 1		
	2004	2005	2005-04	2004	2005	2005-04	2004	2005	2005-04	2004	2005	2005-04	2004	2005	2005-04
	<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	293	323	110	31	31	100	27	24	89	2	2	100	295	328	111
CA	495	500	101	75	64	85	67	59	88	3	5	167	500	500	100
CO	970	1,020	105	150	120	80	170	150	88	10	20	200	940	970	103
ID	255	240	94	45	39	87	47	37	79	3	2	67	250	240	96
IA	415	455	110	57	55	96	53	53	100	4	2	50	415	455	110
KS	2,360	2,340	99	355	375	106	440	425	97	35	30	86	2,240	2,260	101
NE	2,210	2,260	102	320	320	100	420	380	90	10	10	100	2,100	2,190	104
NM	105	113	108	14	19	136	11	16	145	3	2	67	105	114	109
OK	330	325	98	51	52	102	68	70	103	3	2	67	310	305	98
SD	205	205	100	26	27	104	28	31	111	3	1	33	200	200	100
TX	2,640	2,620	99	415	500	120	480	480	100	15	10	67	2,560	2,630	103
WA	185	159	86	26	19	73	35	30	86	1	1	100	175	147	84
Oth. Sts.	300	310	103	35	39	111	45	46	102	5	3	60	285	300	105
U.S.	10,763	10,870	101	1,600	1,660	104	1,891	1,801	95	97	90	93	10,375	10,639	103

AVERAGE PRICES, NEBRASKA, DOLLARS PER CWT

Week ended	Slaughter steers Choice 1150-1500 lbs			Slaughter heifers Choice 1000-1300 lbs		
	2004	2005		2004	2005	
Apr 23	86.26	93.78		86.21	93.86	
Apr 30	87.33	91.94		87.26	92.38	
May 07	92.00	90.12		91.75	90.47	

CHICKENS AND EGGS

FLORIDA

Table eggs sold in mid-May 2005 averaged 31.0 cents, up 1.0 cent from mid-April. Table egg production in Florida during April was 245 million eggs, down two percent from the previous month.

UNITED STATES

U.S. egg production totaled 7.39 billion during April 2005, up slightly from last year. Production included 6.29 billion table eggs, and 1.10 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.04 billion were broiler-type and 63 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during April 2005 averaged 344 million, up slightly from a year earlier. April egg production per 100 layers was 2,148 eggs, unchanged from April 2004.

All layers in the U.S. on May 1, 2005, totaled 343 million, up slightly from a year ago. The 343 million layers consisted of 283 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 57.4 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.68 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on May 1, 2005, averaged 71.4 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from a year ago.

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

Month	Cents per dozen	
	2004	2005
January	81.0	40.0
February	81.0	36.0
March	101.0	33.0
April	67.0	30.0
May	52.0	31.0
June	53.0	
July	46.0	
August	40.0	
September	34.0	
October	36.0	
November	46.0	
December	53.0	

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

	May 2004	Mar 2005	Apr 2005	May 2005
Total layers on hand: Thous.	11,376	10,772	10,737	10,736
Percent of layers:				
Being molted	6.0	2.5	3.0	6.0
Molt completed	31.0	25.0	25.0	22.5

LAYERS AND EGG PRODUCTION, APRIL 2005, 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
	<i>Thousand</i>		<i>Millions</i>			<i>Percent</i>		
Alabama	8,999	1,867	168	35	133	873	1.5	2.0
Arkansas	14,578	1,907	298	88	190	1,414	1.5	8.0
California	20,328	2,155	438			2,246	6.0	33.0
Florida	10,737	2,366	254	245	9	1,211	6.0	22.5
Georgia	19,656	2,015	396	222	174	2,088	4.0	11.5
Indiana	23,635	2,171	513	501	12	2,566	4.0	30.5
Iowa	49,038	2,249	1,103			7,419	5.0	36.5
Maine	3,173	1,072	34			200	0.0	0.0
Maryland	2,926	2,153	63	62	1	346	5.5	35.0
Michigan	7,954	2,213	176			850	2.5	28.5
Minnesota	10,954	2,227	244	236	8	1,226	2.5	24.0
Mississippi	7,259	1,901	138	36	102	673	2.5	8.0
Missouri	7,328	2,197	161			802	1.5	20.5
Nebraska	12,018	2,188	263	263	0	1,319	4.5	26.0
New York	3,992	2,405	96			490	2.5	3.5
North Carolina	11,136	1,904	212	77	135	1,060	1.0	9.0
Ohio	27,978	2,234	625			3,099	3.0	22.0
Pennsylvania	23,943	2,301	551	533	18	2,799	4.0	15.0
South Carolina	4,995	2,018	100	82	18	559	7.0	23.5
Texas	17,397	2,127	370			2,048	3.5	20.5
Virginia	3,462	1,849	64	28	36	314	6.0	6.0
Washington	4,928	2,232	110			554	4.5	36.6
Other States	47,601	2,146	465	371	95	2,397	4.7	21.3
United States	343,975	2,148	7,388	6,290	1,099	37,339	3.9	22.2

^{1/} Production year begins December 1.

HATCHERY PRODUCTION

FLORIDA

The April hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 4,808,000 was two percent below a year earlier. Broiler-type eggs in incubators on May 1, at 4,041,000, were slightly below a year ago.

Egg-type hatch during April at 801,000 chicks was 22 percent above last year. Egg-type eggs in incubators on May 1, at 343,000 were 42 percent below a year ago.

UNITED STATES

Broiler-type chicks hatched during April 2005 totaled 790 million, up 2 percent from April 2004. Eggs in incubators totaled 663 million on May 1, 2005, up slightly from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 6.80 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during April 2005, up 6 percent from April 2004.

Egg-type chicks hatched during April 2005 totaled 38.3 million, up 2 percent from April 2004. Eggs in incubators totaled 35.9 million on May 1, 2005, up 8 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 308,000 during April 2005, down 10 percent from April 2004.

HATCHERY PRODUCTION, UNITED STATES

Item	2004	2005	2005 % of 2004
<i>-- Thousands --</i>			
EGG-TYPE:			
Eggs in incubators: May 1	33,347	35,875	108
Chicks hatched during Apr	37,466	38,267	102
Pullets hatched during Apr for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks	343	308	90
7-18 months earlier ^{1/}	2,923	3,142	107
BROILER-TYPE:			
Eggs in incubators: May 1	661,541	663,426	100
Chicks hatched during Apr	774,629	789,780	102
Pullets hatched during Apr for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks	6,402	6,800	106
7-15 months earlier ^{2/}	61,600	63,574	103

^{1/} 2005 includes pullet chicks hatched October 2003 through September 2004.

^{2/} 2005 includes pullet chicks hatched January 2004 through September 2004.

MILK PRODUCTION

FLORIDA

Florida dairy farms produced 221 million pounds of milk during April 2005, six percent above the previous April. Production per cow of 1,600 pounds was six percent above last year. Milk cow numbers on Florida dairy farms in April totaled 138,000, the same as last year.

UNITED STATES

Milk production in the 23 major States during April totaled 13.6 billion pounds, up 3.2 percent from April 2004. March revised production, at 13.8 billion pounds, was up 2.9 percent from March 2004. The March revision represented a decrease of 0.1 percent or 20 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,679 pounds for April, 43 pounds above April 2004.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.11 million head, 44,000 head more than April 2004, and 12,000 head more than March 2005.

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:				
April 2004	138	1,516		209
March 2005	139	1,640		228
April 2005	138	1,600		221
20 MAJOR STATES:				
April 2004	8,063	1,636		13,194
March 2005	8,095	1,702		13,779
April 2005	8,107	1,679		13,162
UNITED STATES:				
April 2004	8,999	1,613		14,519
March 2005	9,002	1,640		14,762
April 2005	9,026	1,655		14,936

MILK PRODUCTION BY QUARTERS, UNITED STATES

Month	Milk cows ^{1/}		Milk per cow ^{2/}		Milk production	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	<i>Thousand</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Mil. Lbs.</i>	
Jan-Mar	8,993	8,995	4,755	4,805	42,759	43,218
Apr-Jun	9,001		4,869		43,824	
Jul-Sep	9,027		4,679		42,239	
Oct-Dec	9,019		4,655		41,983	
Annual Total	9,010		18,957		170,805	

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

^{2/} Excludes milk fed to calves.

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

Commercial red meat output in Florida for April 2005 was 4.9 million pounds, two percent above the same month last year.

Commercial production of red meat in the United States for April at 3.62 billion pounds, was two percent below 2004.

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER AND RED MEAT PRODUCTION, FLORIDA AND UNITED STATES

Source and kind	April 2004	March 2005	April 2005	Year to date 2004	Year to date 2005
FLORIDA					
HOGS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	8	7	8	33	28
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	1,381	1,451	1,546	5,706	5,217
SHEEP AND LAMBS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	0.3	0.2	0.3	1.1	0.9
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	18	16	15	71	53
Red meat production (million pounds)	4.8	5.0	4.9	18.8	17.6
UNITED STATES					
CATTLE:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	2,698	2,723	2,560	10,573	10,152
Total liveweight (million pounds)	3,237	3,372	3,123	12,942	12,622
Average liveweight (pounds)	1,200	1,238	1,220	1,224	1,243
Beef production (million pounds)	1,956	2,043	1,890	7,754	7,615
CALVES:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	71	68	62	298	260
Total liveweight (million pounds)	23	22	22	101	86
Average liveweight (pounds)	330	328	353	327	334
Veal production (million pounds)	14	13	13	59	51
HOGS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	8,653	8,946	8,444	34,368	33,972
Total liveweight (million pounds)	2,317	2,423	2,286	9,215	9,184
Average liveweight (pounds)	268	271	271	268	270
Pork production (million pounds)	1,725	1,803	1,704	6,855	6,840
SHEEP AND LAMBS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	256	280	221	995	925
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	35	39	31	140	129
LAMB AND MUTTON:					
	18	20	16	70	65
Red meat production (million pounds)	3,713	3,879	3,622	14,777	14,571