

2003 LIVESTOCK HIGHLIGHTS

CATTLE AND CALVES

Kentucky's **All Cattle and Calf** inventory totaled 2.32 million head on January 1, 2004. This was down 3 percent from the January 1, 2003 estimate of 2.40 million head. Beef cow inventory totaled 1.13 million head, up 2 percent from January 1, 2003. Milk cow numbers were a record low 112,000 head on January 1, 2004, down 8,000 head from 2003. Bulls over 500 pounds, were unchanged from January 2003. Heifers over 500 pounds for milk cow replacement and calves under 500 pounds decreased from January 2003. The 2003 calf crop totaled 1.11 million head, up 1 percent from 2002.

The all cattle and calves total value as of January 1, 2004 was \$1.65 billion, up 9 percent from 2003. Average value per head was \$710, compared with \$630 on January 1, 2003. Cash receipts from marketings totaled \$543.9 million during 2003, up 32 percent from 2002. Marketings for 2003 were 19 percent above 2002 and prices also increased. Cattle prices averaged \$72.30 per hundredweight during 2003 compared with \$64.90 during 2002. Calves averaged \$92.00 per hundredweight compared with \$84.90 during 2002.

HOGS AND PIGS

The December 1, 2003 **Hog and Pig** inventory totaled 380,000 head. Hog inventory rebounded from a record low in 2002 as inventory increased 20,000 head. This was a 6 percent increase from 2002. Hogs for breeding totaled 45,000 on December 1, 2003, up 13 percent from 2002. December 2003 market hogs, at 335,000 head, were 5 percent above the 2002 level.

The 2003 pig crop totaled 635,000 compared with 763,000 during 2002. Pigs saved per litter

averaged 8.58, compared with the 2002 average of 8.57. Producers farrowed 74,000 sows during 2003 compared with 89,000 during 2002.

Kentucky's hog and pig inventory was valued at \$20.5 million on December 1, 2003, up 6 percent from the previous year. Cash receipts from marketings decreased 8 percent from 2002 to \$66.7 million. Marketings decreased from 2002, while the average price during 2003 was \$36.40 per hundredweight, compared with \$31.00 recorded in 2002.

ALL POULTRY

All Poultry includes broilers, eggs and other poultry. Cash receipts from all poultry totaled \$613.2 million, the second highest for the State. Only horses and stud fees generated more cash receipts.

Broiler production for 2003 totaled 1.49 billion pounds from 275.9 million birds. Value of production was \$506.6 million. Compared with 2002, broiler production increased 6 percent and cash receipts increased 20 percent. Average value

per pound was 34 cents during 2003 compared with 30 cents during 2002.

The December 1, 2003 inventory of **All Other Chickens** (excluding broilers) totaled 7.16 million birds, up 16 percent from the previous December. Laying flocks produced 1.12 billion eggs during 2003, a 19 percent increase from 2002. Cash receipts from eggs totaled \$83.1 million for 2003, 27 percent above 2002. Eggs averaged 88.9 cents per dozen in 2003 compared with 83.7 cents during 2002.