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Meat Animals Production, Disposition, and Income, 2002 Summary

New Jersey's calf crop for 2002 was 18 thousand head, unchanged from previous year. Inshipments for 2002 totaled 500 head, up 300 from 2001. Marketings from New Jersey farms totaled six thousand head, down 29 percent from previous year. Cattle slaughtered and deaths, in 2002, was unchanged from 2001.

The 2002 pig crop in New Jersey was 17.6 thousand head, compared to 12.8 thousand head the previous year. Inshipments for 2002 totaled 17.6 thousand head, up 4.8 thousand from 2001. Hog marketings from New Jersey farms totaled 16.8 thousand head, up 33 percent from previous year. Pig deaths for 2002 were half the 2001 total. Farm slaughter in 2002 was down 50 percent compared to 2001.

Cattle and Calves: Inventory, Supply, and Disposition by State and United States, 2002 ^{1/}

State	Inventory Jan 1, 2002	Calf Crop	Inshipments	Marketings ^{2/}		Farm Slaughter ^{3/}	Deaths		Inventory Jan 1, 2003
				Cattle	Calves		Cattle	Calves	
	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head
NJ	44.0	18.0	0.5	6.0	8.0	0.5	1.0	1.0	46.0
US	96,704.0	38,193.3	21,512.0	46,287.1	9,747.0	193.5	1,710.2	2,365.5	96,106.0

^{1/} Balance sheet estimates by state; the sum of inventory January 1, 2002, calf crop, and inshipments is equal to the sum of marketings, farm slaughter, deaths, and inventory January 1, 2003.

^{2/} Includes custom slaughter for use on farms where produced and state outshipments, but excludes interfarm sales within the state.

^{3/} Excludes custom slaughter for farmers at commercial establishments.

Cattle and Calves: Inventory, Supply, and Disposition by State and United States, Revised 2001 ^{1/}

State	Inventory Jan 1, 2001	Calf Crop	Inshipments	Marketings ^{2/}		Farm Slaughter ^{3/}	Deaths		Inventory Jan 1, 2002
				Cattle	Calves		Cattle	Calves	
	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head
NJ	48.0	18.0	0.2	8.5	11.2	0.5	1.0	1.0	44.0
US	97,276.5	38,280.4	21,812.9	46,659.0	9,603.3	194.6	1,722.4	2,487.1	96,704.0

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^{3/} Excludes custom slaughter for farmers at commercial establishments.

Hogs and Pigs: Inventory, Supply, and Disposition by State and United States, 2002 ^{1/}

State	Inventory Dec 1, 2001	Pig Crop	Inshipments	Marketings ^{2/}	Farm Slaughter ^{3/}	Deaths	Inventory Dec 1, 2002
		Dec - Nov					
	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head
NJ	13.0	17.6	2.6	16.8	1.0	0.4	15.0
US	59,803.5	101,344.3	29,300.7	123,676.7	114.1	7,145.3	59,512.6

^{1/} Balance sheet estimates by state; the sum of inventory December 1, 2001, pigs crop, and inshipments is equal to the sum of marketings, farm slaughter, deaths, and inventory December 1, 2002.

^{2/} Includes custom slaughter for use on farms where produced and state outshipments, but excludes interfarm sales within the state.

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Hogs and Pigs: Inventory, Supply, and Disposition by State and United States, Revised 2001 ^{1/}

State	Inventory Dec 1, 2000	Pig Crop	Inshipments	Marketings ^{2/}	Farm Slaughter ^{3/}	Deaths	Inventory Dec 1, 2001
		Dec - Nov					
	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head
NJ	14.0	12.8	1.1	12.6	1.5	0.8	13.0
US	59,137.8	100,502.6	26,889.2	119,262.1	119.1	7,345.0	59,803.5

^{1/} Balance sheet estimates by state; the sum of inventory December 1, 2000, pigs crop, and inshipments is equal to the sum of marketings, farm slaughter, deaths, and inventory December 1, 2001.

^{2/} Includes custom slaughter for use on farms where produced and state outshipments, but excludes interfarm sales within the state.

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Northeast Region II Farm Labor

There were 30 thousand hired workers on Northeast II Region farms and ranches the week of April 6, 2003 through April 12, 2003, down 33 percent from a year ago. States included in the Northeast Region II are Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. Hours worked during the reference week averaged 39.3 compared to 35.7 the previous year.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$9.68 per hour during the April 2003 reference week, up 85 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$8.75 per hour, up 55 cents from last April, while livestock workers earned \$8.20 per hour compared with \$7.01 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$9.68 per hour, was up 85 cents from last year.

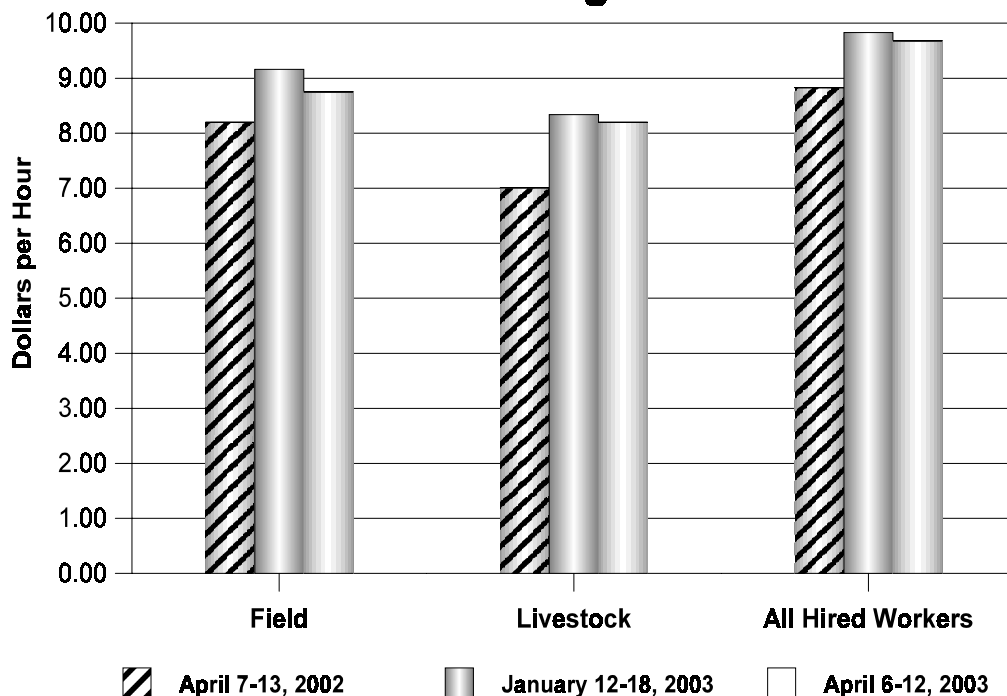
Farm Labor & Wage Rates: Northeast II Region and United States

Items	Northeast II 1/			United States		
	April 2002	January 2003	April 2003	April 2002	January 2003	April 2003
	<i>Thousand workers</i>			<i>Thousand workers</i>		
Hired Workers (All)	45	23	30	1,079	889	938
Ag Service Workers	2/	2/	2/	189	160	157
Hired Workers	45	23	30	890	729	781
150 Days or More	35	19	23	722	614	619
149 Days or Less	10	4	7	168	115	162
	<i>Per Week</i>			<i>Per Week</i>		
Average Hours Worked (Hired Farm Workers)	35.7	37.2	39.3	40.2	37.7	40.1
	<i>Per Hour</i>			<i>Per Hour</i>		
Average Wage Rate (All Hired Farm Workers)	\$8.83	\$9.83	\$9.68	\$8.83	\$9.34	\$9.16
By Type of Workers						
Field	\$8.20	\$9.16	\$8.75	\$8.06	\$8.30	\$8.40
Livestock	\$7.01	\$8.34	\$8.20	\$8.43	\$8.90	\$8.75

1/ Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania.

2/ Data not published.

North East Region II



Milk Cows, Production of Milk, Income, and Value of Production Summary

New Jersey milk production increased 1 percent in 2002 to 236 million pounds. The average daily rate per cow, at 18,154 pounds, was 1,511 pounds above 2001. The annual average number of cows on farms, at 13,000 head was 1,000 less than 2001.

Marketings of utilized milk totaled 233 million pounds, 1 percent above 2001. Marketings include whole milk sold to plants and dealers, as well as milk sold directly to consumers. Producer returns averaged \$12.80 per hundredweight, 20 percent below 2001.

Cash receipts from marketings of milk during 2002, at \$29.8 million, was 19 percent below 2001. Value of New Jersey milk produced in 2002 totaled \$30.2 million compared to \$37.5 million, in 2001, down 19 percent from previous year.

United States milk production increased 3 percent in 2002 to 170 billion pounds. The average daily rate per cow, at 18,571 pounds, was 412 pounds above 2001. The annual average number of cows on farms, at 9.14 million head, was 27,000 more than 2001.

Marketings of utilized milk totaled 169 billion pounds, 3 percent above 2001. Marketings include whole milk sold to plants and dealers, as well as milk sold directly to consumers. Producer returns averaged \$12.19 per hundredweight, 19 percent below 2001.

Cash receipts from marketings of milk during 2002, at \$20.5 billion, was 17 percent above 2001. Value of milk produced nationally, in 2002, totaled \$20.7 billion compared to \$24.9 billion produced the previous year, down 17 percent.

**Milk Cows, Production of Milk, Income, and Value of Production:
By Selected States and United States, Revised 2001 and 2002**

State	Units	Maryland		New Jersey		New York		Pennsylvania		United States	
		2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
Milk Cows <u>1/</u>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	82	81	14	13	672	678	599	585	9,114	9,141
Milk per Cow <u>2/</u>	<i>Average Pounds</i>	15,780	16,383	16,643	18,154	17,530	18,019	18,112	18,419	18,159	18,571
Total Production	<i>Million Pounds</i>	1,294	1,327	233	236	11,780	12,217	10,849	10,775	165,497	169,758
Milk Utilized	<i>Million Pounds</i>	1,284	1,317	230	233	11,695	12,154	10,805	10,742	164,284	168,617
Average Returns <u>3/</u>	<i>Dollars Per Cwt</i>	16.20	13.20	16.10	12.80	15.80	12.80	16.60	13.80	15.04	12.19
Cash Receipts	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	208,008	173,844	37,030	29,824	1,847,810	1,555,712	1,793,630	1,482,396	24,709,749	20,546,980
Value <u>4/</u> <u>5/</u>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	209,628	175,164	37,513	30,208	1,861,240	1,563,776	1,800,934	1,486,950	24,893,985	20,687,958

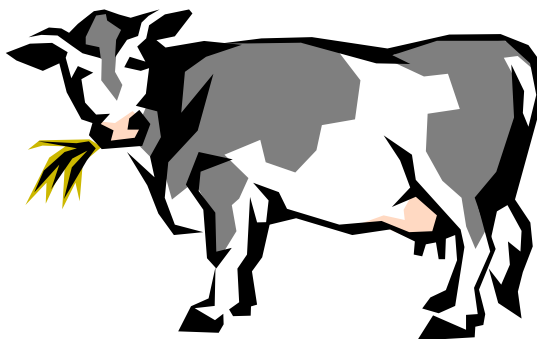
1/ Averaged number during year, excluding heifers not yet fresh.

2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

3/ Cash receipts divided by milk or milkfat in combined marketing.

4/ Value at average returns per 100 pounds of milk in combined marketings of milk and cream.

5/ Includes value of milk fed to calves.



Prices Received by Farmers

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in May is 107, based on 1990 - 92=100, up six points (5.9 percent) from the April Index. All commodity group indexes except potatoes and dry beans, tobacco, and the other crops category increased since last month. Higher prices for lettuce, hogs, broilers, and soybeans more than offset lower prices for eggs, asparagus, onions, and tomatoes. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell, based on the past 3-year average, also affects the overall index. Increased average marketings of cantaloupes, grapes, sweet corn, and peaches offset decreased marketings of cattle, dairy, apples, and asparagus. The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 11 points (12 percent) from May 2002. Higher prices for cattle, lettuce, corn, and soybeans more than offset lower prices for dairy, potatoes, sweet corn, and tomatoes. The Food Commodities Index increased 7 points (7.1 percent) above last month to 106, and is 11 points (12 percent) above May last year.

Prices Paid Index Down 1 Point

The May Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) is 127 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index is down 1 point from April but 4 points (3.3 percent) above May 2002. Lower prices in May for LP gas, diesel fuel, gasoline, and feeder pigs more than offset higher prices for nitrogen fertilizers, hay and forages, feed grains, and potash and phosphate materials.

Average Prices Received by Farmers: United States

Item	Entire Month		Preliminary
	May 2002	Apr 2003	May 2003
<i>Dollars</i>			
Field Crops			
Barley, per bushel	2.24	2.87	2.90
Hay, all, baled, per ton ^{1/}	103.00	94.50	99.20
Soybeans, per bushel	4.64	5.82	6.19
Fruit, fresh			
Apples, per lb	.215	.234	.218
Strawberries, per lb	.634	.695	.691
Vegetables, fresh			
Corn, Sweet, per cwt	20.80	15.10	16.00
Lettuce, per cwt	10.20	14.10	28.30
Tomatoes, per cwt	29.60	30.10	23.90
Livestock and Livestock Products			
Beef Cattle, per cwt	65.10	74.60	74.90
Steers and Heifers, per cwt	68.10	78.80	79.00
Cows, per cwt	39.80	40.20	41.10
Calves, per cwt	99.50	99.10	99.30
Broilers, live, per lb	.300	.310	.330
Eggs, all, per dozen	.526	.651	.581
Milk, all, per cwt ^{2/}	13.30	11.58	11.94

^{1/} Mid-month

^{2/} Before deductions for hauling and government withholdings.

Includes bulk tank, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.