

## LIVESTOCK HIGHLIGHTS

### CATTLE AND CALVES

Kentucky's **All Cattle and Calf** inventory totaled 2.30 million head on January 1, 2002. This was up 2 percent from January 1, 2001 estimate of 2.26 million head. Inventories of beef replacement heifers and steers over 500 pounds were higher than the previous year. Other heifers over 500 pounds were unchanged from the previous year. Beef cow inventory totaled 1.08 million head, up 1 percent from January 1, 2001. Milk cow numbers were a record low 125,000 head on January 1, 2002, 4 percent below the previous year. Bulls over 500 pounds increased from January 2001, while heifers over 500 pounds for milk cow replacement and calves under 500 pounds were unchanged from the

previous year. The 2001 calf crop totaled 1.08 million head, down 1 percent from 2000 and the smallest calf crop in Kentucky since 1962.

The all cattle and calves total value as of January 1, 2002 was \$1.52 million, up 3 percent from the previous year. Average value per head was \$660, compared with \$650 on January 1, 2001. Cash receipts from marketings totaled \$499.8 million during 2001, down 8 percent from 2000. Marketings for 2001 were 8 percent below 2000 while prices were mixed. Cattle prices averaged \$71.70 per hundredweight during 2001 compared with \$71.90 during 2000. Calves averaged \$96.20 per hundredweight compared with \$96.10 during 2000.

### HOGS AND PIGS

Finding adequate market opportunities continued to be difficult for Kentucky's hog producers. The December 1, 2001 **Hog and Pig** inventory set another record low at 405,000 head. Hog numbers were 6 percent below 2000 and have been declining steadily since 1995. Hogs for breeding totaled 50,000 on December 1, 2001, unchanged from 2000. December 2001 market hogs, at 355,000 head, were 7 percent below the 2000 level.

The 2001 pig crop totaled 797,000 compared with 775,000 during 2000. Pigs saved per litter

averaged 8.66, compared with the 2000 average of 8.52. Producers farrowed 92,000 sows during 2001 compared with 91,000 during 2000.

Kentucky's hog and pig inventory was valued at \$25.5 million on December 1, 2001, down 4 percent from the previous year. Cash receipts from marketings increased 5 percent from 2000 to \$94.3 million. Marketings decreased slightly from 2000, while the average price during 2001 was \$42.00 per hundredweight, compared with \$40.20 recorded in 2000.

### ALL POULTRY

**All Poultry** includes broilers, eggs and other poultry. Cash receipts from all poultry totaled \$603.9 million, the second highest for the State. Only horses and stud fees generated more cash receipts.

**Broiler** production for 2001 totaled 1.29 billion pounds from 253.4 million birds. Value of production was \$504.0 million, making broilers the third largest source of cash receipts for Kentucky farmers. Compared with 2000, broiler production increased 12 percent and cash receipts increased 33

percent. Average value per pound was 39 cents during 2001 compared with 33 cents during the previous year.

The December 1, 2001 inventory of **All Chickens** (excluding broilers) totaled 5.60 million birds, down 3 percent from the previous December. Laying flocks produced 933 million eggs during 2001, a 1 percent decrease from the previous year. Cash receipts from eggs totaled \$72.7 million for 2001, 3 percent above 2000. Eggs averaged 93.5 cents per dozen in 2001 compared with 90.4 cents during 2000.