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Cattle Inventory Up 1 Percent

The inventory of all cattle and calves on hand January 1, 2005, was 95.8 million head, up 1 percent from the previous year. Inventory classes posting increases from a year earlier included beef cows, milk cows, beef replacement heifers, milk replacement heifers, steers 500 pounds and over, bulls 500 pounds and over, and calves. Other heifers were down slightly from last year. Beef replacement heifers posted the largest increase, up 4 percent from the previous year. The 2004 calf crop of 37.6 million head was down 1 percent from a year earlier. The higher inventory of cattle and calves indicates the cattle cycle has finally turned after eight years of herd liquidation. The number of operations with cattle during 2004 was 989,460, down 2 percent from 2003.

On January 1, 2005, the inventory of cattle on feed in the U.S. totaled 13.7 million head, down slightly from the previous year. For feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head, inventories increased slightly over last year. With an inventory of 11.3 million head, these feedlots account for 82 percent of the U.S. total. Fed cattle marketings from these feedlots totaled 22.3 million head.

Commercial beef production for 2004 totaled 24.5 billion pounds, down 6 percent from the previous year.

Milk Production Increased Fractionally

U.S. milk production increased fractionally to 171 billion pounds in 2004. Milk cow numbers were down 1 percent, while production per cow increased 1 percent from a year ago. The number of operations with milk cows during 2004 fell to 81,440, down 6 percent from a year earlier. The number of operations with fewer than 500 head declined, while those with 500 or more head increased. Operations with 500 or more head continued to increase their share of production.

Hog Inventory Down Slightly

The inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2004 was 60.6 million head, up slightly from the previous year. The inventory of breeding animals was down 1 percent from 2003. Sows farrowed was down slightly and the pig crop during 2004 was up slightly from a year earlier. The average pigs saved per litter increased slightly during 2004 to 8.96 compared with 8.93 a year earlier. The number of operations with hogs has fallen steadily since 1980, and was down to 69,420 operations in 2004. The share of inventory held by larger operations continues to increase; in 2004 the 7,423 operations with 2,000 or more hogs held 79 percent of the inventory, compared to 7,136 operations with 77 percent of the inventory a year earlier. Commercial pork production totaled 20.5 billion pounds in 2004, up 3 percent from the previous year. The number of head slaughtered was up 3 percent from 2003 while the average dressed weight per animal was up one pound.

Sheep Inventory Up Slightly

The inventory of all sheep and lambs on hand January 1, 2005, was 6.14 million head, up slightly from the previous year. Breeding inventory was up 1 percent overall with replacement lambs showing the biggest increase, up 10 percent largely in part to the ewe lamb retention program in place as well as an end to the severe drought in the Western part of the United States. Rams one year and old and older were up 1 percent and ewes one year old and older were down 1 percent. Market sheep and lambs totaled 1.60 million head on January 1, 2005, down slightly from the previous year.

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The 2004 lamb crop at 4.10 million head, a new record low, was down 1 percent from 2003. The 2004 lambing rate was 113 lambs per 100 ewes, up 3 percent from 2003. Shorn wool production in the US totaled 37.6 million pounds in 2004, down 2 percent from 2003. The number of sheep and lambs shorn in 2004 was 5.07 million head, slightly below the previous year.

December 1 Chicken Inventory Up 1 Percent

The number of chickens on December 1, 2004, (excluding commercial broilers) was 454 million, up 1 percent from last year. Layers, at 342 million, were up 1 percent from the previous year. The 101.6 million pullets were up 1 percent from the 100.3 million on hand December 1, 2003. All chickens were valued at \$1.12 billion on December 1, 2004, up slightly from a year earlier. Average value decreased from \$2.48 per bird on December 1, 2003, to \$2.47 per bird on December 1, 2004.

Egg production during the year ending November 30, 2004 totaled a record high 89.1 billion eggs, up 2 percent from the 87.5 billion eggs in 2003. Layer numbers during 2004 averaged 342 million, up 1 percent from the year earlier. The annual average production per layer on hand in 2004 was 260 eggs, up slightly from the 2003 average of 259.

Poultry Production

The combined value of production from broilers, eggs, and turkeys plus the value of sales from chickens in 2003 was \$23.3 billion, up 14 percent from the \$20.5 billion in 2002. Of the combined total, 65 percent was from broilers, 23 percent from eggs, 12 percent from turkeys, and less than 1 percent from other chickens.

The value of broilers produced during 2003 was \$15.2 billion, up 13 percent from 2002. The number of broilers produced was 8.49 billion in 2003, down 1 percent from 2002. The total live weight of broilers produced in 2003 was 44.0 billion pounds, down slightly from 2002. The 2003 average price per pound on a live weight equivalent basis was 34.6 cents per pound, compared with 30.5 cents in 2002.

The value of turkeys produced during 2003 was \$2.72 billion, down slightly from \$2.73 billion the previous year. Turkey production totaled 7.55 billion pounds live weight, compared with 7.49 billion pounds in 2002. The average price received by producers during 2003 was 36.0 cents per pound, compared with 36.5 cents in 2002.

Trout and Catfish Sales Increase

The total value of all sales, both fish and eggs, received by trout growers in the 20 selected States totaled 68.7 million dollars during 2004, an increase of 7 percent from the 64.0 million dollars received in 2003. Growers in the 20 selected states sold a total of 55.0 million pounds of trout measuring 12 inches or longer in 2004, up 8 percent from the previous year.

Catfish growers in the 11 selected states had sales of 480 million dollars during 2004, up 13 percent from the 2003 total of 425 million dollars. Sales of foodsize fish totaled 451 million dollars, up 14 percent from the previous year. Sales of stockers totaled 6.26 million dollars, down 1 percent from 2003. Catfish water acres decreased 2 percent from January 1, 2004 to 174 thousand acres on January 1, 2005.

U.S. Agricultural Exports

Year	Livestock (calendar year)			
	Red Meat		Poultry	
	Beef	Pork	Broilers	Turkeys
	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>million pounds</i>
2000	2,468	1,287	4,918	445
2001	2,269	1,560	5,555	487
2002	2,447	1,611	4,807	439
2003	2,519	1,717	4,920	484
2004	461	2,179	4,768	443
2005 ¹	640	2,285	5,025	510

¹ Forecast. NASS, WAOB, & ERS (Information Hotline 1-800-727-9540).

Meat Consumption

Year	Consumption per Capita, Retail Weight Basis						
	Broilers	Beef	Pork	Turkeys	Veal	Lamb and Mutton	Total ¹
	<i>pounds</i>	<i>pounds</i>	<i>pounds</i>	<i>pounds</i>	<i>pounds</i>	<i>pounds</i>	<i>pounds</i>
2000	76.9	67.8	51.2	17.4	0.7	1.1	216.2
2001	76.7	66.3	50.3	17.5	0.6	1.1	213.7
2002	80.6	67.7	51.5	17.7	0.6	1.2	220.8
2003	81.6	64.9	51.8	17.4	0.6	1.1	218.9
2004	84.3	66.1	51.3	17.0	0.5	1.1	221.4

¹ Total includes other chicken. World Agricultural Outlook Board (202) 720-9805.

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Cattle and Calves: January 1 Inventory

Year	Cattle Inventory ¹										Calf Crop
	Total Cattle	Cows			Bulls	Heifers			Steers 500+ lbs.	Calves <500 lbs.	
		Total	Beef	Milk		Beef	Milk	Other			
	<i>thousand head</i>	<i>thousand head</i>	<i>thousand head</i>	<i>thousand head</i>	<i>thousand head</i>	<i>thousand head</i>	<i>thousand head</i>	<i>thousand head</i>	<i>thousand head</i>	<i>thousand head</i>	<i>thousand head</i>
2001	97,298	42,570	33,398	9,172	2,274	5,588	4,057	10,131	16,461	16,216	38,631
2002	96,723	42,239	33,134	9,106	2,244	5,571	4,055	10,057	16,804	15,753	38,300
2003	96,100	42,125	32,983	9,142	2,248	5,624	4,114	9,891	16,554	15,545	38,224
2004	94,888	41,851	32,861	8,990	2,206	5,518	4,020	9,806	16,277	15,210	37,903
2005	95,848	42,060	33,055	9,005	2,219	5,746	4,133	9,793	16,511	15,385	37,625

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Cattle and Calves: Marketings, Price, and Cash Receipts

Year	Marketings ¹		Average Price		Cash Receipts ²
	Cattle	Calves	Cattle	Calves	
	<i>thousand head</i>	<i>thousand head</i>	<i>dollars/Cwt</i>	<i>dollars/Cwt</i>	<i>million dollars</i>
1999	48,373	9,855	63.40	87.70	36,530
2000	48,986	9,693	68.60	104.00	40,783
2001	47,102	9,183	71.30	106.00	40,541
2002	46,804	9,296	66.50	96.40	38,095
2003	47,683	9,595	79.70	102.00	45,095

¹ Includes custom slaughter for use on farm where produced and state outshipments but excludes interfarm sales within the state. ² Receipts from marketings and sale of farm slaughter. NASS, Livestock Branch, (202) 720-3570.

Cattle and Calves: Top 10 States

State Rank	January 1, 2005 Inventory		2004 Cash Receipts ¹	
	State	Head	State	Dollars
		<i>thousand</i>		<i>million</i>
1	Texas	13,800	Texas	7,872
2	Kansas	6,650	Nebraska	5,904
3	Nebraska	6,350	Kansas	5,618
4	California	5,400	Colorado	2,944
5	Oklahoma	5,400	Oklahoma	2,375
6	Missouri	4,450	Iowa	2,335
7	South Dakota	3,750	California	1,556
8	Iowa	3,600	South Dakota	1,501
9	Wisconsin	3,350	Missouri	1,077
10	Colorado	2,500	Idaho	1,062

¹ Receipts from marketings and sale of farm slaughter. NASS, Livestock Branch, (202) 720-3570.

Cattle and Calves: Operations and Inventory by Size Group

Year	Total	Number and Percent by Size Group (head) ¹				
		1-49	50-99	100-499	500-999	1,000+
		<i>number</i>	<i>number</i>	<i>number</i>	<i>number</i>	<i>number</i>
Number of Operations ²						
2000	1,076,370	670,650	185,650	191,710	18,630	9,730
2001	1,049,170	653,950	178,870	187,890	18,665	9,795
2002	1,036,430	647,450	174,990	185,840	18,315	9,835
2003	1,013,570	633,200	170,370	182,240	17,970	9,790
2004	989,460	618,750	163,750	178,530	18,445	9,985
		<i>percent</i>	<i>percent</i>	<i>percent</i>	<i>percent</i>	<i>percent</i>
January 1 Inventory						
2000	98,199	11.7	12.8	36.5	12.3	26.7
2001	97,298	11.5	12.4	36.2	12.4	27.5
2002	96,723	11.7	12.1	36.0	12.4	27.8
2003	96,100	11.8	12.0	35.9	12.3	28.0
2004	94,888	11.3	11.6	35.4	12.7	29.0

¹ Percent reflect average distributions of various probability surveys conducted during the year. ² An operation is any place with at least one head at any time during the year. NASS, Livestock Branch, (202) 720-3570.

Cattle and Calves: Commercial Slaughter

Year	Slaughter ¹		Average Live Weight		Average Dressed Weight ²		Meat Production	
	Cattle	Calves	Cattle	Calves	Cattle	Calves	Beef	Veal
	<i>thousand head</i>	<i>thousand head</i>	<i>pounds</i>	<i>pounds</i>	<i>pounds</i>	<i>pounds</i>	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>million pounds</i>
2000	36,246	1,132	1,219	316	745	192	26,776	215
2001	36,583	1,768	1,169	343	702	211	25,421	368
2002	35,735	1,045	1,251	326	765	190	27,193	205
2003	35,493	1,001	1,231	318	746	194	26,238	192
2004	32,880	879	1,240	330	756	201	24,649	176

¹ Excludes farm slaughter. ² Federally inspected slaughter. NASS, Livestock Branch, (202) 720-3570.

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Cattle on Feed: Inventory and Marketings by State

State ¹	Jan 1, 2005 Inventory ²	2004 Marketings	State ¹	Jan 1, 2005 Inventory ²	2004 Marketings
	<i>thousand head</i>	<i>thousand head</i>		<i>thousand head</i>	<i>thousand head</i>
Arizona	331	322	South Dakota	192	405
California	535	728	Texas	2,700	5,685
Colorado	1,080	2,080	Washington	190	423
Idaho	295	640			
Iowa	450	718			
Kansas	2,410	5,335	All Other		
Nebraska	2,300	4,480	States	350	541
New Mexico	126	211			
Oklahoma	350	736	Total U.S.	11,309	22,304

¹ 1000+ capacity feedlots. ² Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better. NASS, Livestock Branch, (202) 720-3570.

Cattle on Feed: Feedlots, Inventory, and Marketings, United States

	Counts by Size Group (head)					
	1,000- 1,999	2,000- 3,999	4,000- 7,999	8,000- 15,999	16,000- 31,999	32,000+
Number of Feedlots ¹	835	549	338	190	85	55
January 1, 2005 Inventory ²	<i>thousand head</i> 2,126	<i>thousand head</i> 737	<i>thousand head</i> 971	<i>thousand head</i> 1,320	<i>thousand head</i> 1,223	<i>thousand head</i> 1,162
Marketings ³	823	1,261	1,787	2,615	2,350	70

¹ Number of lots operating at any time during the 2004. ² Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better. ³ Marketed during calendar year 2004. NASS, Livestock Branch, (202) 720-3570.

Beef Cows: Operations and Inventory by Size Group

Year	Total	Number and Percent by Size Group (head) ¹			
		1- 49	50 - 99	100 - 499	500+
		<i>number</i>	<i>number</i>	<i>number</i>	<i>number</i>
Number of Operations ²					
2000	831,270	654,750	99,940	70,965	5,615
2001	814,520	639,150	98,890	70,890	5,590
2002	808,110	633,660	98,330	70,705	5,415
2003	792,050	620,050	96,255	70,425	5,320
2004	774,630	601,650	95,650	72,020	5,310
		<i>percent</i>	<i>percent</i>	<i>percent</i>	<i>percent</i>
January 1 Inventory					
2000	33,575	29.5	19.1	36.7	14.7
2001	33,398	29.0	19.1	37.0	14.9
2002	33,134	29.0	19.2	37.3	14.5
2003	32,983	29.1	19.0	37.5	14.4
2004	32,861	28.1	19.1	38.3	14.5

¹ Percent reflect average distributions of various probability surveys conducted during the year. ² An operation is any place with at least one head of beef cows at any time during the year. Included in operations with cattle. NASS, Livestock Branch, (202) 720-3570.

Milk Cows: Operations and Inventory by Size Group

Year	Total	Operations and Percent by Size Group (head) ¹					
		1-29	30-49	50-99	100-199	200-499	500+
		<i>number</i>	<i>number</i>	<i>number</i>	<i>number</i>	<i>number</i>	<i>number</i>
Number of Operation ²							
2000	105,055	30,820	22,210	31,190	12,835	5,340	5,340
2001	97,460	28,320	19,910	29,005	12,255	5,175	5,175
2002	92,340	26,355	18,035	27,395	11,555	4,990	4,990
2003	86,360	25,045	16,805	25,800	10,980	4,765	4,765
2004	81,440	23,720	15,525	24,055	10,445	4,685	4,685
		<i>percent</i>	<i>percent</i>	<i>percent</i>	<i>percent</i>	<i>percent</i>	<i>percent</i>
Milk Cow Inventory ³							
2000	9,183	2.9	9.1	22.0	18.1	16.6	16.6
2001	9,172	2.7	8.0	20.8	17.2	16.3	16.3
2002	9,106	2.4	7.4	19.6	16.4	16.0	15.9
2003	9,141	2.0	6.9	18.8	15.7	15.4	15.4
2004	8,991	2.0	6.6	15.5	15.1	15.0	15.3

¹ Percent reflect average distributions of various probability surveys conducted during the year. ² An operation is any place with at least one head at any time during the year. ³ Average number during year, excluding heifers not yet fresh. NASS, Livestock Branch, (202) 720-3570.

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Milk Cows: Inventory, Production, Price, and Value of Production

Year	Milk Cow Inventory ¹	Milk Production ²		Average Price	Value of Production ³
		Per Cow	Total		
	<i>thousand head</i>	<i>pounds</i>	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>dollars/cwt</i>	<i>million dollars</i>
1999	9,153	17,763	162,589	14.38	24,319
2000	9,199	18,197	167,393	12.40	20,750
2001	9,103	18,162	165,332	15.04	24,869
2002	9,139	18,608	170,063	12.18	20,720
2003	9,083	18,760	170,394	12.55	21,370

¹ Average number during year, excluding heifers not yet fresh. ² Excludes milk sucked by calves. ³ Includes value of milk fed to calves. NASS, Livestock Branch, (202) 720-3570.

Hogs and Pigs: Inventory and Pig Crop

Year	Hogs and Pigs Inventory, Dec 1			Sows Farrowed ¹	Pigs per Litter ¹	Pig Crop ¹
	Total	Breeding	Market			
	<i>thousand head</i>	<i>thousand head</i>	<i>thousand head</i>	<i>thousand head</i>		<i>thousand head</i>
2000	59,110	6,267	52,843	11,409	8.83	100,743
2001	59,722	6,201	53,521	11,385	8.84	100,617
2002	59,554	6,058	53,496	11,492	8.85	101,678
2003	60,444	6,009	54,434	11,429	8.88	101,490
2004	60,645	5,969	54,675	11,445	8.94	102,296

¹ December of preceding year through November. Record Inventory: 83.7 million head December 1, 1944. NASS, Livestock Branch, (202) 720-3570.

Hogs and Pigs: Marketings, Price, and Cash receipts

Year	Marketings ¹	Average Price	Cash Receipts ²
	<i>thousand head</i>	<i>dollars/cwt</i>	<i>million dollars</i>
1999	121,137	30.30	8,622
2000	118,545	42.30	11,758
2001	119,272	44.40	12,395
2002	124,013	33.40	9,602
2003	124,106	37.20	10,629

¹ Includes custom slaughter for use on farms where produced and state outshipments but excludes interfarm sales within the state. ² Receipts from marketings and sale of farm slaughter, includes allowance for higher average price of state inshipments and outshipments of feeder pigs. NASS, Livestock Branch, (202) 720-3570.

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Hogs and Pigs: Commercial Slaughter

Year	Slaughter ¹	Average Live Weight	Average Dressed Weight ²	Pork Production
	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>pounds</i>	<i>pounds</i>	<i>million pounds</i>
2000	97,976	262	194	18,929
2001	96,325	256	186	17,810
2002	100,263	265	197	19,685
2003	100,931	266	199	19,967
2004	103,573	267	199	20,531

¹ Excludes farm slaughter. ² Federally inspected only. NASS, Livestock Branch, (202) 720-3570.

Hogs and Pigs: Operations and Inventory

Year	Total	Number and Percent by Size of Operation (head) ¹					
		1-99	100-499	500-999	1,000-1,999	2,000-4,999	5,000+
		<i>number</i>	<i>number</i>	<i>number</i>	<i>number</i>	<i>number</i>	<i>number</i>
Number of Operations ²							
2000	87,470	50,135	16,885	7,609	5,874	4,850	2,117
2001	81,220	47,790	14,260	6,711	5,315	4,944	2,200
2002	76,250	45,640	12,261	6,234	5,031	4,811	2,273
2003	73,720	44,490	11,530	5,687	4,877	4,871	2,265
2004	69,420	42,015	10,368	5,155	4,459	5,132	2,291
		<i>percent</i>	<i>percent</i>	<i>percent</i>	<i>percent</i>	<i>percent</i>	<i>percent</i>
December 1 Inventory ²							
2000	59,110	1.0	6.5	8.0	12.5	12.5	50.0
2001	59,722	1.0	5.5	7.5	12.0	23.0	51.0
2002	59,554	1.0	5.0	6.5	12.0	22.5	53.0
2003	60,444	1.0	4.5	6.5	11.0	24.0	53.0
2004	60,645	1.0	4.0	6.0	10.0	26.0	53.0

¹ Percent average distributions of various probability surveys conducted during the year. ² Operation: a place with at least one head at any time during the year prior to December 1. NASS, Livestock Branch, (202) 720-3570.

Hogs and Pigs: Pigs per Litter

Year and Quarter	All Operations	Number of Pigs per Litter by Size of Operation (head)					
		1-99	100-499	500-999	1,000-1,999	2,000-4,999	5,000+
2000 Dec-Feb	8.76	7.50	7.90	8.20	8.50	8.70	8.90
Mar-May	8.86	7.80	7.90	8.30	8.60	8.80	9.00
Jun-Aug	8.84	7.40	7.90	8.30	8.60	8.80	9.00
Sep-Nov	8.85	7.60	8.10	8.40	8.70	8.80	9.00
2001 Dec-Feb	8.72	7.50	7.80	8.10	8.50	8.60	8.90
Mar-May	8.89	7.60	8.20	8.40	8.60	8.90	9.00
Jun-Aug	8.89	7.40	7.90	8.20	8.70	8.90	9.00
Sep-Nov	8.85	7.50	8.10	8.20	8.70	8.90	9.00
2002 Dec-Feb	8.77	7.30	7.80	8.30	8.60	8.70	8.90
Mar-May	8.84	7.70	8.10	8.40	8.70	8.80	8.90
Jun-Aug	8.92	7.70	7.80	8.50	8.80	8.80	9.00
Sep-Nov	8.86	7.50	8.20	8.40	8.60	8.80	9.00
2003 Dec-Feb	8.81	7.60	8.00	8.20	8.70	8.80	8.90
Mar-May	8.88	7.60	8.00	8.40	8.70	8.70	9.00
Jun-Aug	8.90	7.60	8.00	8.30	8.60	8.70	9.00
Sep-Nov	8.93	7.40	7.80	8.30	8.60	8.70	9.10
2004 Dec-Feb	8.85	7.60	7.90	8.20	8.60	8.70	9.00
Mar-May	8.93	7.70	7.90	8.30	8.70	8.90	9.00
Jun-Aug	9.01	7.50	7.80	8.30	8.80	8.90	9.10
Sep-Nov	8.96	7.50	7.70	8.20	8.80	8.90	9.10

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Sheep and Lambs: Sheep Inventory and Lamb Crop

Year	January 1 Sheep Inventory						
	Total	Ewes 1+ Years	Rams 1+ Years	Replace- ment Lambs	Market Lambs	Market Sheep	Lamb Crop ¹
	<i>thousand head</i>	<i>thousand head</i>	<i>thousand head</i>	<i>thousand head</i>	<i>thousand head</i>	<i>thousand head</i>	<i>thousand head</i>
2001	6,908	4,071	202	679	1,877	79	4,645
2002	6,623	3,939	201	732	1,679	73	4,520
2003	6,321	3,773	194	703	1,583	68	4,420
2004	6,105	3,610	188	702	1,540	66	4,140
2005	6,135	3,573	190	771	1,528	74	4,096

¹ Lambs crop is defined as lambs born in the Native States and lambs docked or branded in the Western States. N/A No estimated made for this item. Record Inventory: 56.2 million head on January 1, 1867. NASS, Livestock Branch, (202) 720-3570.

Sheep and Lambs: Marketings, Price, and Cash Receipts

Year	Marketings ¹		Average Price		Cash Receipts ²
	Sheep	Lambs	Sheep	Lambs	
	<i>thousand head</i>	<i>thousand head</i>	<i>dollars/cwt</i>	<i>dollars/cwt</i>	<i>million dollars</i>
1999	790	5,208	31.10	74.50	469
2000	811	4,875	34.30	79.80	476
2001	740	4,838	34.60	66.90	403
2002	855	4,794	28.20	74.10	429
2003	827	4,368	34.90	94.40	505

¹ Includes custom slaughter for use on farm where produced and State outshipments but excludes interfarm sales within the State. ² Receipts from marketings and sale of farm slaughter. NASS, Livestock Branch, (202) 720-3570.

Sheep and Lambs: Commercial Slaughter

Year	Slaughter ¹	Average Live Weight	Average Dressed Weight ²	Lamb and Mutton Production
	<i>thousand head</i>	<i>pounds</i>	<i>thousand pounds</i>	<i>million pounds</i>
2000	3,460	135	68	232
2001	3,701	133	67	243
2002	3,286	133	68	222
2003	3,042	134	68	204
2004	3,906	136	69	199

¹ Excludes farm slaughter. ² Federally inspected only. NASS, Livestock Branch, (202) 720-3570.

Sheep and Lambs: Wool Production and Value

Year	Sheep Shorn ¹	Weight per Fleece	Shorn Wool Production	Average Price ²	Value of Production
	<i>thousand head</i>	<i>pounds</i>	<i>thousand pounds</i>	<i>dollars/pounds</i>	<i>thousand dollars</i>
2000	6,141	7.6	46,428	0.38	17,704
2001	6,032	7.6	45,551	0.33	14,948
2002	5,596	7.5	42,156	0.35	14,841
2003	5,462	7.5	41,078	0.53	21,689
2004	5,074	7.5	38,299	0.73	28,126

¹ Includes shearing at commercial feedlots. ² Weighted by sales. NASS, Livestock Branch, (202) 720-3570.

Breeding Sheep: Survey Percent by Size Group

Year	Total	Percent by Size Groups			
		1 - 99	100 - 499	500- 4,999	5,000+
		<i>percent</i>	<i>percent</i>	<i>percent</i>	<i>percent</i>
Number of Operations ²					
2001	68,600	90.8	7.5	1.6	0.1
2002	68,150	91.1	7.3	1.5	0.1
2003	67,720	91.8	6.7	1.4	0.1
2004	67,160	92.2	6.3	1.4	0.1
2005		92.0	6.5	1.4	0.1
Jan 1 Breeding Inventory		<i>percent</i>	<i>percent</i>	<i>percent</i>	<i>percent</i>
2001	4,952	28.8	23.8	33.7	13.7
2002	4,871	30.1	23.5	32.4	14.0
2003	4,670	29.9	23.8	33.1	13.2
2004	4,499	31.7	22.0	33.0	13.3
2005	4,533	30.3	22.0	33.5	14.2

¹ Percent distribution according to-end-of-year surveys. ² Operation a place with at least one head at any time during the year. NASS, Livestock Branch, (202) 720-3570.

Livestock

Honey: Number of Colonies, Yield, Production, Stocks, Price, and Value ¹

Year	Honey Producing Colonies	Yield per Colony	Production	Stocks Dec 15 ²	Average Price per Pound	Value of Production
	<i>thousand</i>	<i>pounds</i>	<i>thousand pounds</i>	<i>thousand pounds</i>	<i>cents</i>	<i>thousand dollars</i>
2000	2,622	84.0	220,286	85,244	59.7	132,865
2001	2,550	73.0	186,051	64,901	71.3	132,989
2002	2,574	66.7	171,718	39,393	132.7	228,338
2003	2,599	69.9	181,727	40,785	138.7	253,106
2004	2,556	71.8	183,582	61,222	108.5	201,790

¹ For producers with 5 or more colonies. ² Stocks held by producers. Does not include stocks under loan. NASS, Livestock Branch, (202) 720-3570.

Broilers: Production, Price, and Value

Year	Production ¹		Average Price ²	Value of Production
	Head	Pounds		
	<i>million</i>	<i>million</i>	<i>dollars/pound</i>	<i>million dollars</i>
1999	8,146,410	40,829,000	0.371	15,128,509
2000	8,283,700	41,626,100	0.336	13,989,424
2001	8,389,770	42,452,400	0.393	16,696,089
2002	8,591,080	44,058,700	0.305	13,437,345
2003	8,492,850	43,958,200	0.346	15,214,947

¹ Excludes states producing fewer than 500,000 broilers. ² Liveweight equivalent price. NASS, Livestock Branch, (202) 720-3570.

Layers: Egg Production, Price, and Value

Year ¹	Avg. Number of Layers	Eggs per Layer ²	Egg Production	Average Price ³	Value of Production
	<i>thousand</i>		<i>thousand</i>	<i>dollars/dozen</i>	<i>thousand dollars</i>
1999	323,251	257	82,946	0.621	4,292,371
2000	329,067	257	84,717	0.617	4,358,648
2001	336,330	256	86,093	0.622	4,460,701
2002	339,294	257	87,252	0.589	4,284,930
2003 ⁴	338,393	259	87,473	0.731	5,315,311

¹ Estimates cover December 1 of previous year through November 30. ² Total egg production divided by average number of layers on hand. ³ Average of all eggs sold, including hatching eggs. ⁴ Revision to price and value of egg production will be published April 28, 2005. NASS, Livestock Branch, (202) 720-3570.

Chickens: Inventory and Value

Year (Dec 1)	Inventory Number ¹				Average Price per Head	Inventory Value
	Layers ²	Pullets ³	Other Chickens	Total		
	<i>thousand head</i>	<i>thousand head</i>	<i>thousand head</i>	<i>thousand head</i>	<i>dollars</i>	<i>thousand dollars</i>
2000	333,593	95,159	8,088	436,840	2.44	1,064,171
2001	340,317	95,656	8,126	444,099	2.41	1,069,335
2002	340,209	95,289	8,353	443,851	2.38	1,055,316
2003	340,979	100,346	8,439	449,764	2.48	1,116,273
2004	344,278	101,624	8,263	454,165	2.47	1,120,663

¹ Excludes commercial broilers. ² Pullets 20 weeks old or older plus layers one year old or older. ³ Pullets less than 20 weeks old. NASS, Livestock Branch, (202) 720-3570.

Turkeys: Production, Price, and Value

Year	Production		Average Price ²	Value of Production
	Head ¹	Pounds		
	<i>thousand</i>	<i>thousand</i>	<i>dollars/pound</i>	<i>thousand dollars</i>
1999	270,494	6,886,406	.408	2,809,874
2000	270,466	6,959,833	.406	2,828,489
2001	272,660	7,173,111	.390	2,796,821
2002	275,477	7,494,861	.365	2,732,481
2003 ³	274,348	7,549,333	.360	2,720,180

¹ Based on turkeys placed September 1 of previous year through August 31 of year indicated. ² Liveweight equivalent price. ³ Revision will be published April 28, 2005. NASS, Livestock Branch, (202) 720-3570.

Catfish and Trout: Operations, Catfish Water Acres, and Grower Sales

Year	Number of Operations on Jan 1		Catfish Water Acres Jan 1	Total Sales ¹	
	Catfish	Trout		Catfish	Trout
			<i>acres</i>	<i>thousand dollars</i>	<i>thousand dollars</i>
2000	1,252	690	187,330	489,291	76,506
2001	1,277	662	195,820	501,400	75,373
2002	1,236	637	196,760	443,681	76,241
2003	1,161	606	187,200	411,413	69,935
2004	1,147	545	177,790	425,024	64,046
2005	1,158	601			68,716

¹ Catfish total includes broodfish for breeding and previously used for breeding, and fingerlings and fry. Trout total includes fingerlings and eggs. NASS, Livestock Branch, (202) 720-3570.