

# Livestock, Dairy and Poultry

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## JULY 1 CATTLE INVENTORY DOWN SLIGHTLY

All cattle and calves in the United States as of July 1, 2005, totaled 104.5 million head, 1 percent above the 103.6 million on July 1, 2004 and 1 percent below the 103.9 million two years ago.

All cows and heifers that have calved, at 42.8 million, were 1 percent above the 42.5 million on July 1, 2004 and slightly above the 42.7 million two years ago.

- Beef cows, at 33.8 million, were up 1 percent from July 1, 2004 and up slightly from two years ago.
- Milk cows, at 9.05 million, were up 1 percent from July 1, 2004 but down 1 percent from two years ago.

Other class estimates on July 1, 2005 and the changes from July 1, 2004, are as follows:

- All heifers 500 pounds and over, 16.2 million, up 2 percent.
- Beef replacement heifers, 5.0 million, up 4 percent.
- Milk replacement heifers, 3.7 million, up 3 percent.
- Other heifers, 7.5 million, down 1 percent.
- Steers weighing 500 pounds and over, 14.4 million, up 1 percent.
- Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over, 2.1 million, up 2 percent.
- Calves under 500 pounds, 29.0 million, up slightly.
- All cattle and calves on feed for slaughter, 12.0 million, up 2 percent.

## CALF CROP DOWN 1 PERCENT

The 2005 calf crop is expected to be 37.8 million, up slightly from 2004 but down slightly from 2003. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 27.5 million, up slightly from 2004 but down 1 percent from 2003.

**CATTLE AND CALVES:** By class, and calf crop, United States, July 1, 2003-05

Class	2003	2004	2005	2005 as % of 2004
	1,000 head			
Cattle and calves:	103,900	103,600	104,500	101
Cows and heifers that have calved	42,700	42,500	42,800	101
Beef cows	33,600	33,500	33,750	101
Milk cows	9,100	9,000	9,050	101
Heifers 500 pounds and over:	15,900	15,950	16,200	102
Beef cow replacement	4,600	4,800	5,000	104
Milk cow replacement	3,600	3,600	3,700	103
Other heifers	7,700	7,550	7,500	99
Steers 500 pounds and over	14,200	14,200	14,400	101
Bulls 500 pounds and over	2,100	2,050	2,100	102
Calves under 500 pounds	29,000	28,900	29,000	100
Calf crop <sup>1/</sup>	37,903	37,625	37,800	100
Cattle on Feed	11,810	11,800	12,000	102

<sup>1/</sup> For the current year, the calf crop is the number of calves born before July 1 plus the number expected to be born on and after July 1.



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## CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.4 million head on July 1, 2005. The inventory was 3 percent above July 1, 2004 and 5 percent above July 1, 2003. The inventory included 6.81 million steers and steer calves, up 7 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 65 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.53 million head, down 5 percent from 2004.

Placements in feedlots during June totaled 1.77 million, 7 percent above 2004 and 6 percent above 2003. Net placements were 1.71 million. During June, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 412,000, 600-699 pounds were 347,000, 700-799 pounds were 480,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 530,000.

### CATTLE ON FEED: Number on feed, placements, marketings, and other disappearance, July 2003-2005

Item		Number			2005 as % of	
		2003	2004	2005	2003	2004
			1,000 head			
On feed	June 1	10,539	10,640	10,769	102	101
Placed on feed during	June	1,672	1,647	1,769	106	107
Fed cattle marketed during	June	2,227	2,085	2,073	93	99
Other disappearance during	June	61	70	63	103	90
On feed	July 1	9,923	10,132	10,402	105	103

## CHICKENS AND EGGS

### FLORIDA

Table eggs sold in mid-July 2005 averaged 34.0 cents, an increase from mid-June of 9.0 cents. Table egg production in Florida during June was 233 million eggs, down five percent from the previous month.

### UNITED STATES

U.S. egg production totaled 7.34 billion during June 2005, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.25 billion table eggs, and 1.10 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.03 billion were broiler-type and 61 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during June 2005 averaged 341 million, down slightly from a year earlier. June egg production per 100 layers was 2,151 eggs, up 1 percent from June 2004.

All layers in the U.S. on July 1, 2005, totaled 340 million, down 1 percent from a year ago. The 340 million layers consisted of 281 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 56.0 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.59 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on July 1, 2005, averaged 72.3 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from a year ago.

#### FLORIDA: Layers on hand first of month; percentages by molting stage

	July 2004	May 2005	June 2005	July 2005
Total layers on hand: Thous	11,750	10,566	10,818	10,935
Percent of layers:				
Being molted	3.0	6.0	7.5	6.5
Molt completed	28.0	23.0	23.5	25.0

### LAYERS AND EGGS: Selected States and U.S.

Selected States	Avg. layers on hand, June 2005	Eggs produced	
		June 2005	Year to date <sup>1/</sup>
	Thousands	Millions	
Alabama	9,191	173	1,220
Arkansas	14,653	278	1,973
California	19,676	427	3,114
<b>Florida</b>	10,877	241	1,706
Georgia	19,072	389	2,874
Indiana	23,292	517	3,621
Iowa	47,989	1,036	9,540
Maine	4,206	45	280
Maryland	2,939	64	473
Michigan	8,024	187	1,225
Minnesota	10,838	244	1,724
Mississippi	6,976	138	954
Missouri	7,270	163	1,134
Nebraska	11,919	267	1,863
New York	4,204	97	688
North Carolina	10,811	212	1,493
Ohio	27,955	615	4,356
Pennsylvania	22,988	538	3,896
South Carolina	5,018	99	758
Texas	17,215	375	2,805
Virginia	3,331	73	458
Washington	4,994	116	787
Other States	47,908	459	3,335
<b>United States</b>	341,352	7,342	52,244

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

### 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	27.0
June	53.0	25.0
July	46.0	34.0
August	40.0	
September	34.0	
October	36.0	
November	46.0	
December	53.0	

## HATCHERY PRODUCTION

### FLORIDA

The June hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 4,901,000 was four percent above a year earlier. Broiler-type eggs in incubators on July 1, at 4,145,000 were one percent above a year ago.

Egg-type hatch during June at 443,000 chicks was 39 percent below last year. Egg-type eggs in incubators on July 1, at 314,000, were 43 percent below a year ago.

### UNITED STATES

Broiler-type chicks hatched during June 2005 totaled 796 million, up 1 percent from June 2004. Eggs in incubators totaled 658 million on July 1, 2005, down slightly from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 7.11 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during June 2005, up 3 percent from June 2004.

Egg-type chicks hatched during June 2005 totaled 34.5 million, down 8 percent from June 2004. Eggs in incubators totaled 33.0 million on July 1, 2005, down 7 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 184,000 during June 2005, down 13 percent from June 2004.

### HATCHERY PRODUCTION, UNITED STATES

Item	2004	2005	2005 % of 2004
<i>-- Thousands --</i>			
<b>EGG-TYPE:</b>			
Eggs in incubators: Jul 1	35,588	32,991	93
Chicks hatched during June	37,508	34,537	92
Pullets hatched during June for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks 7-18 months earlier <sup>1/</sup>	212	184	87
	3,139	3,006	96
<b>BROILER-TYPE:</b>			
Eggs in incubators: Jul 1	659,248	657,631	100
Chicks hatched during June	786,603	796,001	101
Pullets hatched during Jun for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks 7-15 months earlier <sup>2/</sup>	6,890	7,109	103
	61,930	63,008	102

<sup>1/</sup> 2005 includes pullet chicks hatched December 2003 through November 2004.

<sup>2/</sup> 2005 includes pullet chicks hatched March 2004 through November 2004.

## MILK PRODUCTION

### FLORIDA

Florida dairy farms produced 201 million pounds of milk during June 2005, up four percent above the previous June. Production per cow of 1,470 pounds was five percent above last year. Milk cow numbers on Florida dairy farms in June totaled 137,000, one percent below last year.

### UNITED STATES

Milk production in the 23 major States during June totaled 13.7 billion pounds, up 5.4 percent from June 2004. May revised production, at 14.3 billion pounds, was up 4.6 percent from May 2004. The May revision represented an increase of 26 million pounds or 0.2 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,683 pounds for June, 76 pounds above June 2004.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.13 million head, 47,000 head more than June 2004, and 9,000 head more than May 2005.

Milk production in the U.S. during the April-June quarter totaled 45.6 billion pounds, up 4.1 percent from the April-June quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the U.S. during the quarter was 9.04 million head, 34,000 head more than the same period last year.

### 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>			
June 2004	139	1,395	194
May 2005	138	1,580	218
June 2005	137	1,470	201
<b>23 MAJOR STATES:</b>			
June 2004	8,083	1,607	12,988
May 2005	8,121	1,757	14,265
June 2005	8,130	1,683	13,684
<b>UNITED STATES:</b>			
June 2004	9,014	1,586	14,293
May 2005	9,035	1,732	15,650
June 2005	9,048	1,659	15,012

### MILK PRODUCTION BY QUARTERS, UNITED STATES

Month	Milk cows <sup>1/</sup>		Milk per cow <sup>2/</sup>		Milk Production	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	<i>Thousand</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Mil. Lbs.</i>	
Jan-Mar	8,993	8,996	4,755	4,807	42,759	43,242
Apr-Jun	9,001	9,035	4,869	5,051	43,824	45,633
Jul-Sep	9,027		4,679		42,239	
Oct-Dec	9,019		4,655		41,983	
Annual Total	9,010		18,957		170,805	

<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 June 2005 was 5.2 million pounds, 13 percent above the same month last year. Commercial production of red meat in the United

States for June at 3.96 billion pounds, was one percent above 2004.

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

Source and kind	June 2004	May 2005	June 2005	Year to date 2004	Year to date 2005
<b>FLORIDA</b>					
HOGS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	8	8	8	48	44
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	1,334	1,466	1,579	8,228	8,262
SHEEP AND LAMBS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	0.1	0.2	0.2	1.4	1.3
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	10	11	12	94	76
Red meat production (million pounds)	4.6	4.9	5.2	27.6	50.1
<b>UNITED STATES</b>					
CATTLE:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	2,994	2,792	2,937	16,405	15,882
Total liveweight (million pounds)	3,668	3,417	3,658	20,025	19,697
Average liveweight (pounds)	1,225	1,224	1,246	1,221	1,240
Beef production (million pounds)	2,227	2,075	2,228	12,051	11,919
CALVES:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	66	59	59	429	377
Total liveweight (million pounds)	22	22	22	146	130
Average liveweight (pounds)	337	376	368	333	346
Veal production (million pounds)	13	13	13	86	78
HOGS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	8,505	8,030	8,554	50,454	50,557
Total liveweight (million pounds)	2,246	2,167	2,296	13,477	13,647
Average liveweight (pounds)	264	270	268	267	270
Pork production (million pounds)	1,672	1,611	1,707	10,028	10,158
SHEEP AND LAMBS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	232	208	223	1,416	1,356
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	31	30	31	197	190
LAMB AND MUTTON:					
	16	15	15	99	95
Red meat production (million pounds)	3,928	3,714	3,963	22,303	22,249