

## Livestock Review 2003

On January 1, 2004, 1.36 million head of **cattle and calves** were on farms in Alabama. Cash receipts from farm marketings totaled \$425.2 million. There was a 31 percent increase in the number of cattle and calves marketed. Prices received by Alabama producers during 2003 was up to \$68.60 per cwt for cattle and \$96.10 for calves. **Beef cow** inventory decreased 4 percent to 732,000 head and **beef cow replacement heifers**, at 105,000 head, were down 11 percent from the previous year. There were 18,000 **milk cows** in Alabama dairy herds, down 5 percent from the previous year. The number of operations with milk cows during 2003 was estimated at 200. This number includes any operation with one or more milk cows. Milk produced in the State totaled 252 million pounds in 2003, 9 percent less than the previous year. Milk per cow averaged 14,000 pounds. Prices received for milk dropped to \$14.10 in 2003. Alabama cash receipts from milk decreased 8 percent in 2003 to 35.3 million. All **hogs and pigs** on hand December 1, 2003 numbered 165,000 head. The number of **breeding hogs** were up to 15,000 and total **market hogs**, at 150,000, were down 2 percent and 25,000 **sows** farrowed 220,000 pigs in 2003. The average number of pigs per litter was 8.80, compared with 9.04 in 2002. Cash receipts from hogs and pigs were \$19.9 million and the average price received per cwt was \$33.80.

Sales of **catfish** in Alabama increased 12 percent to \$85.2 million during 2003. There were 200 operations in the State producing catfish on January 1, 2004. Water surface area was down 100 acres from last year, totaling 25,400 acres. **Honey production** in 2003 totaled 1.07 million pounds. There were 13,000 colonies producing honey in 2003. Yield per colony averaged 82 pounds, down 4 pounds from a year earlier. The average price per pound was 126 cents, up from 118 cents in 2002.

### Livestock and Poultry Receipts, 2003

Commodity	Receipts - \$	Pct of Total
Broilers	1.84 bil.	67.1
Cattle & Calves	425.24 mil.	15.5
Eggs	295.65 mil.	10.8
Catfish	85.16 mil.	3.1
Dairy	35.25 mil.	1.3
Other Lvstk and Poultry	40.35 mil.	1.5
Hogs	<u>19.85 mil.</u>	<u>.7</u>
Lvstk and Poultry, Total	2.74 bil.	100.0

Cash receipts for Alabama's livestock and poultry production increased 15 percent from \$2.39 billion in 2002 to \$2.74 billion for 2003. Receipts for broilers and other poultry & egg products were up 12 percent in 2003, while cattle, calf and hog receipts increased 36%. Catfish producers receipts had a record year in sales going from \$76.1 million in 2002 to \$85.2 in 2003.

### Alabama: Record Year Of Livestock and Poultry

Livestock	Unit	Record Number	Year
Broiler Production, Annual	Mil Birds	1,051	2002
Beef Cows	Thou Hd	1,314	1976
Catfish Sales, Annual	Thou Dols	85,159	2003
Cattle and Calves, Jan 1.	Thou Hd	2,850	1976
Egg Production, Annual	Mil Eggs	3,354	1980
Hogs and Pigs, Inventory Dec 1.	Thou Hd	1,640	1897
Layer Inventory, Dec 1.	Mil Birds	14.60	1965
Milk Production, Annual	Mil Lbs	1,360	1944