

2004 LIVESTOCK HIGHLIGHTS

CATTLE AND CALVES

Kentucky's **All Cattle and Calf** inventory totaled 2.25 million head on January 1, 2005. This was down 3 percent from the January 1, 2004 estimate of 2.32 million head. Beef cow inventory totaled 1.09 million head, down 3 percent from January 1, 2004. Milk cow numbers were a record low 110,000 head on January 1, 2005, down 2,000 head from 2004. Heifers over 500 pounds increased from January 2004. Bulls over 500 pounds, and calves under 500 pounds decreased from January 2004. The 2004 calf crop totaled 1.04 million head, down 6 percent from 2003.

The all cattle and calves total value as of January 1, 2005 was \$1.82 billion, up 12 percent from 2004. Average value per head was \$810, compared with \$700 on January 1, 2004. Cash receipts from marketings totaled \$620.7 million during 2004, up 14 percent from 2003. Marketings for 2004 were 3 percent below 2003 but prices increased. Cattle prices averaged \$84.30 per hundredweight during 2004 compared with \$72.30 during 2003. Calves averaged \$112.00 per hundredweight compared with \$92.00 during 2003.

HOGS AND PIGS

The December 1, 2004 **Hog and Pig** inventory totaled 350,000 head. This was down 8 percent from 2003. Hogs for breeding totaled 40,000 on December 1, 2004, down 11 percent from 2003. December 2004 market hogs, at 310,000 head, were 7 percent below 2003.

The 2004 pig crop totaled 762,000 compared with 644,000 during 2003. Pigs saved per litter averaged 8.96, compared with the 2003 average of 8.59. Producers

farrowed 85,000 sows during 2004 compared with 75,000 during 2003.

Kentucky's hog and pig inventory was valued at \$27.7 million on December 1, 2004, up 35 percent from the previous year. Cash receipts from marketings increased 57 percent from 2003 to \$104.5 million. Marketings increased from 2003, and the average price during 2004 was \$48.10 per hundredweight, compared with \$36.40 in 2003.

ALL POULTRY

All Poultry includes broilers, eggs and other poultry. Cash receipts from all poultry totaled \$816.6 million, the second highest for the State. Only horses and stud fees generated more cash receipts.

Broiler production for 2004 totaled 1.57 billion pounds from 290.8 million birds. Value of production was \$690.9 million. Compared with 2003, broiler production increased 5 percent and cash receipts increased 36 percent. Average value per

pound was 44 cents during 2004 compared with 34 cents during 2003.

The December 1, 2004 inventory of **All Other Chickens** (excluding broilers) totaled 6.96 million birds, down 3 percent from the previous December. Laying flocks produced 1.23 billion eggs during 2004, a 10 percent increase from 2003. Cash receipts from eggs totaled \$88.1 million for 2004, 6 percent above 2003. Eggs averaged 85.8 cents per dozen in 2004 compared with 88.9 cents during 2003.