

**Weekly Meat Production Under Federal Inspection**

WASHINGTON, D.C., Dec. 13 - (USDA-NASS) - Total red meat production under federal inspection for the week ending Saturday, Dec. 14, was estimated at 895.9 million lbs., according to the USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service. This was 2.6% lower than a week ago and 5.8% lower than a year ago. Cumulative meat production for the year to date was 2.8% higher compared to the previous year.

**MEAT PRODUCTION (million pounds)**

(excludes condemned)

Week Ending (1)	Beef	Calf/Veal	Pork (2)	Lamb/Mutton	Totals (3)
14-Dec-02	487.9	4.1	399.2	4.7	895.9
07-Dec-02	509.5	4.1	401.4	4.4	919.4
Change	dn 4.2%	0%	dn 0.6%	up 6.8%	dn 2.6%
15-Dec-01	534.9	3.8	407.3	5.2	951.2
Change	dn 8.8%	up 7.9%	dn 2.0%	dn 9.6%	dn 5.8%
2002 YTD	25,604.5	179.3	18,550.0	199.7	44,533.5
2001 YTD	24,793.2	180.1	18,121.5	207.7	43,302.5
Change	up 3.3%	dn 0.4%	up 2.4%	dn 3.9%	up 2.8%

- 1- Previous week estimates may be revised Year ago data are actuals  
2- Excludes lard  
3- Totals may not add due to rounding 2002 totals are subject to revision

**LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER (head)**

Week Ending	Cattle	Calves/Vealers	Hogs	Sheep/Lambs
14-Dec-02	641,000	22,000	2,018,000	69,000
07-Dec-02	672,000	22,000	2,029,000	66,000
Change	dn 4.6%	0%	dn 0.5%	up 4.5%
15-Dec-01	702,000	20,000	2,051,000	75,000
Change	dn 8.7%	up 10.0%	dn 1.6%	dn 8.0%
2002 YTD	33,714,000	964,000	94,406,000	2,976,000
2001 YTD	33,465,000	940,000	92,535,000	2,941,000
Change	up 0.7%	up 2.6%	up 2.0%	up 1.2%

**AVERAGE WEIGHTS (lbs.)**

Week Ending	Cattle	Calves/Vealers	Hogs	Sheep/Lamb
14-Dec-02	Estimate	1264	308	135
07-Dec-02	Estimate	1263	306	134
15-Dec-01	Actual	1259	312	140
14-Dec-02	Estimate	765	189	68
07-Dec-02	Estimate	762	188	67
15-Dec-01	Actual	766	191	70

**PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL SLAUGHTER BY CLASS**

Wk Ending	Steers	Heifers	Cows	Bulls/Stags	Barrows/Gilts	Sows	Bonns/Stags
30-Nov-02	47.2%	35.1%	16.2%	1.4%	97.2%	2.6%	0.2%
01-Dec-01	47.7%	33.0%	17.7%	1.6%	96.7%	3.0%	0.3%

**National Slaughter Cattle Weekly Review**

Oklahoma City, Okla.

December 13, 2002

Report Supplied By USDA

National Slaughter Cattle Summary - Week Ending Dec. 13, 2002 Slaughter cattle 1.00 lower live basis, 1.00-2.00 lower dressed. Packer demand good as sellers accepted lower bids in an effort to maintain current conditions in the face of upcoming holiday reduced slaughter. A light slaughter this week helped push beef prices higher. Strong beef prices and lower live cattle have maintained a positive packer margin. USDA's boxed beef cut-out values Friday at noon averaged 119.62 up 2.21 from last Friday. Sales of slaughter cattle on a national basis for negotiated cash trades totaled 168,700 through 10:00 a.m. Friday. Last week's full count was light at 145,500.

**STEEPS AND HEIFERS**

MIDWEST DIRECT MARKETS Live Basis 35-80 percent Choice, 900-1400 lbs 70.00-73.00, wtd avg 72.00 Dressed Basis 35-80 percent Choice, 550-950 lbs 113.00-115.00, avg 114.50

**HIGH PLAINS DIRECT MARKETS**

Live Basis 35-65 percent Choice, 900-1400 lbs 72.73-73.50, wtd avg 72.80

SLAUGHTER COWS AND BULLS (Average Yielding) Slaughter cows steady to 2.00 higher, except Southeast steady to 1.00 lower. Slaughter bulls steady to 2.00 higher. USDA's Cutter cow carcass cut-out value closed Thursday at 80.38 down 1.19 from last Friday.

COWS Breakers 75-80% Lean

1000-1600 lbs Colorado 35.00-38.50, Oklahoma 34.00-36.25, Alabama 31.00-34.00 Boners 80-85% Lean 900-1500 lbs Colorado 35.00-38.50, Oklahoma 35.00-37.00, Alabama 33.00-36.00 Lean 85-90% Lean 850-1300 lbs Colorado 32.00-35.00, Oklahoma 32.50-35.50, Alabama 29.00-32.00

BULLS 88-92% Lean 1500-2200 lbs Colorado 43.00-49.00, Oklahoma 44.50-47.50, Alabama 43.00-49.00

NOTE Slaughter cow and bull prices reflect Tuesday markets

**Dairy Products Prices Highlights**

Washington, D.C.

December 13, 2002

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DAIRY PRODUCTS PRICES HIGHLIGHTS

CHEDDAR CHEESE prices received for US 40 pound Blocks averaged \$1.10 per pound for the week ending December 7. The price per pound increased 1.7 cents from the previous week. The price for US 500 pound Barrels adjusted to 38 percent moisture averaged \$1.10 per pound, up 1.8 cents from the previous week.

BUTTER prices received for 25 kilogram and 68 pound boxes meeting USDA Grade AA standards averaged \$1.07 per pound for the week ending December 7. The US price per pound increased 0.5 cents from the previous week.

NONFAT DRY MILK prices received for bag, tote and tanker sales meeting USDA Extra Grade or USPH Grade A standards averaged 90.3 cents per pound for the week ending December 7. The US price per pound decreased 1.4 cents from the previous week.

DRY WHFY prices received for bag, tote and tanker sales meeting USDA Extra Grade standards averaged 21.0 cents per pound for the week ending December 7. The US price per pound decreased 0.3 cents from the previous week.

**Kentucky Feeder Cattle Sales**

Lexington, Ky.

Dec. 17, 2002

Report Supplied By USDA

BLUE GRASS STOCKYARDS Daily Auction Report Actual Receipts 2,520 head. Compared to Monday. Steer calves steady to 1.00 higher, heifer calves steady. Yearling steers steady to 2.00 higher advance on 600 lb weights, yearling heifers fully steady. Holsteins fully steady.

FEEDER STEERS Medium and Large 1 300-350 lbs 97.00-104.00, 350-400 lbs 95.00-102.00, 400-450 lbs 86.00-97.00, 450-500 lbs 85.50-95.00, including 22 head (blk) 459 lbs 95.00, 500-550 lbs 83.00-90.00, including 38 head (mixed) 523 lbs 89.00, 550-600 lbs 82.00-90.10, including 114 head (mixed) 555 lbs 90.10 & 65 head (mixed) 587 lbs 88.80, 600-700 lbs calves 78.00-84.00, 600-700 lbs yearlings 81.50-89.70, including 101 head (mixed) 619 lbs 89.70, 700-800 lbs 77.25-83.95, including 23 head (mixed) 704 lbs 82.10 & 119 head (mixed) 751 lbs 83.95, 800-900 lbs 79.00-83.90, including 117 head (mixed) 820 lbs 83.90, 50 head (blk charx) 1013 lbs 78.20. HOLSTEINS Large 3 500-600 lbs 59.00-65.95, including 43 head 565 lbs 65.95, 600-700 lbs 61.50-62.50.

BULL CALVES Medium and Large 1 300-400 lbs 92.00-100.00, 400-500 lbs 80.00-90.00, few to 94.00, 500-600 lbs 74.00-84.00, and 90.00, 600-700 lbs 70.00-80.00, Medium and Large 2 500-600 lbs 72.00-75.00.

FEEDER HEIFERS Medium and Large 1 few 300-400 lbs 81.00-88.00, 400-500 lbs 73.00-83.50, including 28 head (blk) 462 lbs 80.50, 500-600 lbs 72.00-80.95, including 95 head (mixed) 538 lbs 80.95, 600-700 lbs 72.50-79.50, including 58 head (mixed) 622 lbs 79.20, 61 head (mixed) 662 lbs 78.60 & 65 head (mixed) 678 lbs 78.70, 700-800 lbs 70.50-77.50, including 23 head (mixed) 707 lbs 75.50, 6 head 818 lbs 72.50.

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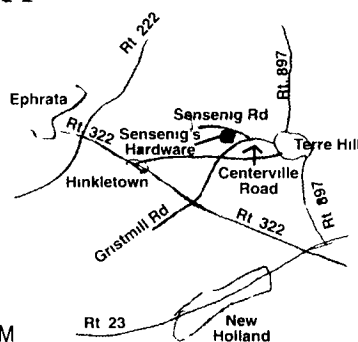
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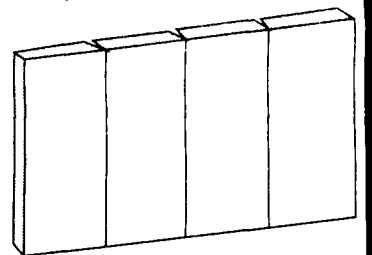
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