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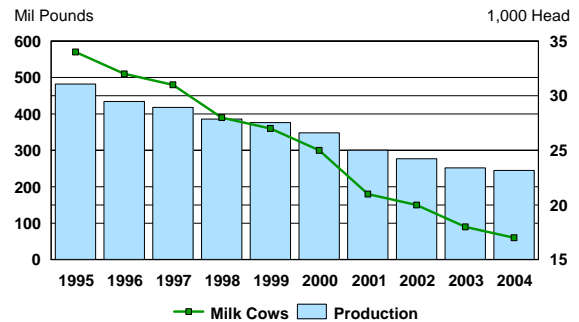
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Milk Production, Disposition, and Income 2004

- ✓Milk production totaled 245 million pounds in 2004, 3 percent less than previous year.
- ✓Milk per cow averaged 14,412 pounds.
- ✓Prices received for milk increased to \$17.90 per cwt. in 2004, compared with \$14.10 in 2003.
- ✓Alabama cash receipts from milk increased 23 percent in 2004 to \$43.5 million.

Alabama Milk Cows and Production



| Production, Disposition & Income | Unit | Alabama | | United States | |
|---|--------------|---------|--------|---------------|------------|
| | | 2003 | 2004 | 2003 | 2004 |
| Number of milk cows ¹ | Thou Head | 18 | 17 | 9,083 | 9,010 |
| Milk per cow | Pounds | 14,000 | 14,412 | 18,760 | 18,957 |
| Total milk production | Mil Pounds | 252 | 245 | 170,394 | 170,805 |
| Total milkfat production | Mil Pounds | 9.2 | 8.9 | 6,248.7 | 6,265.8 |
| Milk marketed by producers ² | Mil Pounds | 250 | 243 | 169,276 | 169,699 |
| Milk used where produced | Mil Pounds | 2 | 2 | 1,119 | 1,105 |
| Price per 100 pounds | Dollars | 14.10 | 17.90 | 12.55 | 16.13 |
| Cash receipts from marketings | Thou Dollars | 35,250 | 43,497 | 21,238,737 | 27,367,858 |

¹ Average number on farms during year.

² Milk sold to plants and dealers as whole milk and equivalent amounts of milk for cream. Includes milk produced by dealers' own herds and milk sold directly to consumers. Also includes milk produced by institutional herds.

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Livestock and Poultry Outlook
Source: Economic Outlook Report

Retail prices for Choice beef averaged \$4.26 a pound in May, second only to November 2003's \$4.32, reflecting the strong seasonal barbecue demand and tight supplies this spring. Choice boxed beef prices averaged near \$157 per cwt in April and May, modestly above year-earlier averages. Boxed beef and fed cattle prices declined in June, and retail prices are expected to decline from near-record levels this spring as supplies increase through early fall. Marketing spreads have widened this spring and are well above year-earlier spreads. Spreads are expected to remain historically wide this summer as they have over the past couple of years.

Total broiler meat production in April was 2.85 billion pounds, only 1.4 percent higher than the previous year. However, the major reason for the small increase was that April 2005 had one fewer slaughter day than in the previous year. With a higher number of birds expected to be slaughtered in May and June and with slaughter weights averaging about 2 percent higher than the previous year, the estimates for broiler production in the second and third quarters of 2005 were both increased by 50 million pounds and the fourth quarter estimate was increased by 25 million pounds. These changes pushed the broiler meat production estimate for 2005 to nearly 35.4 billion pounds, 3.8 percent higher than in 2004.

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