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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 11.7 million head on December 1, 2005. The inventory was three percent above December 1, 2004 and three percent above December 1, 2003.

Placements in feedlots during November totaled 2.05 million head, 17 percent above 2004 and six percent above 2003. Net placements were 1.95 million. During November, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 660,000, 600-699 pounds were 650,000, 700-799 pounds were 420,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 315,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during November totaled 1.70 million head, four percent above 2004 and 11 percent above 2003.

Other disappearance totaled 91,000 head during November, 16 percent below 2004 and six percent below 2003.

CATTLE ON FEED: U.S. Cattle Placed on Feed, by Weight Groups, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, November 2004, October and November 2005

Month		Less than 600 lbs	600-699 lbs	700-799 lbs	800+ lbs	Total
1,000 head						
November	2004	590	557	326	270	1,743
October	2005	880	790	*593	525	*2,788
November	2005	660	650	420	315	2,043

Revised.

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

State	Number on feed November 1		Placed during November 1		Marketed during November		Other disappearance during November		Number on feed December 1	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
1,000 head										
AZ	321	*323	35	35	23	29	4	1	329	228
CA	525	545	66	66	53	53	8	8	530	550
CO	1,090	1,030	175	165	155	115	10	10	1,100	1,070
ID	305	290	50	49	48	57	2	2	305	280
IA	430	475	90	108	82	80	3	3	435	500
KS	2,400	2,410	390	465	370	375	30	30	2,390	2,470
NE	2,210	2,280	410	440	310	305	10	15	2,300	2,400
NM	134	141	14	18	16	20	3	2	129	137
OK	360	360	43	68	44	62	4	1	355	365
SD	169	161	51	63	33	33	1	1	186	190
TX	2,880	2,970	320	495	430	510	30	15	2,740	2,940
WA	185	163	37	27	36	28	1	1	185	161
Oth. Sts.	325	325	62	46	35	34	2	2	350	335
U.S.	11,334	*11,473	1,743	2,045	1,635	1,701	108	91	11,334	11,726

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AVERAGE PRICES, NEBRASKA, DOLLARS PER CWT

Week ended	Slaughter steers Choice 1150-1500 lbs		Slaughter heifers Choice 1000-1300 lbs	
	2004	2005	2004	2005
November 26	87.35	90.56	88.33	91.03
December 03	89.76	92.17	90.08	93.86
December 10	84.54	90.81	84.87	91.81



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CHICKENS AND EGGS

FLORIDA

Table eggs sold in mid-December 2005 averaged 60.0 cents per dozen, an increase from mid-November of 9.0 cents. Table egg production in Florida during November was 254 million eggs, one percent above the previous month.

UNITED STATES

U.S. egg production totaled 7.54 billion during November 2005, up one percent from last year. Production included 6.48 billion table eggs, and 1.06 billion hatching eggs, of which 996 million were broiler-type and 60 million were egg-type. The number of layers during November 2005 averaged 347 million, up one percent from a year earlier. November egg production per 100 layers was 2,175 eggs, up slightly from November 2004.

All layers in the U.S. on December 1, 2005, totaled 348 million, up one percent from a year ago. The 348 million layers consisted of 291 million layers producing table-type eggs, 54.9 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.61 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on December 1, 2005, averaged 72.4 eggs per 100 layers, down one percent from December 1, 2004.

**LAYERS AND EGGS: Selected States and U.S.,
November 2005**

Selected States	Avg. layers on hand	Egg production	Rate of lay
	<i>Thousands</i>	<i>Millions</i>	
Alabama	9,126	168	61.4
Arkansas	14,817	285	64.1
California	19,587	429	73.0
Florida	11,511	263	76.2
Georgia	19,038	402	70.4
Indiana	24,348	543	74.3
Iowa	49,501	1,091	73.5
Maine	4,024	90	74.6
Maryland	2,646	60	75.6
Michigan	8,117	185	76.0
Minnesota	11,215	253	75.2
Mississippi	6,759	131	64.6
Missouri	6,935	149	71.6
Nebraska	11,931	256	71.5
New York	4,163	99	79.3
North Carolina	10,828	210	64.6
Ohio	28,364	615	72.3
Pennsylvania	24,096	542	75.0
South Carolina	5,076	109	71.6
Texas	18,359	409	74.3
Virginia	3,528	75	70.9
Washington	4,973	108	72.4
Other States	47,654	1,066	73.3
United States	346,596	7,538	72.5

HOGS AND PIGS

Florida inventory of all hogs and pigs was estimated at 20,000 head on December 1, 2005, unchanged from a year earlier. Breeding inventory at 4,000 head remained the same as last year's total. Market hog inventory of 16,000 head was unchanged from the previous year. The pig crop for December 2004 through November 2005 totaled 58,000 three percent below the previous year.

UNITED STATES HOG AND PIGS

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2005 was 61.2 million head. This was up slightly from December 1, 2004, but down one percent from September 1, 2005.

Breeding inventory, at 6.01 million head, was up one percent from last year and last quarter. Market hog inventory, at 55.2 million head, was up slightly from last year but down one percent from last quarter.

The September-November 2005 U.S. pig crop, at 26.1 million head, was up one percent from 2004 and up two percent from 2003. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.89 million head, unchanged from last year. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 48 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 9.03 for the September-November 2005 period, compared to 8.96 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.50 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 9.10 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

**HOGS AND PIGS: Inventory, sows farrowing and pig crop,
2004-05, United States**

	2004	2005	2005 as % of 2004
	<i>1,000 head</i>		
DECEMBER 1 INVENTORY:			
All hogs and pigs	60,975	61,197	100
Kept for breeding	5,969	6,011	101
Market	55,005	55,186	100
MARKET HOGS AND PIGS			
BY WEIGHT GROUPS:			
Under 60 pounds	19,980	19,955	100
60 - 119 pounds	13,439	13,552	101
120 - 179 pounds	11,186	11,266	101
180 pounds	10,401	10,414	100
SOWS FARROWING:			
December ¹ / ₁ -February	2,836	2,835	100
March-May	2,870	2,882	100
December ¹ / ₁ -May	5,706	5,716	100
June-August	2,905	2,899	100
September-November	2,888	2,888	100
June-November	5,793	5,787	100
PIG CROP:			
December ¹ / ₁ -February	25,105	25,343	101
March-May	25,633	25,986	101
June-August	26,162	26,276	101
September-November	25,881		

¹/₁ December preceding year.

HATCHERY PRODUCTION

FLORIDA

The November hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 4,930,000 was four percent above a year earlier. Broiler-type eggs in incubators on December 1, at 4,102,000 were two percent above a year ago.

Egg-type hatch during November at 768,000 chicks was seven percent below last year. Egg-type eggs in incubators on December 1 at 579,000, were 36 percent below a year ago.

UNITED STATES

Broiler-type chicks hatched during November 2005 totaled 747 million, up 2 percent from November 2004. Eggs in incubators totaled 658 million on December 1, 2005, up 2 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 7.30 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during November 2005, up 2 percent from November 2004.

Egg-type chicks hatched during November 2005 totaled 32.8 million, down 15 percent from November 2004. Eggs in incubators totaled 34.7 million on December 1, 2005, down 3 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 181,000 during November 2005, down 20 percent from November 2004.

HATCHERY PRODUCTION, UNITED STATES

Item	2004	2005	2005 % of 2004
<i>-- Thousands --</i>			
EGG-TYPE:			
Eggs in incubators: Dec 1	36,612	34,704	97
Chicks hatched during Nov	38,758	32,752	85
Pullets hatched during Nov for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks 7-18 months earlier ^{1/}	225 3,317	181 2,829	80 85
BROILER-TYPE:			
Eggs in incubators: Dec 1	645,112	657,579	102
Chicks hatched during Nov	730,353	747,335	102
Pullets hatched during Nov for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks 7-15 months earlier ^{2/}	7,128 61,511	7,298 63,006	102 102

^{1/}2005 includes pullet chicks hatched May 2004 through April 2005.

^{2/}2005 includes pullet chicks hatched August 2004 through April 2005.

MILK PRODUCTION

FLORIDA

Florida dairy farms produced 165 million pounds of milk during November 2005, four percent below the production in the previous November. Production per cow of 1,210 pounds was three percent below last year. Milk cows on Florida dairy farms in November totaled 136,000, one percent below last year.

UNITED STATES

Milk production in the 23 major States during November totaled 13.0 billion pounds, up 4.6 percent from November 2004. October revised production, at 13.3 billion pounds, was up 4.0 percent from October 2004. The October revision represented a decrease of 17 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,590 pounds for November, 59 pounds above November 2004.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.16 million head, 60,000 head more than November 2004, and 2,000 head more than October 2005.

MILK COWS AND PRODUCTION, FLORIDA AND U.S.

Month and year	Milk cows	Monthly milk production	
		Per cow	Monthly Total
	Thous.	Lbs.	Mil. Lbs.
FLORIDA:			
November 2004	137	1,250	171
October 2005	135	1,140	154
November 2005	136	1,210	165
23 MAJOR STATES:			
November 2004	8,102	1,531	12,404
October 2005	8,160	1,634	13,336
November 2005	8,162	1,590	12,975
UNITED STATES:			
November 2004	9,021	1,509	13,610
October 2005	9,023	1,611	14,596
November 2005	9,061	1,567	14,203

MILK PRODUCTION BY QUARTERS, UNITED STATES

Month	Milk cows ^{1/}		Milk per cow ^{2/}		Milk Production	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	Thousand		Pounds		Mil. Lbs.	
Jan-Mar	8,993	8,996	4,755	4,807	42,759	43,242
Apr-Jun	9,001	9,034	4,869	5,054	43,824	45,660
Jul-Sep	9,027	9,054	4,679	4,859	42,239	43,997
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 November 2005 was 4.6 million pounds, two percent below the same month last year. Commercial production of red meat in the United States for November at 3.94 billion pounds, was four percent above 2004.

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER AND RED MEAT PRODUCTION, FLORIDA AND UNITED STATES

Source and kind	November 2004	October 2005	November 2005	Year to date 2004	Year to date 2005
FLORIDA					
HOGS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	8	7	7	89	85
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	1,421	1,141	977	15,053	15,487
SHEEP AND LAMBS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	0.2	0.3	0.2	2.2	2.4
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	10	22	14	140	152
Red meat production (million pounds)	4.7	4.5	4.6	49.8	74.7
UNITED STATES					
CATTLE:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	2,542	2,678	2,668	30,038	29,714
Total liveweight (million pounds)	3,225	3,428	3,426	37,158	36,292
Average liveweight (pounds)	1,268	1,280	1,284	1,238	1,255
Beef production (million pounds)	1,941	2,081	2,071	22,505	20,635
CALVES:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	68	56	56	769	674
Total liveweight (million pounds)	23	21	21	257	238
Average liveweight (pounds)	336	371	365	330	352
Veal production (million pounds)	14	13	12	152	142
HOGS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	8,973	9,117	9,132	94,214	94,321
Total liveweight (million pounds)	2,421	2,450	2,484	25,091	25,314
Average liveweight (pounds)	270	269	272	266	268
Pork production (million pounds)	1,779	1,816	1,843	18,654	18,816
SHEEP AND LAMBS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	242	229	225	2,597	2,471
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	33	31	32	352	342
LAMB AND MUTTON:					
	17	16	16	177	171
Red meat production (million pounds)	3,770	3,925	3,942	41,488	41,765