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Milk Expansion Easing

Milk production has finally shown signs of slowing growth. Milk cow numbers may be on the verge of turning downward, and gains in milk per cow have eased from the torrid pace of late 1999 and much of 2000. Even so, year-to-year increases in milk production are expected throughout 2001 and probably will still be large through at least the first half of the year.

Milk cow numbers hit a plateau during September-November that may foretell declines. However, typical year-to-year decreases may be slow in coming. Recent numbers were more than 1 percent higher than a year earlier, and the structural changes that led to 2 years of rising cow numbers are not likely to be reversed quickly. Higher slaughter cow prices will help trim cow numbers slightly, as cull cow prices probably will be the highest in 8 years. However, the increase is not expected to be dramatic, and the gap between replacement and slaughter value probably will stay wide, as replacement prices are not projected to decline much.

Expansion by financially stronger producers is likely to continue, but the rate may slacken. The accelerated growth triggered by the strong returns of 1998-99 probably is about over. Those expansions begun before the late 1999 price adjustment probably will soon be up to capacity. The shortage of replacement heifers that delayed the full impact of expansions during 1998, 1999, and much of 2000 appears to have eased. Expansions based on recent prices and returns probably will be more conservative than during the last 2 years.

The number of financially weaker farmers leaving dairying may have increased during recent months, as supplies of old forage were exhausted and any remaining illusions about price recovery dissipated. Aided by direct payments under milk and crop programs and by cash saved during the preceding 2 years, many of these farmers were able to hang on through summer even though current earnings were not very competitive. Exit rates are expected to accelerate gradually during the next year.

Milk cow numbers are expected to move below a year earlier during the middle of 2001. However, decreases are not projected to be very large even by yearend. For the year as a whole, cow numbers are expected to fall only fractionally and may not offset this year's increase of almost 1 percent.

Although protein prices have been somewhat stronger because of European demand, prices of concentrate feeds remain fairly low. Milk-feed price ratios have been modestly favorable to increased concentrate feeding. Forage supplies are ample in most parts of the country even if quality is a bit disappointing in some cases. Gains in milk per cow remain above trend, relative to long-run averages, because of these generally favorable conditions. However, increases have slowed somewhat from the very large rises of late 1999 and earlier in 2000.

Generally favorable feed conditions are expected through at least the first half of 2001, and milk per cow should be fairly strong, barring substantial weather problems. However, very large increases are not projected because of nagging problems with forage quality and the lack of dramatic incentive to shift to higher concentrate rations. Similar to October-December 2000, 2001 increases may seem modest compared with the very strong levels of a year earlier, even if they are trend or above-trend rises compared with longer run averages. Milk per cow is projected to increase more than 1 percent in 2001, compared with a 2000 increase of well over 2 percent.

Milk production in 2001 is projected to rise about 1 percent, following jumps of more than 3 percent in 1999 and in 2000. The largest increases probably will be in the first half, but milk output is expected to stay above a year earlier throughout the year. The low milk prices of 2000-01 are projected to slow, but not stop, expansion in milk production.

Dairy Product Output Up

The milk equivalent of manufactured products in September-October rose about 1.5 percent from a year earlier, only about half the increase that would have been expected on the basis of the milk production and fluid use data. A skim-solids accounting would have given a very similar picture. Although direct use of milk in processed foods probably was somewhat larger this year, there may be some inconsistency in the data for recent months.

Most of the increase in manufacturing milk supplies went into cheese production during September-October. The value of milk in cheese was competitive in September, a position not seen very often in 2000. However, manufacturing operations may have had a number of reasons to resist moving milk from cheese into butter-powder even when, like most of the current quarter, the value of milk in butter-powder has been much higher. Changes in the Federal order pricing regime and consolidation of orders have lessened the incentive to shift milk among manufactured uses. Cheese commitments, longer run strategy, reluctance to reduce milk flows to relatively new cheese capacity, and limited opportunities to market nonfat dry milk also may have played significant roles.

Commercial dairy stocks shot to very heavy levels last summer but have fallen considerably since then. November 1 holdings were 7.4 billion pounds, milk equivalent (milkfat basis), down from 10.5 billion on August 1. Stocks also dropped (from 10.7 billion pounds to 8.4 billion) when measured on a skim solids basis. At yearend, commercial stocks are projected to be only moderately larger than a year earlier.

Swings in the unmeasured quantities of pipeline holdings may have been more important to 2000 markets than were the warehouse holdings. Pipeline stocks of cheese were apparently built to large levels during the spring and summer, allowing most of the autumn holiday needs to be met by drawing down these holdings. On the other hand, pipeline stocks of butter apparently stayed small throughout late summer and autumn and could provide very little to meet holiday needs.

Dairy Demand Good

Commercial use was brisk during August-October, even though sales of those products sold mostly in retail stores were lackluster and the apparent movement of cheese was trimmed by reductions in pipeline stocks. Demand continues to benefit from economic expansion, and use was bolstered by mostly favorable prices. Commercial disappearance of all dairy products rose almost 4 percent from a year earlier on a milkfat basis. Use of skim solids was not quite as strong but managed a more-than-2-percent increase.

Butter sales rose sharply during August-October, part of a pattern of good movement for high-fat products. Disappearance of cheese also posted significant gains. Those products with less restaurant or food processor use did not fare as well, continuing the pattern of recent years. Fluid milk sales were close to a year earlier, as were ice cream and cottage cheese use. Sales of reduced fat versions of perishable manufactured products were generally lower. Commercial use of nonfat dry milk continued to slip.

Demand is expected to grow again in 2001. The general economy is projected to continue its expansion, consumer incomes are likely to be up, and there is no indication that consumers will start being more conservative about food spending. However, dairy demand may not be quite as strong as it was during the last 2 years. The economy is showing signs of being less uniformly robust, and wealth has not grown as much this year. Even if demand growth is not quite as brisk, use should be stimulated by generally favorable prices.

Powder Purchases Large

Government purchases of nonfat dry milk under the price support program remained large this autumn. Removals under the Dairy Export Incentive Program (DEIP) were modest because no new contracts were accepted after early summer, and modest commercial exports have not been enough to absorb the domestic surplus. Net removals of nonfat dry milk during October-November were a third larger than a year ago.

Since the late September collapse in cheese prices, less than 10 million pounds of cheese have been bought under the price support program. Only small purchases apparently were needed to drain off the extra cheese overhanging the market during the fall holiday period. Most of the purchases were natural cheese.

Net removals in 2000 will total less than 1 billion pounds, milk equivalent, milkfat basis. With domestic milkfat markets tight during most of the year, little butter could be found for DEIP exports. On the other hand, removals on a skim solids basis will total almost 9 billion pounds, milk equivalent. The surplus of skim solids persists mostly because commercial use of skim solids, unlike that of milkfat, has failed to keep pace with growth in milk production. The surplus of skim solids has been considerably larger than the milkfat surplus every year since 1994.

International Dairy Markets Steady

International markets for nonfat dry milk stay tight but calm. Asian demand has been brisk, reflecting their improving economies. Meanwhile, international market supplies are a bit tight. Milk production in Oceania did not peak as high as expected due to moderately unfavorable weather, and European export supplies have been trimmed by relatively good domestic feed demand. However, buyers are relatively unconcerned about tight supplies and continue to live hand to mouth because they know that large U.S. supplies are available for, at most, a small cost difference. Commercial U.S. exports have probably been less than 15,000 tons. International powder prices are expected to stay slightly below U.S. domestic prices until spring at least.

International butter prices have risen somewhat since summer because of seasonal tightness in the Northern Hemisphere and Ramadan demand. However, prices remain near year-earlier levels, mostly because overall demand has not picked up. Russian imports have been moderate and erratic, and no new demand has developed. Butter prices possibly would be weak were it not for the effects of strong domestic demand on European and (to a much smaller extent) North American export supplies. Unless Oceanic production weakens during the rest of their season, butter prices probably will slip in coming months.

Dairy Prices Weak

Dairy product prices are ending 2000 quite weak. Butter prices dropped sharply once the last holiday shipments were made, cheese prices struggled to rise above support prices, and nonfat dry milk prices have not had any significant strength since late 1998. Large supplies, particularly of skim solids, will limit any price strength during the first half of 2001. However, easing increases in milk production, continued strong demand, and presumably corrected pipeline stocks might lend a little buoyancy to normally soft winter prices.

Heavy milk supplies kept farm milk prices soft throughout 2000. The lack of seasonal strength late in the year was particularly pronounced. Prices for 2000 will average about $12.30 per cwt, down $2 from a year earlier and the lowest since at least 1991. With prices of butter being strongest of the major products, Class IV (milk used for butter and dry milk) prices in Federal order markets ran above Class III (milk used in cheese) prices throughout the year, often by a wide margin. Formulas for Class III and IV prices will change in January. For further details, go to Dairy Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service (http:// www.ams.usda.gov).

Farm milk prices are projected to stay relatively weak during the first half of 2001, averaging only slightly above a year earlier. Even if milk production expansion is slowing, supplies are expected to be large enough to limit price response until after the flush season. Modest seasonal price increases are projected for the second half, but these rises will depend on the amount of moderation in milk production growth. Average prices are expected to increase 3-5 percent for the year as a whole.

Beef Production Record-Large in 2000

The beef sector shows little hint that heifer retention and herd expansion is near. However, the base for future production has been eroded. Although cattle prices have risen sharply in 2000, broad-based drought again resulted in large numbers of heifers being placed on feed. Beef production in 2000 is forecast record-large and up over 1 percent from the 1999 record. Cattle slaughter was up only marginally from 1999, but slaughter weights continue the rapid upward spiral, averaging up another 9 pounds. At least part of the rise is due to reduced beef cow slaughter. Steer and bull-stag slaughter was about unchanged from a year earlier, however, all other slaughter classes rose over year-earlier levels. Steer slaughter remained near the largest levels since 1995. Heifer slaughter is forecast up about 2 percent and was the second largest on record. The record 12.161 million heifers was set in 1976, when the cattle inventory was nearly one-third larger. Dairy cow slaughter will likely be up 3 to 4 percent as inventory adjustments began. Beef cow slaughter is projected down about 7 percent, the fourth year of decline as the sector attempts to maintain its base for future production. In sharp contrast to the heifer slaughter, beef cow slaughter peaked in 1975 at more than double the 2000 level.

Cattle on feed inventories continue to decline as marketings remain large and feedlot placements fall in line with declining cattle inventories and improvement in moisture conditions in most areas. Cattle on feed inventories on December 1 were up 2 percent from a year earlier, but placements during November were down 8 percent, marking the third month of year-to-year declines. Smaller movements of stocker-feeder cattle following drought induced early movement, and placement of these cattle will result in reduced feedlot placements for the next couple of years, regardless of how anemic heifer retention may be in 2001. The more favorable grazing conditions are, the more strength will be added to heifer retention. For the past couple of years heifers were retained, but were forced into feedlots due to poor conditions. Most of the heifers from the 2000 calf crop have already moved as cattlemen concentrated on maintaining the cow herd under severe drought conditions.

Hog Prices Rally

Hog prices in December have rallied from $38 per cwt to the low $40's in December as slaughter rates have lagged behind early expectations. Severe winter storms in the North Central States are contributing to the lower slaughter. With the winter storms and the typical reduced slaughter weeks due to the holidays, slaughter rates in early 2001 will likely exceed early expectations and pressure hog prices. The December ***Hogs and Pigs*** report to be issued on December 28 will provide additional information on hog inventories and producers' farrowing intentions.

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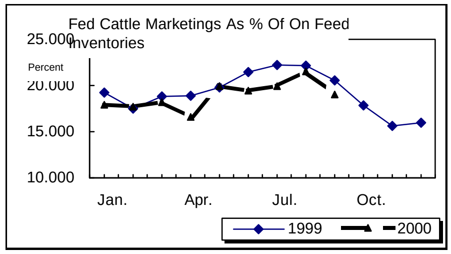
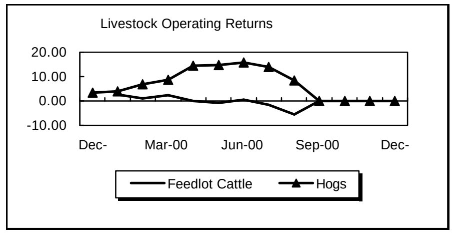
PRODUCTION INDICATORS

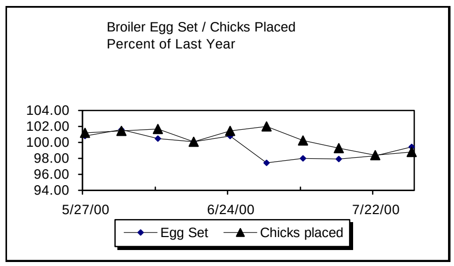
	Nov. '99	2000 Sep.	Oct.	Nov. /*
			1000 Head	
Cattle:				
On feed - 7 States, 1,000+ Hd	9,789	8,972	9,502	10,192
Net placements	1,761	2,238	2,337	1,589
Marketings	1,530	1,708	1,647	1,568
Broilers:				
Eggs in incubators (000) /1	573,510	613,689	586,587	563,263
Chicks hatched (000) /2	673,736	704,901	711,012	674,222
Hatching egg layers /1	55,273	54,285	53,520	53,602
Pullets placed (000)	6,984	6,469	6,694	7,105
Hvy-type hen slaughter /2	5,204	5,378	5,889	5,075
Turkeys:				
Eggs in incubators (000) /1	29,189	30,338	29,460	29,317
Poults placed (000)	23,379	23,016	23,672	23,357
Eggs:				
Table egg prod. (mil. doz.) /2	497.3	483.6	504.3	498.8
Table egg layers, (000) /1	269,258	267,634	270,010	273,025
Table eggs/100 layers /1	72.8	72.5	71.3	72.4
Chicks hatched (000) /2	33,078	36,290	35,231	32,646
Lt.-type hen slaughter /2	7,573	6,896	6,896	7,425

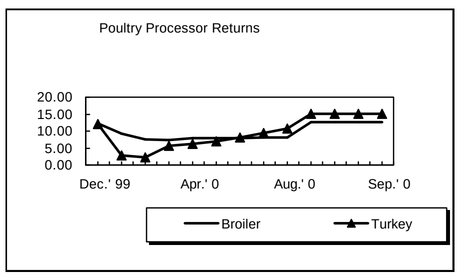




ESTIMATED RETURNS

	Dec. '99	2000 Oct.	Nov.	Dec. /*
			Cents/lb.	
Great Plains cattle feedlot				
Breakeven price /3	0.00	72.28	74.42	71.83
Selling price	69.01	68.51	72.19	76.45
Net margin	69.01	-3.77	-2.23	4.62
N. Central hog farrow to finish				
Breakeven price /3	34.21	38.31	37.02	35.75
Selling price	37.70	43.09	37.75	41.50
Net margin	3.49	4.78	0.73	5.75
Broiler				
Wholesale cost	46.23	45.51	46.22	46.95
Wholesale price	58.42	57.22	58.22	56.75
Net margin	12.19	11.71	12.00	9.80
Turkey				
Wholesale cost	56.99	56.61	56.18	57.38
Wholesale price	69.00	76.01	75.65	66.25
Net margin	12.01	19.40	19.47	8.87
Egg				
Wholesale cost	62.15	61.54	62.98	64.21
Wholesale price	67.26	76.82	84.69	90.50
Net margin	5.11	15.28	21.71	26.29





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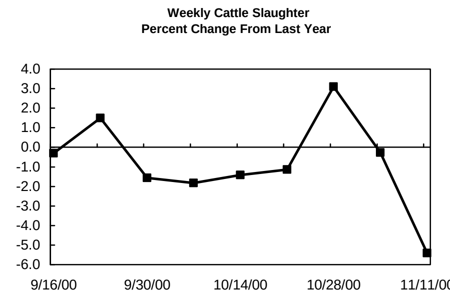
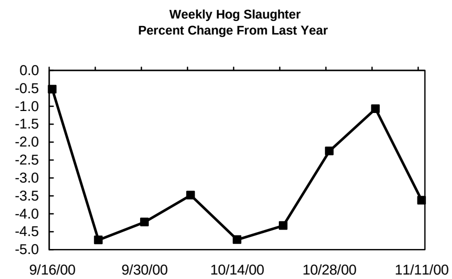
MEAT STATISTICS

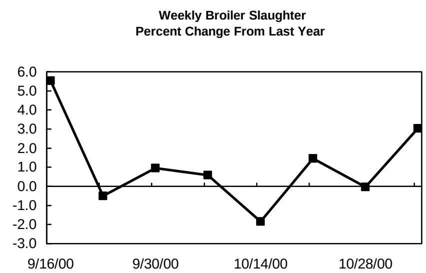
	Jan. - Dec. 1999	Jan. - Dec. 2000	2000 Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec. /*
Commercial production				*Million pounds*			
Beef	26,386	26,764	2,437	2,275	2,345	2,169	1,986
Veal	226	215	17	17	18	18	17
Pork	19,278	18,877	1,641	1,552	1,715	1,712	1,555
Lamb	244	229	18	17	18	20	20
Total red meat	46,134	46,085	4,113	3,861	4,096	3,919	3,578
Broilers	29,741	30,380	2,744	2,342	2,595	2,475	2,450
Other chicken	552	533	50	41	43	43	41
Turkeys	5,297	5,414	483	423	496	465	445
Total poultry	35,590	36,327	3,276	2,805	3,134	2,983	2,936
Total meat & poultry	81,724	82,412	7,389	6,666	7,230	6,902	6,514

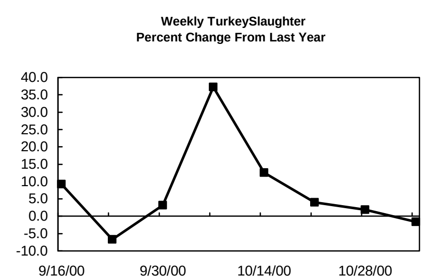


	Jan. - Dec. 1999	Jan. - Dec. 2000	2000 Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec. /*
Commercial slaughter/**				*Thousand head*			
Cattle	36,150	36,227	3,260	3,035	3,141	2,931	2,698
Steers	17,932	17,829	1,681	1,516	1,479	1,135	1,332
Heifers	11,868	12,155	1,061	1,022	1,100	1,135	847
Beef Cows	3,086	2,865	235	227	267	309	227
Dairy Cows	2,624	2,739	224	217	241	294	243
Bulls and stags	639	638	59	52	54	58	49
Calves	1,282	1,130	100	93	97	92	90
Sheep	3,701	3,444	283	269	279	296	290
Hogs	101,544	97,820	8,622	8,118	8,881	8,757	7,960
Barrows & gilts	97,732	94,436	8,310	7,840	8,579	8,458	7,680
Sows	3,397	3,066	285	255	275	272	255
Broilers	8,111,656	8,259,130	758,249	638,358	699,749	675,000	645,000
Turkeys	265,251	269,245	24,958	21,485	25,254	23,750	22,700



	Dec. 1999	2000 Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec. /*
F.I. dressed weight			*Pounds*			
Cattle	742	754	756	753	747	744
Calves	184	177	178	190	199	201
Sheep	68	64	65	67	69	69
Hogs	193	192	192	194	197	196
Beginning cold storage stocks			*Million pounds*			
Beef	308.9	365.0	378.1	384.8	393.0	391.0
Pork	422.5	473.1	449.0	439.4	443.9	453.4
Bellies	26.2	50.5	33.0	21.3	20.6	38.7
Hams	82.8	130.4	141.1	147.4	134.8	95.2
Total chicken	795.6	825.1	808.4	817.7	760.6	756.2
Turkey	252.3	524.1	524.8	527.8	475.4	259.5
Frozen eggs	8.5	14.4	14.9	14.4	16.5	15.5





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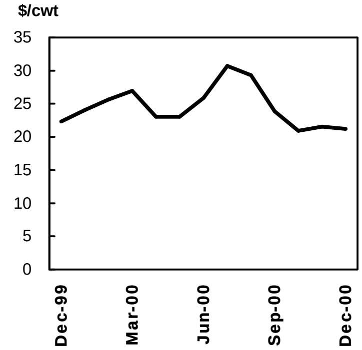
/** Slaughter classes are estimated

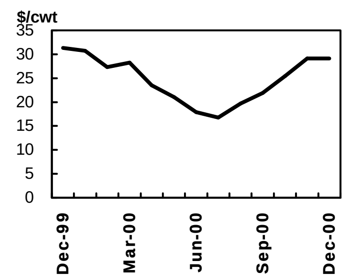
LIVESTOCK PRICES

	1999 Dec.	2000 Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec. /*
Cattle prices			*$/cwt.*			
Steers, Choice, 11-13 cwt.						
Texas Panhandle	69.01	65.02	65.43	68.51	72.19	76.45
Nebraska Direct	69.05	64.69	65.14	68.54	72.05	76.30
Cows - Sioux Falls						
Utility breaking	41.70	45.60	44.63	42.75	41.50	43.10
Utility boning	38.80	43.00	41.88	38.25	39.38	41.35
Feeder Cattle - Oklahoma City						
Steers: Med. #1						
500-550 lb.	99.71	100.27	96.00	94.08	99.39	100.00
600-650 lb.	91.33	94.35	89.27	89.45	93.73	97.65
750-800 lb.	88.48	85.85	83.64	85.96	89.80	91.75
Heifers: Med. #1						
450-500 lb.	89.37	93.21	87.19	88.71	95.75	96.15
700-750 lb.	79.66	82.25	81.21	82.21	85.40	85.40
Hog prices						
Barrows and gilts						
National base 51-52% lean	37.70	45.35	43.49	43.09	37.84	41.50
(live equivalent = carcass x .74)						
Sows						
Iowa-S. Minn. #1-2, 300-40(	19.96	32.55	30.72	31.45	26.90	30.00
Sheep & lamb prices						
San Angelo TX						
Slaughter lambs, Choice	83.29	82.20	82.00	77.50	76.70	75.25
Ewes, Good	41.21	41.40	43.43	43.18	45.85	46.25
Feeder lambs, Choice	88.67	91.70	93.89	92.00	103.65	99.50

Cattle Price Spread
Stocker minus Fed Steer



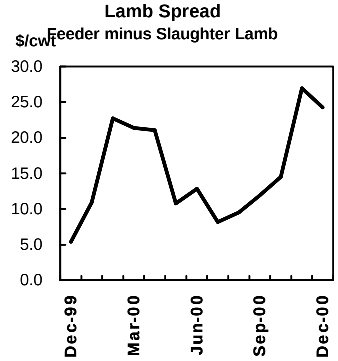
Steer - Hog Price Spread
Fed Steer minus Live Hog



GRAIN AND FEED PRICES

	1999 Dec.	2000 Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec. /*
			$/bu			
Corn, #2 Yellow, Cen. Ill	1.84	1.49	1.58	1.81	1.96	2.00
Wheat, HRW Ord., K.C.	2.57	2.73	2.99	3.30	3.36	3.38
			$/ton			
SBM, 48% Solvent, Decatur	154.00	157.48	174.60	171.52	179.95	196.00
Alfalfa Hay, U.S. Avg	73.20	93.90	93.90	93.90	93.90	93.90
Grass Hay, U.S. Avg	65.90	71.30	71.30	71.30	71.30	71.30

Lamb Spread
Feeder minus Slaughter Lamb



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WHOLESALE PRICES

	1999	2000				
	Dec.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec. /*
Beef, Central U.S.						
Boxed beef cutout			$/cwt			
Choice 1-3 550-700 lb.	117.71	111.20	108.68	112.58	118.05	126.00
Choice 1-3 700-850 lb.	116.88	110.33	108.56	112.66	118.00	126.10
Select 1-3 700-850 lb.	105.67	106.59	102.08	102.02	109.24	116.75
Canner-Cutter Cows	68.38	73.04	69.57	70.08	72.11	72.50
Bnls beef, 90% fresh	95.25	101.54	94.61	93.69	101.16	101.50
Importd bnls. beef 90% frz.	95.25	95.48	90.88	89.66	97.48	95.75
Hide & offal value	7.90	8.16	8.63	8.65	8.69	8.91
Veal carcass, 220-280 lb.	195.60	N/A	N/A	NA	NA	NA
Pork, Central U.S.						
Pork cutout composite	58.64	65.69	63.22	62.40	56.75	60.25
Loins, 14-19 lb. Bl 1/4" trim	102.57	120.45	119.22	119.90	104.19	113.50
Bellies, 12-14 lb. skin on trmd	71.37	75.64	63.94	57.83	51.97	58.50
Hams, 20-23 lb. Bl trmd. TS1	49.79	59.47	59.87	55.94	51.02	54.00
Trimmings, 72% fresh	36.87	47.82	43.88	46.64	38.77	40.50
Lamb, East Coast						
55 lb. Down, Choice	169.70	179.15	167.25	159.03	155.50	152.25
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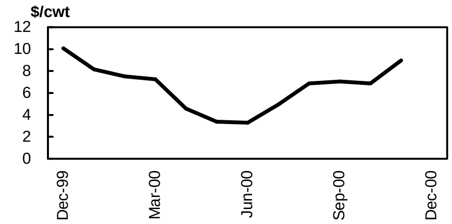
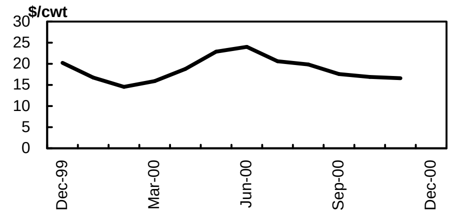
			cents/lb.			
Broilers						
12 City Avg.	58.42	55.47	58.35	57.22	58.22	56.75
Georgia dock	57.48	58.80	60.29	60.20	60.22	60.25
Northeast						
Breast, boneless	134.66	152.59	158.81	129.82	117.75	116.00
Breast, Ribs on	68.40	72.83	79.15	68.86	64.75	62.50
Legs, whole	30.21	34.60	35.59	38.93	38.75	36.25
Leg quarters	18.85	22.49	27.78	28.41	26.50	22.25
Turkeys						
Eastern Region						
Toms, 16-24 lb.	65.62	70.72	73.33	74.81	72.88	66.50
Hens, 8-16 lb.	72.39	73.61	76.53	78.74	79.58	75.25
Breast, 4-8 lb.	113.00	108.66	106.82	110.14	108.50	96.25
Drumsticks	28.94	25.41	29.26	30.65	27.25	23.25
Wings, full cut	30.62	21.38	23.44	26.85	25.50	23.75
Eggs, grd A, lg, doz						
!2 City Metro	67.26	75.32	68.85	76.82	84.69	91.75
New York	65.40	72.50	67.08	72.98	81.75	94.50

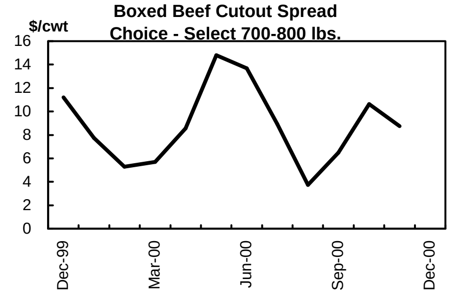
Hog to Cutout Price Spread
Pork + Offal - Live Hog



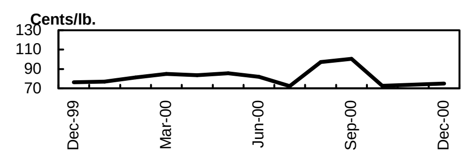
Steer to Cutout Price Spread
Beef + Offal - Fed Steer



Boxed Beef Cutout Spread
Choice - Select 700-800 lbs.



Broiler Price Spread
Boneless Breast - Whole Bird



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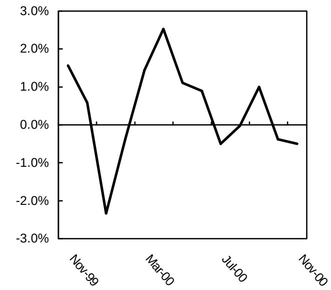
RETAIL PRICES & SPREADS

	Jun-2000	Jul-2000	Aug-2000	Sep-2000	Oct-2000	Nov-2000
Retail prices			***Cents/lb.***			
Beef - Choice	311.5	310.0	309.9	313.0	311.8	310.3
Beef - All Fresh	278.6	279.5	280.2	280.9	279.9	279.0
Ground Beef	155.6	157.4	161.1	157.9	158.2	162.1
Round Roast	294.9	285.9	292.5	299.5	295.0	293.1
T-bone steak	721.8	719.4	716.4	721.8	725.7	709.8
Pork	260.3	262.3	265.6	265.0	262.1	259.3
Bacon	313.2	316.8	320.0	320.9	306.9	305.3
Chops	332.8	340.6	348.2	345.6	343.9	339.7
Sausage	268.6	266.9	269.1	271.4	261.2	258.3
Broilers - Composite[1]	155.1	155.8	158.3	156.8	156.3	151.5
Whole, fresh	106.9	108.9	108.6	108.7	109.0	106.5
Breast - bone in	206.4	206.7	212.6	208.9	208.6	206.9
Leg - bone in	128.6	129.3	129.8	129.7	128.7	120.9
Turkey; whole frozen	106.5	109.5	104.5	104.4	106.7	98.1
Eggs, Gr A, Lg, Doz	83.8	86.8	89.3	92.0	92.3	90.2
Price indexes			***1982-84=100***			
CPI - All	172.3	172.6	172.8	173.7	174.0	0.0
All food	167.3	168.1	168.7	168.9	169.1	0.0
All meat	151.7	152.7	153.9	153.8	152.9	152.5
Beef & veal	149.9	149.5	150.4	150.2	148.9	149.3
Pork	157.5	159.9	162.1	161.4	160.7	158.0
Poultry	159.3	161.8	161.3	160.9	162.1	157.2
Price Spreads			***Cents / retail lb.***			
Beef						
Farm to wholesale	41.5	34.9	34.1	32.0	30.8	30.3
Wholesale to retail	120.8	130.4	137.3	144.4	137.4	127.5
Farmers share (%)	48	47	45	44	46	49
Pork						
Farm to wholesale	30.4	33.2	36.5	34.6	38.0	12.5
Wholesale to retail	138.2	139.2	148.3	153.1	147.8	180.9
Farmers share (%)	35	34	30	29	29	25
Poultry and eggs						
Wholesale to retail						
Broilers[1]	102.9	105.4	106.6	99.5	95.4	91.3
Retail to consumer						
Turkey	29.5	30.9	23.7	21.1	21.7	13.4
Eggs Cents/doz	18.3	25.6	15.0	24.0	16.5	6.5

Retail Beef Price
Percent Change From Previous Month



Retail Pork Price
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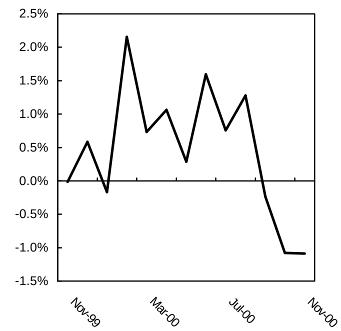
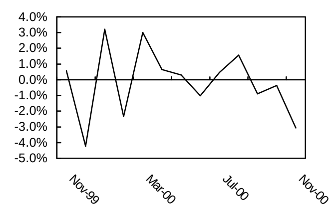
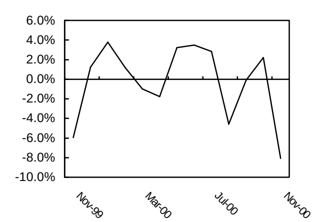


Composite Broiler Price
Percent Change from Previous Month



Retail Turkey Price
Percent Change from Previous Month



Cumulative U.S. Livestock & Meat Imports and Exports

	1998	1999	Jan. - Oct-1999	Jan. - Oct-2000
Beef & Veal				
Imports		*Carcass wt., thousand lbs.*		
Australia	855,260	865,595	726,346	821,814
New Zealand	593,101	560,957	502,774	611,065
Canada	823,073	947,238	792,406	767,633
Brazil	135,055	202,241	168,743	149,245
Argentina	124,191	156,785	128,762	114,756
Central America	51,753	62,392	48,962	53,367
Uruguay	50,237	65,931	55,542	56,881
Mexico	9,142	10,482	8,753	9,177
Other	1,294	2,069	1,388	1,066
Total	2,643,105	2,873,689	2,433,676	2,585,005
Beef & Veal Exports				
Japan	1,118,488	1,101,164	926,171	942,516
Canada	261,211	249,463	201,008	213,283
Mexico	418,855	466,003	374,181	433,544
Korea, Rep.	153,808	307,957	251,311	333,534
Caribbean	21,089	30,369	24,168	16,740
Russia	52,464	97,299	67,775	35,889
Other	144,727	164,860	136,956	124,880
Total	2,170,642	2,417,115	1,981,570	2,100,385
Cattle Imports			*Head*	
Mexico	720,439	959,840	612,032	875,555
Canada	1,313,476	985,215	877,992	812,578
Over 700 lbs.	1,183,457	865,558	776,018	713,490
440-700 lbs.	47,558	22,081	18,724	26,458
Total	2,034,009	1,945,076	1,490,035	1,688,143
Cattle Exports				
Mexico	160,474	100,481	83,838	107,996
Canada	116,762	222,830	148,926	275,077
Total	285,209	329,319	238,340	387,381
Lamb Imports		*Carcass wt.,*	*thousand*	*lbs.*
Australia	42,438	48,587	40,366	46,106
New Zealand	34,799	33,991	28,904	29,760
Total	77,813	83,052	69,608	77,084
Mutton Imports				
Total	34,510	29,463	21,311	28,296

Customs Service	*Product wt.,*	*metric tons*	
YTD imports under WT	12/26/99	12/26/00	% of quota
Canada	331,282	324,084	NA
Mexico	2,886	3,022	NA
TRQ Countries	517,040	577,545	83
Australia	278,811	312,438	83
New Zealand	179,143	213,402	100
Argentina	20,000	12,456	62
Uruguay	19,741	16,326	82
Other	19,346	22,924	35
Total	851,208	904,651	NA

IMPORTANT NOTE: Russian data revised 11/21/00.

	1998	1999	Jan. - Oct-1999	Jan. - Oct-2000
Pork Imports		*Carcass wt.,*	*thousand lbs.*	
Canada	491,226	617,339	500,596	610,326
Denmark	135,513	132,868	113,302	125,965
Poland	19,801	23,090	19,484	19,480
Netherlands	9,972	9,895	7,627	8,872
Hungary	10,607	5,863	4,632	7,090
Other	38,274	38,060	30,567	31,361
Total	705,392	827,114	676,208	803,094
Pork Exports				
Japan	496,470	542,290	452,372	484,933
Canada	126,375	127,124	102,865	112,136
Mexico	145,363	167,299	128,035	230,495
Russia	175,399	116,981	50,224	14,767
Korea, Rep	27,755	55,214	48,301	34,256
Hong Kong	62,116	47,209	38,569	40,090
Caribbean	21,784	21,080	17,406	12,686
Other	174,862	200,882	164,765	120,225
Total	1,230,124	1,278,080	1,002,536	1,049,588
Hog Imports			*Head*	
Canada	4,122,364	4,135,272	3,423,352	3,613,261
Under 110 lb	1,466,077	2,082,146	1,719,533	1,929,629
Total	4,122,914	4,135,663	3,423,743	3,613,990
Hog Exports				
Total	229,454	177,089	170,141	66,099
Broiler Exports		*RTC, thousand lbs.*		
Japan	227,441	218,380	191,236	194,413
Mexico	275,685	298,635	242,722	288,341
Hong Kong	984,612	1,227,094	981,788	1,176,245
Singapore	17,114	23,180	19,854	48,811
Canada	133,222	145,806	122,377	143,813
Russia	1,496,098	693,859	564,773	1,091,581
Latvia	291,487	690,853	598,688	297,215
Other	1,247,176	1,600,289	1,276,178	1,380,559
Total	4,672,836	4,898,096	3,997,616	4,620,977
Turkey Exports				
Mexico	249,702	216,370	165,098	181,998
S. Korea	5,663	11,360	9,695	7,559
Russia	73,950	14,532	12,986	44,132
Hong Kong	34,387	33,883	26,597	37,124
Canada	8,480	11,662	9,556	7,753
Other	73,961	91,461	76,121	78,694
Total	446,144	379,268	300,054	357,260
Shell Egg Exports		*thousand*	*doz.*	
Canada	35,575	31,373	26,406	24,228
Japan	349	3,118	1,564	3,140
Other	66,465	50,323	41,153	49,353
Total	102,388	84,814	69,123	76,721

MONTHLY U.S. LIVESTOCK & MEAT IMPORTS & EXPORTS

	Oct-99	Nov-99	Dec-99	Jan-00	Feb-00	Mar-00	Apr-00	May-00	Jun-00	Jul-00	Aug-00	Sep-00	Oct-00
Beef & Veal Imports						*Carcass wt.,thousand lb.*							
Australia	88,619	63,640	75,609	76,389	35,683	70,142	79,708	79,971	85,592	94,412	129,101	84,023	86,795
New Zealand	27,198	19,525	38,658	57,660	62,873	84,387	73,506	79,992	76,067	58,191	62,444	30,966	24,979
Canada	90,483	80,619	74,213	71,801	71,991	77,383	68,714	77,127	86,747	83,014	79,289	76,126	75,443
Brazil	17,803	20,400	13,098	17,245	16,166	12,854	13,224	11,897	12,783	18,465	14,095	18,929	13,587
Argentina	12,357	15,048	12,975	15,349	12,706	11,964	9,785	11,944	9,500	12,653	15,279	8,881	6,695
Central America	5,751	7,281	6,150	4,690	7,343	4,993	3,978	4,898	5,365	4,275	5,148	5,949	6,726
Uruguay	8,564	7,310	3,079	6,020	5,830	7,173	4,400	8,114	7,157	5,591	4,054	4,322	4,219
Mexico	1,021	1,031	697	957	1,179	712	1,111	769	1,066	753	1,102	843	686
Other	76	465	216	16	67	105	153	451	203	29	7	22	13
Total	251,873	215,318	224,694	250,127	213,838	269,713	254,579	275,162	284,480	277,382	310,517	230,061	219,144
Beef & Veal Exports													
Japan	95,357	91,754	83,239	85,363	91,749	102,427	95,351	101,906	94,821	101,438	100,721	89,893	78,847
Canada	22,537	23,555	24,900	21,129	23,625	21,497	20,811	22,217	19,544	19,744	21,511	19,463	23,742
Mexico	42,634	46,326	45,496	40,080	46,399	45,226	33,467	40,750	41,531	47,829	47,839	44,352	46,071
Korea, Rep.	26,737	26,053	30,593	30,263	29,522	30,612	30,577	29,975	38,140	42,680	52,609	27,968	21,188
Caribbean	1,947	2,041	4,160	2,381	1,311	2,077	1,669	1,398	1,799	1,071	1,556	1,568	1,909
Russia	22,379	16,630	12,894	25,005	5,109	239	536	921	264	413	1,523	1,134	746
Other	14,485	13,574	14,330	13,804	13,123	15,519	10,090	11,097	11,691	12,875	14,762	9,468	12,450
Total	226,077	219,932	215,613	218,026	210,838	217,597	192,501	208,265	207,790	226,049	240,521	193,845	184,953
Cattle Imports						*Head*							
Mexico	100,710	211,065	136,743	103,352	115,338	136,230	106,222	108,743	51,199	23,892	43,544	68,281	118,754
Canada	102,074	65,440	41,783	37,097	72,243	115,914	95,074	90,638	85,133	59,613	73,174	77,583	106,109
Over 700 lbs.	93,167	56,973	32,567	31,082	64,389	103,408	82,987	74,722	73,057	50,797	64,959	70,502	97,587
440-700 lbs.	1,147	1,152	2,205	1,502	1,481	3,005	3,290	4,685	2,296	2,022	2,272	2,161	3,744
Total	202,795	276,510	178,531	140,449	187,581	252,144	201,296	199,381	136,332	83,505	116,718	145,864	224,873
Cattle Exports													
Mexico	11,304	8,556	8,087	7,358	10,121	7,656	5,205	10,240	12,856	12,991	15,123	14,501	11,945
Canada	68,741	45,212	28,692	35,141	27,843	28,568	9,674	17,116	12,172	9,095	9,749	9,328	116,391
Total	80,266	53,887	37,092	42,668	38,383	36,838	15,117	27,623	25,155	22,563	25,144	24,321	129,569
Lamb Imports						*Carcass wt., thousand lb.*							
Australia	3,571	3,646	4,576	3,328	3,905	5,457	5,445	4,038	5,569	4,834	4,379	4,426	4,727
New Zealand	2,483	1,677	3,409	2,577	3,421	4,165	3,558	2,979	2,617	2,883	1,521	3,031	3,007
Total	6,118	5,394	8,051	6,037	7,405	9,804	9,178	7,130	8,283	7,826	6,046	7,548	7,828
Mutton Imports													
Total	3,177	3,333	4,819	4,578	2,747	3,211	2,407	3,828	2,094	1,948	2,974	2,452	2,057
Lamb and mutton exports													
Total	388	429	389	434	488	665	530	244	203	430	368	223	186

	Oct-1999	Nov-1999	Dec-1999	Jan-2000	Feb-2000	Mar-2000	Apr-2000	May-2000	Jun-2000	Jul-2000	Aug-2000	Sep-2000	Oct-2000
Pork Imports						***Carcass wt., thousand lb.***							
Canada	61,624	59,067	57,676	57,685	58,133	67,669	58,781	60,827	57,945	57,425	63,236	60,375	68,250
Denmark	11,222	9,860	9,705	10,134	13,518	16,506	12,394	15,323	12,746	12,505	12,739	10,248	9,851
Poland	2,888	1,954	1,652	1,543	1,711	2,062	1,526	1,668	3,195	1,969	2,210	1,518	2,079
Netherlands	854	1,223	1,044	904	561	1,340	1,358	908	941	980	756	466	658
Hungary	143	608	622	737	748	876	885	763	739	783	545	545	468
Other	2,829	3,950	3,543	4,118	3,032	4,188	3,084	3,175	3,130	2,470	2,465	2,393	3,305
Total	79,559	76,663	74,242	75,121	77,703	92,641	78,027	82,664	78,697	76,133	81,951	75,544	84,612
Pork Exports													
Japan	45,976	45,413	44,505	44,069	50,769	53,838	49,368	57,495	52,033	44,796	47,121	40,643	44,800
Canada	9,746	12,119	12,140	10,487	10,814	11,923	10,752	9,748	9,913	10,702	11,388	13,936	12,473
Mexico	17,706	18,611	20,654	20,733	24,416	24,695	16,160	17,334	21,000	23,022	26,806	30,171	26,157
Russia	42,325	44,539	22,218	7,168	60	11	68	101	208	311	1,263	1,374	4,202
Korea, Rep	8,400	3,029	3,885	3,170	5,060	4,310	4,693	2,780	2,789	2,353	2,402	3,134	3,565
Hong Kong	2,457	3,278	5,362	2,447	2,965	4,089	5,508	4,798	4,987	3,345	4,897	3,890	3,166
Caribbean	1,831	1,454	2,220	1,369	1,642	1,701	967	1,321	967	1,238	1,156	886	1,439
Other	13,696	14,795	21,322	9,215	16,573	15,310	13,024	9,785	12,360	9,197	13,516	9,850	11,394
Total	142,137	143,238	132,306	98,657	112,298	115,878	100,541	103,363	104,256	94,964	108,551	103,886	107,195
Hog Imports						***Head***							
Canada	374,227	352,299	359,621	338,798	307,887	334,298	299,551	367,001	376,917	344,571	437,294	395,476	411,468
Under 110 lb	177,387	183,071	179,542	177,751	174,948	191,386	166,662	182,566	197,028	174,975	240,951	212,580	210,782
Total	374,255	352,299	359,621	338,798	307,887	334,298	299,551	367,001	376,917	344,771	437,294	395,476	411,997
Hog Exports													
Total	10,250	1,986	4,962	8,072	14,943	17,694	8,297	4,845	1,518	4,112	1,998	1,029	3,591
Broiler Exports						***RTC, thousand lb.***							
Japan	20,966	16,273	10,871	13,866	16,148	22,673	19,393	22,696	26,821	19,431	19,909	17,710	15,766
Mexico	27,787	28,608	27,304	24,748	29,673	26,655	25,204	19,295	36,860	29,852	31,163	31,327	33,563
Hong Kong	102,474	110,519	134,787	95,418	108,962	125,850	101,940	119,118	150,465	106,737	132,003	118,331	117,421
Singapore	1,657	1,844	1,482	1,658	2,371	5,836	6,983	4,117	4,178	4,728	6,334	7,015	5,591
Canada	12,486	12,346	11,084	13,480	13,331	13,866	14,405	13,870	15,614	17,250	15,016	14,083	12,897
Russia	207,402	85,411	43,675	181,282	57,375	41,494	39,524	93,492	133,004	83,811	155,685	103,267	202,649
Latvia	14,569	59,147	33,018	43,614	119,687	32,548	32,173	734	25,787	17,966	324	17,483	6,899
Other	148,209	146,115	177,996	103,923	142,844	128,165	138,460	133,505	148,654	155,334	141,041	135,897	152,736
Total	535,550	460,263	440,217	477,988	490,392	397,086	378,083	406,827	541,383	435,110	501,475	445,112	547,522
Turkey Exports													
Mexico	23,725	25,573	25,698	19,406	20,084	18,099	18,352	9,936	19,832	15,635	15,672	20,424	24,557
Canada	1,467	924	1,181	614	891	775	609	746	679	585	709	851	1,295
S. Korea	772	767	898	483	471	750	371	419	737	836	1,217	1,228	1,047
Russia	806	964	582	2,329	1,428	27,323	128	116	1,173	170	2,238	3,823	5,405
Hong Kong	4,157	3,013	4,273	2,374	3,262	3,403	2,547	4,867	7,501	3,737	3,221	4,005	2,207
Other	8,108	7,748	7,592	5,645	5,863	6,981	5,859	6,382	10,924	6,616	10,302	10,940	9,183
Total	39,034	38,990	40,224	30,850	31,999	57,331	27,866	22,464	40,846	27,580	33,359	41,271	43,694
Shell Egg Exports						***thousand doz.***							
Canada	2,355	2,440	2,527	1,514	1,323	2,421	2,274	2,158	2,512	2,570	3,890	2,655	2,911
Japan	590	854	701	574	62	43	24	22	43	526	633	585	628
Total	7,488	7,811	7,880	6,115	6,630	8,442	7,176	5,747	7,808	7,334	10,024	8,980	8,464

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	1998	1999			2000					2001			
	Annual	III	IV	Annual	I	II	III	IV	Annual	I	II	III	Annual
Production, million lb.													
Beef	25,653	6,838	6,522	26,386	6,653	6,697	6,914	6,550	26,814	6,550	6,525	6,575	25,525
Pork	18,981	4,672	5,110	19,278	4,824	4,470	4,601	5,000	18,895	4,775	4,550	4,750	19,350
Broilers	27,863	7,486	7,367	29,741	7,602	7,755	7,503	7,500	30,360	7,800	8,000	7,850	31,500
Turkeys	5,281	1,362	1,393	5,297	1,284	1,392	1,331	1,400	5,408	1,325	1,425	1,400	5,600
Total Red Meat & Poultry	78,801	20,610	20,650	81,724	20,614	20,565	20,587	20,691	82,457	20,701	20,749	20,812	82,955
Table eggs, mil doz.	5,620	1,456	1,517	5,833	1,484	1,467	1,480	1,515	5,947	1,490	1,475	1,490	6,000
Per capita consumption, Retail lb.													
Beef	68.1	17.8	16.8	69.1	17.2	17.5	18.0	17.0	69.6	17.0	17.1	17.0	66.1
Pork	52.6	13.3	14.0	53.9	13.1	12.6	12.9	13.9	52.5	13.1	12.6	13.1	53.2
Broilers	72.6	19.1	18.7	77.0	19.3	19.8	18.9	18.8	76.7	19.8	20.3	19.7	79.5
Turkeys	18.1	4.4	5.8	18.0	3.7	4.2	4.3	5.7	17.9	3.9	4.0	4.3	18.2
Total Red Meat & Poultry	213.7	55.3	55.9	220.3	53.9	54.9	54.8	56.0	219.6	54.5	54.7	54.9	220.0
Eggs, number	244.9	63.9	66.2	255.7	64.7	64.0	63.9	35.5	258.1	64.3	63.6	63.9	258.1
Market Prices													
Choice steers, Neb., $/cwt.	61.48	65.12	69.65	65.56	69.32	71.59	65.43	70-71	69.21	69-73	72-78	73-79	72-77
Feeder steers, Ok City, $/cwt.	71.80	77.57	83.87	76.39	84.91	84.76	86.25	88-89	86.23	86-90	86-92	87-93	86-92
Bng Ut Cows, S. Falls, $/cwt.	36.20	40.02	38.71	38.40	39.88	44.23	42.92	40-41	42.51	40-44	45-49	45-49	43-48
Barrows & gilts, N. base, l.e. $/cwt.	34.72	35.70	36.29	34.00	41.14	50.43	46.43	39-40	41.76	41-43	45-49	45-49	44-47
Broilers, 12 City, cents/lb.	63.10	58.10	57.60	58.10	54.60	55.70	56.80	57-58	56.20	53-55	53-57	55-59	53-57
Turkeys, Eastern, cents/lb.	62.20	73.80	76.90	69.00	62.90	69.00	73.90	77-78	70.80	60-64	63-69	66-72	66-70
Eggs, New York, cents/doz.	75.80	66.20	63.20	65.60	63.30	62.10	67.10	77-78	67.50	63-67	58-62	64-70	63-68
U.S. Trade, million lb.*													
Beef & veal exports	2,171	634	662	2,417	646	609	660	650	2,565	620	630	645	2,545
Beef & veal imports	2,642	742	692	2,874	734	814	818	710	3,076	725	840	785	3,070
Pork exports	1,229	290	418	1,278	327	308	307	315	1,257	320	335	320	1,305
Pork imports	704	196	230	827	245	239	233	270	987	245	245	245	1,005
Broiler exports	4,673	1,275	1,441	4,920	1,355	1,326	1,382	1,350	5,423	1,340	1,340	1,375	5,430
Turkey exports	446	93	118	379	120	91	102	110	423	100	100	105	420

*See note about adjustments on front page.

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	1999			2000					2001			
	III	IV	Annual	I	II	III	IV	Annual	I	II	III	Annual
GDP, chain wtd (bil. 1996 dol.)	8,883	9,027	8,848	9,157	9,309	9,382	9,458	9,337	9,535	9,610	9,689	9,648
CPI-U, annual rate (pct.)	2.6	2.9	2.6	4.0	3.6	3.1	3.0	3.4	2.8	2.7	2.6	2.7
Unemployment (pct.)	4.2	4.1	4.2	4.1	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.1	4.2	4.2	4.2
Interest (pct.)												
3-month Treasury bill	4.7	5.0	4.6	5.5	5.7	6.0	6.1	5.9	6.1	6.1	6.0	6.0
10-year Treasury bond yield	5.9	6.1	5.6	6.5	6.2	5.9	5.8	6.1	5.9	5.9	5.9	5.9

1/ Source: Survey of Professional Forecasters, Philadelphia Federal Reserve Bank, November2000.

DAIRY FORECASTS

	1999			2000					2001			
	III	IV	Annual	I	II	III	IV	Annual	I	II	III	Annual
Milk cows (thous,)	9,171	9,170	9,156	9,187	9,217	9,252	9,265	9,230	9,240	9,215	9,175	9190
Milk per cow (pounds)	4,337	4,406	17,771	4,636	4,684	4,467	4,455	18,240	4,655	4,755	4,515	18465
Milk production (bil. pounds)	39.8	40.4	162.7	42.6	43.2	41.3	41.3	168.4	43.0	43.8	41.4	169.7
Commercial use (bil. pounds)												
milkfat basis	42.5	42.5	164.9	40.4	42.2	43.7	43.9	170.3	41.5	43.3	44.4	173.1
skim solids basis	40.7	39.9	157.8	39.1	40.5	41.4	41.2	162.2	40.3	41.8	42.2	166.7
Net removals (bil. pounds)												
milkfat basis	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.9	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.5
skim solids basis	1.6	1.7	6.5	2.4	2.7	1.7	2.0	8.8	2.5	1.7	1.3	6.7
Prices (dol./cwt)												
All milk	14.87	13.83	14.36	11.90	12.03	12.70	12.45 -12.65	12.25 -12.35	12.50 -13.00	11.65 -12.45	12.00 -13.00	12.40 -13.20
Basic Formula Price/ Class III	15.21	10.30	12.43	9.71	9.42	10.52	9.10 -9.30	9.65 -9.75	9.50 -10.00	9.40 -10.20	9.95 -10.95	10.00 -10.80
Class IV				10.84	11.89	11.89	12.75 -13.05	11.80 -12.00	11.50 -12.10	11.10 -12.00	11.65 -12.75	11.55 -12.45

U.S. dairy situation at a glance

	Unit	1997	1998	1999	Sep-99	Oct-99	Nov-99	Dec-99
Milk production:								
Production (20 States)	Mil. lb.	133,314	134,900	140,029	11,200	11,549	11,315	11,928
Milk cow (20 States)	Thou.	7,760	7,708	7,735	7,753	7,746	7,756	7,757
Milk per cow (20 States)	Lb.	17,180	17,502	18,105	1,445	1,491	1,459	1,538
Production (U.S. est.)	Mil. lb.	156,091	157,348	162,711	12,964	13,418	13,141	13,847
Milk prices:								
All milk	Dol./cwt	13.34	15.50	14.36	15.70	14.90	14.40	12.20
Milk eligible for fluid use	Dol./cwt	13.38	15.52	14.42	15.70	15.00	14.50	12.30
Manufacturing grade milk	Dol./cwt	12.18	14.36	12.86	15.10	12.70	11.10	10.80
Class III (BFP before 2000) 3.5% fat	Dol./cwt	12.05	14.20	12.43	16.26	11.49	9.79	9.63
Slaughter cow price, WI	Dol./cwt	36.93	35.54	37.28	36.35	36.81	36.50	37.70
Wholesale prices:								
Butter, Central States 1/	Ct/lb	116.2	177.6	125.2	135.8	113.8	109.6	94.2
American cheese, WI assembly pt.								
40-pound blocks	Ct/lb	132.4	158.1	142.3	167.3	134.0	117.3	115.7
Barrels	Ct/lb	125.2	151.7	136.4	153.2	128.0	114.3	114.8
Nonfat dry milk, Central States	Ct/lb	110.0	106.9	103.5	104.9	104.5	103.4	101.7
Retail prices:								
Consumer Price Index	1982-84=100	160.5	163.0	166.6	167.9	168.2	168.3	168.3
All food	1982-84=100	157.3	160.7	164.1	164.6	165.1	165.2	165.4
Dairy products	1982-84=100	145.5	150.8	159.6	158.7	164.1	164.6	162.1
Fluid milk	Dec 1997=100	NA	101.3	107.6	105.6	112.5	114.2	109.7
Other dairy products	Dec 1997=100	NA	101.9	107.2	107.1	107.2	108.3	107.9
Dairy product output:								
Butter	Mil. lb	1,151.3	1,168.0	1,275.0	92.1	103.1	103.5	119.8
American cheese	Mil. lb	3,285.6	3,314.7	3,576.5	281.1	295.3	288.1	309.7
Other-than-American cheese	Mil. lb	4,044.9	4,177.5	4,015.5	8.3	376.6	400.3	396.1
Frozen products 2/	Mil. gal.	1,290.0	1,324.3	1,311.8	109.5	94.5	88.0	84.8
All products (m.e.-fat)	Mil. lb	96,323	98,378	103,630	8,230	8,347	8,335	8,717
Nonfat dry milk	Mil. lb	1,217.6	1,135.4	1,378.2	95.5	105.3	102.4	126.1
Beginning stocks:								
Commercial butter	Mil. lb	13.4	20.5	25.9	90.5	71.3	63.8	29.9
Commercial American cheese	Mil. lb	379.6	410.3	407.6	508.3	473.6	459.3	448.2
Other cheese	Mil. lb	107.3	70.0	109.5	186.4	177.6	162.6	143.5
Manufacturers' nonfat dry milk	Mil. lb	71.1	103.3	56.9	108.8	96.6	97.7	102.2
All commercial (m.e.-fat)	Mil. lb	4,704	4,889	5,274	8,263	7,444	7,016	5,992
All commercial (m.e.-skim)	Mil. lb	5,753	6,080	5,914	8,356	7,769	7,468	7,175
All Government (m.e.-fat)	Mil. lb	10	18	28	50	43	44	44
All Government (m.e.-skim)	Mil. lb	7	258	1,115	1,995	1,715	1,556	1,615
Commercial disappearance:								
Butter	Mil. lb	1,109	1,223	1,309	113.3	113.2	137.2	124.4
American cheese	Mil. lb	3,269	3,338	3,586	322.0	318.5	305.1	307.2
Other-than-American cheese	Mil. lb	4,367	4,452	4,678	403.8	426.8	454.0	416.9
Nonfat dry milk	Mil. lb	894	867	791	69.3	72.3	60.6	44.9
All products:								
m.e.-fat	Mil. lb	156,118	159,779	164,910	14,073	14,174	14,384	13,964
Milkfat	Mil. lb	5,722	5,842	6,049	511	527	541	530
Skim solids	Mil. lb	13,327	13,497	13,665	1,150	1,191	1,161	1,126
USDA net removals:								
Butter	Mil. lb	38.4	6.3	3.7	0.5	0.5	0.8	1.0
Cheese	Mil. lb	11.3	8.2	4.6	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.4
Nonfat dry milk	Mil. lb	298.0	326.4	540.6	39.4	33.4	38.7	68.8
All products (m.e.-fat)	Mil. lb	1,090	366	344	30	27	40	55
All products (m.e.-skim)	Mil. lb	3,681	3,974	6,455	470	399	466	822
Imports								
All products (m.e.-fat)	Mil. lb	2,698	4,588	4,772	432	471	371	431
All products (m.e.-skim)	Mil. lb	3,165	3,744	4,618	447	484	427	499
International market prices:								
Butter	$/metric ton	1,861	1,908	1,506	1,436	1,500	1,550	1,533
Nonfat dry milk	$/metric ton	1,738	1,440	1,332	1,364	1,401	1,423	1,435

1/ Grade AA Chicago before June 1998. 2/ Hard ice cream, ice milk, and sherbert. NA = Not Available.
m.e.-fat (skim) = Milk equivalent, fat (skim solids) basis

U.S. dairy situation at a glance (continued)

Jan-00	Feb-00	Mar-00	Apr-00	May-00	Jun-00	Jul-00	Aug-00	Sep-00	Oct-00	Nov-00
12,256	11,691	12,679	12,399	12,743	12,083	12,232	11,966	11,500	11,859	11,486
7,765	7,766	7,774	7,787	7,795	7,810	7,834	7,840	7,849	7,850	7,851
1,578	1,505	1,631	1,592	1,635	1,547	1,561	1,526	1,465	1,511	1,463
14,258	13,596	14,739	14,385	14,778	14,008	14,168	13,855	13,310	13,718	13,279
12.00	11.80	11.90	11.90	12.00	12.20	12.70	12.60	12.80	12.50	12.20
12.00	11.90	12.00	12.00	12.10	12.30	12.70	12.60	12.90	12.60	12.20
10.70	10.20	10.10	10.20	10.10	10.30	10.70	10.70	11.20	10.80	10.10
10.05	9.54	9.54	9.41	9.37	9.46	10.66	10.13	10.76	10.02	8.57
37.63	39.08	40.63	41.25	41.80	42.06	40.94	40.70	38.88	37.56	37.06
91.6	92.9	99.7	108.7	122.2	128.6	120.3	120.3	119.1	116.9	151.7
114.6	111.6	112.2	110.7	110.6	120.0	125.2	125.5	133.4	109.4	107.5
112.7	109.2	109.6	108.5	109.2	117.2	121.3	111.0	125.4	102.9	102.9
100.9	100.3	100.1	100.0	100.1	101.2	102.2	102.3	102.4	102.3	103.1
168.7	169.7	171.1	171.2	171.3	172.3	172.6	172.8	173.7	174.0	174.1
166.1	166.3	166.5	166.6	167.3	167.3	168.1	168.7	168.9	169.1	168.9
160.4	160.9	159.1	160.6	159.6	159.5	160.5	161.0	161.6	161.9	161.4
106.9	106.6	106.0	107.4	107.2	106.9	108.2	108.4	108.8	109.0	108.3
108.5	109.4	109.1	109.3	108.6	108.6	110.5	110.5	111.1	109.6	108.6
142.3	130.3	122.5	115.4	111.2	91.8	87.0	85.6	91.6	105.0	NA
316.7	302.3	320.2	312.5	326.5	310.6	321.7	301.6	287.6	297.3	NA
370.2	343.2	397.7	381.0	410.6	387.0	368.3	384.9	367.5	387.0	NA
83.8	98.6	120.4	117.2	127.3	133.8	127.4	123.1	103.3	102.8	NA
9,092	8,757	9,426	9,145	9,639	9,059	8,883	8,672	8,252	8,602	NA
133.6	133.1	139.5	147.0	137.9	128.3	121.7	104.5	96.3	104.1	NA
24.9	72.6	88.5	97.4	126.6	137.6	144.4	136.5	100.8	84.5	57.6
458.0	480.1	515.3	524.9	547.9	554.6	570.2	613.1	592.4	562.1	523.9
163.3	187.9	193.0	201.7	200.7	208.8	212.0	221.5	207.2	181.8	157.9
115.5	146.2	173.4	167.9	197.4	197.0	170.7	189.6	152.1	130.0	125.0
6,135	7,576	8,300	8,638	9,520	9,884	10,255	10,541	9,446	8,603	7,438
7,634	8,468	9,195	9,302	9,907	10,056	9,996	10,720	9,919	9,092	8,367
44	47	57	64	82	100	121	135	134	133	130
1,566	1,750	2,174	2,654	3,052	3,624	4,294	4,768	5,318	5,621	5,752
93.2	113.8	113.7	86.7	102.7	90.9	101.8	125.6	109.2	134.0	NA
296.5	268.4	313.7	292.9	321.8	297.5	279.9	329.1	318.6	335.0	NA
367.4	362.1	418.4	409.1	432.6	412.7	388.0	429.6	423.3	448.5	NA
43.1	43.1	69.2	42.8	57.1	93.1	61.5	92.2	78.8	58.9	NA
12,881	12,984	14,573	13,674	14,607	13,889	14,162	15,235	14,306	15,095	NA
491	490	544	503	531	498	504	546	519	559	NA
1,151	1,064	1,217	1,139	1,208	1,169	1,122	1,220	1,187	1,227	NA
2.0	2.6	1.6	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
0.4	0.7	1.8	2.2	4.5	1.9	2.1	1.5	0.9	1.2	6.7
60.3	63.5	76.5	75.0	81.8	61.9	42.1	50.5	40.1	50.4	45.5
88	99	86	78	107	78	55	46	38	34	84
738	771	929	920	1032	777	534	627	500	612	610
265	316	371	358	412	439	448	443	300	359	NA
266	291	390	354	402	358	355	403	329	388	NA
1,431	1,318	1,238	1,250	1,273	1,353	1,394	1,400	1,450	1,499	1,504
1,482	1,510	1,510	1,542	1,681	1,962	2,075	2,169	2,212	2,225	2,215

Commercial disappearance: Milk in all products, 2000

Item	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Supply:													
Production	14258	13596	14739	14385	14778	14008	14168	13855	13310	13718	13279		
Farm use	113	105	113	109	113	109	113	112	109	113	109		
Marketings	14145	13491	14626	14276	14665	13899	14055	13743	13201	13605	13170		
Beginning commercial stocks	6135	7576	8300	8638	9520	9884	10255	10541	9446	8603	7438		
Imports	265	316	371	358	412	439	448	443	300	359			
Total supply	20545	21383	23297	23272	24597	24222	24758	24727	22947	22567			
Utilization:													
Ending commercial stocks	7576	8300	8638	9520	9884	10255	10541	9446	8603	7438			
USDA net removals	88	99	86	78	106	78	55	46	38	34	84		
Commercial disappearance	12881	12984	14573	13674	14607	13889	14162	15235	14306	15095			
Percent change		[4.9]											
from a year ago	5.0	8.7	3.2	2.2	5.0	-2.6	4.4	2.4	1.7	6.5			
Cumulative disappearance	12881	25865	40438	54112	68719	82608	96770	112005	126311	141406			
		First quarter			Second quarter			Third quarter			Fourth quarter		
		40438			42170			43703					
Percent change		[4.3]											
from a year ago		5.5			1.5			2.8					

Percentages in brackets adjusted for leap year.

Commercial disappearance: Milkfat, 2000

Item	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Supply:													
Production	540	511	548	529	535	501	503	496	483	509			
Farm use	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4			
Marketings	536	507	544	525	531	498	499	492	479	505			
Beginning commercial stocks	225	278	305	317	350	363	377	387	347	316			
Imports	9	11	13	12	14	15	16	15	10	12			
Total supply	770	796	862	854	895	876	892	894	836	833			
Utilization:													
Ending commercial stocks	278	305	317	350	363	377	387	347	316	273			
USDA net removals	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			
Commercial disappearance	491	490	544	503	531	498	504	546	519	559			
Percent change	[	6.0]											
from a year ago	5.5	9.8	3.8	2.9	6.0	-2.1	5.6	3.5	1.7	5.9			
Cumulative disappearance	491	981	1525	2029	2560	3057	3561	4107	4626	5185			

	First quarter	Second quarter	Third quarter
	1525	1532	1569
Percent change	[5.0]		
from a year ago	6.2	2.3	3.5

Percentages in brackets adjusted for leap year.

Commercial disappearance: Skim solids, 2000

Item	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Supply:													
Production	1248	1177	1281	1249	1283	1208	1209	1180	1141	1193			
Farm use	10	9	10	9	10	9	10	10	9	10			
Marketings	1238	1168	1271	1240	1273	1199	1199	1171	1131	1184			
Beginning commercial stocks	680	727	790	799	851	863	858	920	852	781			
Imports	23	25	34	30	35	31	31	35	28	33			
Total supply	1941	1920	2095	2069	2159	2093	2088	2126	2011	1998			
Utilization:													
Ending commercial stocks	727	790	799	851	863	858	920	852	781	719			
USDA net removals	63	66	79	79	88	66	46	54	43	52			
Commercial disappearance	1151	1064	1217	1139	1208	1169	1122	1220	1187	1227			
Percent change	[	-1.0]											
from a year ago	8.2	2.5	1.1	1.2	4.7	3.2	0.7	1.1	3.2	3.0			
Cumulative disappearance	1151	2216	3433	4572	5779	6948	8070	9290	10477	11704			
		First quarter			Second quarter			Third quarter					
		3433			3515			3529					
Percent change	[	2.7]											
from a year ago		3.8			3.1			1.6					

Percentages in brackets adjusted for leap year.

Commercial disappearance: Butter, 2000

Item	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Supply:													
Production	142.3	130.3	122.5	115.4	111.2	91.8	87.0	85.6	91.6	105.0			
Beginning commercial stocks	24.9	72.6	88.5	97.4	126.6	137.6	144.4	136.0	100.8	84.5	57.6		
Imports	0.6	2.0	1.7	1.4	3.3	6.6	6.6	4.8	1.3	2.1			
Total supply	167.8	204.9	212.7	214.2	241.1	236.0	238.0	226.4	193.7	191.6			
Utilization:													
Ending commercial stocks	72.6	88.5	97.4	126.6	137.6	144.4	136.0	100.8	84.5	57.6	26.9		
USDA net removals	2.0	2.6	1.6	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Commercial disappearance	93.2	113.8	113.7	86.7	102.7	90.9	101.8	125.6	109.2	134.0			
Percent change		[24.0]											
from a year ago	-3.0	28.4	-0.9	-13.6	0.6	-20.1	15.4	7.4	-3.6	18.4			
Cumulative disappearance	93.2	207.0	320.7	407.4	510.1	601.0	702.8	828.4	937.6	1071.6			
		First quarter			Second quarter			Third quarter			Fourth quarter		
		320.7			280.3			336.6					
Percent change		[5.8]											
from a year ago		7.1			-11.4			5.7					

Percentages in brakets adjusted for leap year.

Commercial disappearance: Nonfat dry milk, 2000

Item	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Supply:													
Production	133.6	133.1	139.5	147.0	137.9	128.3	121.7	104.5	96.3	104.1			
Beginning commercial stocks	115.5	146.2	173.4	167.9	197.4	197.0	170.7	189.6	152.1	130.0	125.0		
Imports	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.3	0.6	0.4	0.8	0.7	0.5	0.2			
Total supply	249.6	280.0	313.6	315.2	335.9	325.7	293.2	294.8	248.9	234.3			
Utilization:													
Ending commercial stocks	146.2	173.4	167.9	197.4	197.0	170.7	189.6	152.1	130.0	125.0			
USDA net removals	60.3	63.5	76.5	75.0	81.8	61.9	42.1	50.5	40.1	50.4	45.5		
Commercial disappearance	43.1	43.1	69.2	42.8	57.1	93.1	61.5	92.2	78.8	58.9			
Percent change		[-26.9]											
from a year ago	-35.4	-24.3	-15.6	-35.7	-9.2	86.9	-3.5	-3.4	13.7	-18.5			
Cumulative disappearance	43.1	86.2	155.4	198.2	255.3	348.4	409.9	502.1	580.9	639.8			
		First quarter			Second quarter			Third quarter			Fourth quarter		
		155.4			193			232.5					
Percent change		[-25.1]											
from a year ago		-24.4			7.6			1.8					

Percentages in brakets adjusted for leap year.

Commercial disappearance: American cheese, 2000

Item	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Supply:													
Production	316.7	302.3	320.2	312.5	326.5	310.6	321.7	301.6	287.6	297.3			
Beginning commercial stocks	458.0	480.1	515.3	524.9	547.9	554.6	570.2	613.1	592.4	562.1	523.9		
Imports	2.3	2.0	4.9	5.6	6.5	4.4	3.2	8.3	1.6	0.7			
Total supply	777.0	784.4	840.4	843.0	880.9	869.6	895.1	923.0	881.6	860.1			
Utilization:													
Ending commercial stocks	480.1	515.3	524.9	547.9	554.6	570.2	613.1	592.4	562.1	523.9	516.0		
USDA net removals	0.4	0.7	1.8	2.2	4.5	1.9	2.1	1.5	0.9	1.2	6.7		
Commercial disappearance	296.5	268.4	313.7	292.9	321.8	297.5	279.9	329.1	318.6	335.0			
Percent change		[-3.1]											
from a year ago	15.3	0.4	-0.9	7.2	18.2	-8.2	-3.7	-0.9	-1.1	5.2			
Cumulative disappearance	296.5	564.9	878.6	1171.5	1493.3	1790.8	2070.7	2399.8	2718.4	3053.4			
		First quarter			Second quarter			Third quarter			Fourth quarter		
		878.6			912.2			927.6					
Percent change		[3.3]											
from a year ago		4.4			4.9			-1.8					

Percentages in brackets adjusted for leap year.

Commercial disappearance: Other-than-American cheese, 2000

Item	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Supply:													
Production	370.2	343.2	397.7	381.0	410.6	387.0	368.3	384.9	367.5	387.0			
Beginning commercial stocks	163.3	187.9	193.0	201.7	200.7	208.8	212.0	221.5	207.2	181.8	157.9		
Imports	21.8	24.0	29.4	27.1	30.1	28.9	29.2	30.4	30.4	37.6			
Total supply	555.3	555.1	620.1	609.8	641.4	624.7	609.5	636.8	605.1	606.4			
Utilization:													
Ending commercial stocks	187.9	193.0	201.7	200.7	208.8	212.0	221.5	207.2	181.8	157.9	151.3		
USDA net removals													
Commercial disappearance	367.4	362.1	418.4	409.1	432.6	412.7	388.0	429.6	423.3	448.5			
Percent change		[2.8]											
from a year ago	21.3	6.5	3.5	6.7	13.4	7.4	4.4	5.2	4.8	5.1			
Cumulative disappearance	367.4	729.5	1147.9	1557.0	1989.6	2402.3	2790.3	3219.9	3643.2	4091.7			
		First quarter			Second quarter			Third quarter			Fourth quarter		
		1147.9			1254.4			1240.9					
Percent change		[8.4]											
from a year ago		9.6			9.1			4.8					

Percentages in brackets adjusted for leap year.

Poultry and egg costs and returns

Date	DECATUR SOYBEAN MEAL	CHICAGO No. 2 CORN	COST PER POUND LIVEWEIGHT BASIS Feed	Total	COST PER POUND R.T.C. BASIS Production	Total	12-CITY PRICE	NET RETURNS BEFORE INTEREST & OVERHEAD
	$ / ton	$ / bushel	----------------	----------------	cents/lb.	----------------	----------------	----------------
BROILERS								
July-1999	132.73	1.78	14.17	24.52	32.27	46.37	59.46	13.09
Aug-1999	141.69	1.84	14.20	24.55	32.31	46.41	57.65	11.24
Sept-1999	150.64	1.88	13.24	23.59	31.04	45.14	57.15	12.01
Oct-1999	153.57	1.90	13.62	23.97	31.54	45.64	54.87	9.23
Nov-1999	154.71	1.90	13.95	24.30	31.97	46.07	59.52	13.45
Dec-1999	154.00	1.93	14.07	24.42	32.13	46.23	58.42	12.19
Jan-2000	163.41	2.06	14.10	24.45	32.17	46.27	55.43	9.16
Feb-2000	170.51	2.12	14.16	24.51	32.24	46.34	53.84	7.50
Mar-2000	175.50	2.17	14.72	25.07	32.98	47.08	54.48	7.40
Apr-2000	177.53	2.21	15.05	25.40	33.42	47.52	55.39	7.87
May-2000	189.34	2.25	15.30	25.65	33.75	47.85	55.71	7.86
June-2000	177.45	2.01	15.45	25.80	33.94	48.04	56.01	7.97
July-2000	163.38	1.65	15.85	26.20	34.48	48.58	56.61	8.03
Aug-2000	159.60	1.61	14.96	25.31	33.30	47.40	55.47	8.07
Sept-2000	174.60	1.67	13.72	24.07	31.67	45.77	58.35	12.58
Oct-2000	173.71	1.91	13.52	23.87	31.41	45.51	57.22	11.71
Nov-2000	181.36	2.06	14.06	24.41	32.12	46.22	58.22	12.00
TURKEYS							3-REGION WHOLESALE PRICE	
July-1999	132.73	1.78	19.08	32.78	40.97	57.27	70.94	13.67
Aug-1999	141.69	1.84	19.14	32.84	41.04	57.34	72.48	15.14
Sept-1999	150.64	1.88	19.22	32.92	41.15	57.45	74.35	16.90
Oct-1999	153.57	1.90	17.60	31.30	39.13	55.43	75.92	20.49
Nov-1999	154.71	1.90	18.27	31.97	39.96	56.26	75.44	19.18
Dec-1999	154.00	1.93	18.85	32.55	40.69	56.99	69.00	12.01
Jan-2000	163.41	2.06	19.07	32.77	40.97	57.27	60.18	2.91
Feb-2000	170.51	2.12	19.13	32.83	41.04	57.34	59.61	2.28
Mar-2000	175.50	2.17	19.21	32.91	41.14	57.44	63.12	5.68
Apr-2000	177.53	2.21	20.18	33.88	42.35	58.65	64.83	6.18
May-2000	189.34	2.25	20.76	34.46	43.07	59.37	66.27	6.90
June-2000	177.45	2.01	21.20	34.90	43.62	59.92	68.02	8.09
July-2000	163.38	1.65	21.45	35.15	43.94	60.24	69.58	9.33
Aug-2000	159.60	1.61	22.18	35.88	44.85	61.15	71.84	10.69
Sept-2000	174.60	1.67	20.65	34.35	42.94	59.24	74.34	15.10
Oct-2000	173.71	1.91	18.55	32.25	40.31	56.61	76.01	19.40
Nov-2000	181.36	2.06	18.21	31.91	39.88	56.18	75.65	19.47
EGGS			FEED COST	TOTAL Production		WHOLESALE TOTAL COST	WHOLESALE 12-METRO PRICE	
July-1999	132.73	1.78	24.11	42.31		62.81	68.13	5.32
Aug-1999	141.69	1.84	21.82	40.02		60.52	72.30	11.78
Sept-1999	150.64	1.88	22.55	40.75		61.25	63.80	2.55
Oct-1999	153.57	1.90	23.16	41.36		61.86	56.80	-5.06
Nov-1999	154.71	1.90	23.40	41.60		62.10	72.34	10.24
Dec-1999	154.00	1.93	23.45	41.65		62.15	67.26	5.11
Jan-2000	163.41	2.06	23.60	41.80		62.30	68.13	5.83
Feb-2000	170.51	2.12	24.78	42.98		63.48	71.39	7.91
Mar-2000	175.50	2.17	25.44	43.64		64.14	64.70	0.56
Apr-2000	177.53	2.21	25.95	44.15		64.65	73.13	8.48
May-2000	189.34	2.25	26.28	44.48		64.98	58.52	-6.46
June-2000	177.45	2.01	27.00	45.20		65.70	66.50	0.80
July-2000	163.38	1.65	25.04	43.24		63.74	62.22	-1.52
Aug-2000	159.60	1.61	22.26	40.46		60.96	75.32	14.36
Sept-2000	174.60	1.67	21.86	40.06		60.56	68.85	8.28
Oct-2000	173.71	1.91	22.84	41.04		61.54	76.82	15.28
Nov-2000	181.36	2.06	24.28	42.48		62.98	84.69	21.72