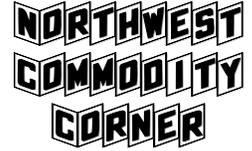




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WASHINGTON-OREGON HAY (Columbia Basin) – 4/24/15 Tons: 930 All prices are dollars per ton and FOB unless otherwise stated.			
Quality	Tons	Price Range	Avg Price
Alfalfa Large Square			
Premium – Tarped	200	210.00	210.00
Alfalfa Mid Square			
Fair/Good - Export	500	160.00	160.00
Alfalfa Small Square			
Premium – Retail/Stable	60	260.00	260.00
Premium - Tarped	170	250.00	250.00
http://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/ML_GR310.txt USDA Market News, Moses Lake, WA 509-393-1343 or 762-6128			

IDAHO HAY – 4/24/15 Tons: 2,400 All prices are dollars per ton and FOB unless otherwise stated.			
Quality	Tons	Price Range	Avg. Price
Alfalfa Large Square			
Premium - Tarped	500	165.00	165.00
Utility/Fair - Rain Damage	400	120.00-130.00	125.00
Utility/Fair – Tarped	1,500	80.00-120.00	106.67
http://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/ML_GR312.txt USDA Market News, Moses Lake, WA 509-393-1343 or 762-6128			

POTATOES and ONIONS

Fruit and Vegetable Market News, USDA (208) 525-0166
http://search.ams.usda.gov/mndms/2015/04/IF_FV13020150423.txt

NATIONAL WEEKLY AG ENERGY ROUND-UP
<http://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/lswagenergy.pdf>

NASS- National Ag. Statistics Service
<http://www.nass.usda.gov/>

Afternoon National Slaughter Cattle Review
www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/lm_ct131.txt
USDA Market News, St. Joseph, MO (816)238-0678

cme Chicago Mercantile Exchange			CHICAGO MERCANTILE EXCH. SETTLEMENT 4/23/15 Livestock Futures Settlements
Month	Settlement	Change	
LIVE CATTLE			
April 15	159.30	+ 3.00	
June 15	149.02 ½	+ 3.00	
August 15	147.85	+ 3.00	
FEEDER CATTLE			
April 15	214.27 ½	+ 1.72 ½	
May 15	211.25	+ 4.50	
August 15	212.95	+ 4.50	
LEAN HOGS			
May 15	71.92 ½	+ 1.22 ½	
June 15	78.32 ½	+ 2.37 ½	
July 15	79.90	+ 2.02 ½	

cme Chicago Mercantile Exchange				Milk Futures - Settlement prices Chicago Mercantile Exchange Pit-Traded prices as of 4/23/15
Month	Settlement	Pt change	Est. Volume	
April 15	15.80	- .03	278	
May 15	16.71	+ .27	681	
June 15	16.95	+ .52	478	

National Feedstuffs Market Review
USDA Market News, Minneapolis, MN 612-370-3258
http://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/ms_gr850.txt

Livestock Cattle Reports
<http://www.ams.usda.gov/AMSV1.0/ams.fetchTemplateData.do?template=TemplateP&page=Cattle>

Crop Progress April 20, 2015
National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), Agricultural Statistics Board, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).
<http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/current/CropProg/CropProg-04-20-2015.txt>

Stockland LS Auction, Davenport, WA 4/20/15

Receipts: 400. Compared to last Monday at the same market, not enough stocker or feeder cattle this week for accurate trends. Most of the offerings were small lots and singles. Trade active with moderate to good demand. Slaughter cows 1.00-2.00 lower. Slaughter bulls steady. Trade moderate to active with moderate demand. Slaughter cows 70 percent, Slaughter bulls 5 percent, and feeders 25 percent.

Feeder Steers: Medium and Large 1-2: 500-600 lbs 260.00; 600-700 lbs 235.00; 700-800 lbs 207.00; 700-800 lbs 192.00, Brahman X. Small and Medium 1-2: 500-600 lbs 236.00.

Feeder Holstein Steers: Large 2-3: 500-600 lbs 205.00.

Feeder Bulls: Small 4: 66 lbs 50.00, Per Head.

Feeder Heifers: Medium and Large 1-2: 400-500 lbs 254.00; 500-600 lbs 233.00; 700-800 lbs 183.00; 700-800 lbs 172.00, Full; 800-900 lbs 168.50. Small and Medium 4: 300-400 lbs 231.00.

Slaughter Cows:

	<u>Pct. Lean</u>	<u>Weight</u>	<u>Avg Dress</u>	<u>High Dress</u>	<u>Low Dress</u>
Boning 80-85	1200-2000	103.00-109.00	110.-111.	97.00-103.00	
Lean 85-90	1000-1500	101.00-107.00	---	95.00-101.00	
Lean 90	1000-1300	89.00-95.00	---	80.00-89.00	

<u>Sl. Bulls:</u>	<u>Weight</u>	<u>Avg Dressing</u>	<u>High Dressing</u>	<u>Low Dressing</u>
YG 1-2	1400-2200	125.00-136.00	138.00	118.00-125.00

Cow/Calf Pairs (Per Pair): Few first calf Heifers, 1033 lbs. with 125-150 lb. calves 2300.00.

http://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/ml_ls751.txt

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Video/Internet Weekly Cattle Sale 4/22/15

Receipts: 803. Compared to two weeks ago at the same market, not enough feeder cattle reported two weeks ago for accurate trends. Trade active with good demand. Slaughter cows unevenly steady. Trade active with good demand. Slaughter cows 13 percent of the supply, 87 percent feeders. Current sales are up to 14 days delivery. Prices are FOB weighing point with a 1-4 percent shrink or equivalent and with a 10-20 cent slide on calves.

Holstein Feeder Steers: Large 2-3: Current FOB: 550 lbs. 208.00 WA. Future FOB: 350 lbs. 260.75 for May WA.

Slaughter Cows: Carcass Basis FOB Ranch or Dairy

	<u>Pct. Lean</u>	<u>Weight</u>	<u>Avg Dressing</u>
Lean Holsteins	85-90	1350-1600	203.00-204.25 ID-WA

www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/ML_LS149.txt

USDA Market News, Moses Lake, WA.

NW Direct Feeder Cattle Weekly Summary 4/24/15

Receipts: 3350. Feeder cattle steady to 4.00 lower. Trade slow this week as most of the NW is current and feedlots are at capacity levels. More activity was noted for calf contracts for fall delivery. Demand remains good. The supply included 79 percent steers and 21 percent heifers. Prices are FOB weighing point with a 1-4 percent shrink or equivalent and with a 5-10 cent slide on calves and a 3-8 cent slide on yearlings. Delivered prices include freight, commissions and other expenses. Current sales up to 14 days del.

Steers: Medium and Large 1-2: FOB: 700-750 lbs. 235.00 ID; 850-900 lbs. 195.00-202.00 ID-OR. Delivered: 850-900 lbs. 198.00-202.00 ID. Future FOB: 550-600 lbs. 234.00-250.00 ID-OR for Sep-Nov; 600-700 lbs. 228.00-240.00 calves for Oct-Dec WA-ID-OR.

Heifers: Medium and Large 1-2: FOB: 700 lbs. 228.00 ID. Delivered: 900 lbs. 196.00 ID. Future FOB: 500-600 lbs. 229.00-245.00 for Oct-Dec ID-OR.

www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/ML_LS752.txt

USDA Market News, Moses Lake, WA

Est. Daily Livestock Slaughter under Federal Inspection

		<u>CATTLE</u>	<u>CALVES</u>	<u>HOGS</u>	<u>SHEEP</u>
Friday 04/24/15	(est)	105,000	2,000	417,000	7,000
Saturday 04/25/15	(est)	4,000	0	49,000	0

USDA Market News, St Joseph, MO 816-676-7000

www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/SJ_LS710.txt

Toppenish Livestock Auction, Toppenish, WA 4/23/15

Receipts: 2020. Compared to last Thursday at the same market, stocker and feeder cattle 6.00-10.00 higher. Trade active with very good demand especially from locals looking for small lots of stocker cattle to fill pastures. Slaughter cows 4.00-5.00 higher. Slaughter bulls 9.00-10.00 higher. Trade active with very good demand. Slaughter cows 60%, Slaughter bulls 5%, and feeders 35%.

Feeder Steers: Medium and Large 1-2: 400-500 lbs 307.50; 500-600 lbs 250.00-258.00; 500-600 lbs 278.00, Value Added; 600-700 lbs 240.00-250.00; 600-700 lbs 220.00, Full; 600-700 lbs 260.00, Value Added; 700-800 lbs 205.00-213.00; 700-800 lbs 190.00-202.00, Full; 700-800 lbs 220.00, Thin Fleshed; 700-800 lbs 230.00, Value Added; 800-900 lbs 190.00. Medium and Large 2-3: 600-700 lbs 216.00. Large 1-2: 900-1000 lbs 183.00; 1000-1100 lbs 160.00. Small and Medium 1-2: 400-500 lbs 287.50. Small and Medium 4: 600-700 lbs 190.00.

Feeder Heifers: Medium and Large 1-2: 400-500 lbs 246.00; 500-600 lbs 240.00-250.00; 500-600 lbs 232.00, Full; 500-600 lbs 252.00, Thin Fleshed; 600-700 lbs 219.00-227.00; 600-700 lbs 205.00, Full; 700-800 lbs 210.00; 700-800 lbs 184.00, Full; 800-900 lbs 180.00. Medium and Large 2-3: 600-700 lbs 200.00. Large 1-2: 1100-1200 lbs 140.00. Large 2-3: 600-700 lbs 185.00-187.50; 1000-1100 lbs 154.00. Small and Medium 4: 300-400 lbs 210.00.

Slaughter Cows:

	<u>Pct. Lean</u>	<u>Weight</u>	<u>Avg Dress</u>	<u>High Dress</u>	<u>Low Dress</u>
Boning 80-85	1200-1900	106.00-112.00	114.75	101.00-106.00	
Boning 80-85	1200-1500	117.00-123.00	---	109.00-117.00	
					Guar grass fed
Lean 85-90	1300-1600	105.-111.	113.50-114.	105.00-105.00	
Lean Light 90	900-1250	95.00-105.00	---	89.00-95.00	

<u>Sl. Bulls:</u>	<u>Weight</u>	<u>Avg Dressing</u>	<u>High Dressing</u>	<u>Low Dressing</u>
YG 1-2	1100-2600	135.00-144.00	145.00-151.00	120.00-135.00

Bred Heifers: Medium and Large 1-2: 1026 lbs. 3-6 mos. 2025.00.

Bred Cows (Per Head): Medium and Large 1-2: Young to Mid-Aged (3-8 yrs. old) 1100-1400 lbs. lbs. 3-9 mos. bred 1775.00-2200.00.

Cow/Calf Pairs (Per Pair): Medium and Large 1-2: Young (3-5 yrs. old) 1300-1400 lbs. 2300.00-2575.00 with 100-200 lbs. calves; Broken Mouth 1100 lbs. 2100.00 with 100-150 lbs. calves. Small 4: Young 700 lbs. 1225.00 with 200-250 lbs. calves.

USDA Market News, Moses Lake, WA

www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/ML_LS750.txt

USDA EST. BOXED BEEF CUT-OUT VALUES 4/23/15

Based on negotiated prices and volume of boxed beef cuts delivered within 0-21 days and on average industry cutting yields. Values reflect U.S. dollars per 100 pounds. Boxed beef cutout values steady on Choice and higher on Select on moderate to demand and offerings. Choice rib, round, and loin cuts steady to firm while Select firm to higher. Select and Choice chuck cuts weak. Beef trimmings lower on light demand and offerings.

600-900 lbs CHOICE SELECT

Current Cutout Values: 260.01 251.04

Change from prior day: (0.05) 1.52

Choice/Select spread: 8.96

http://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/lm_xb403.txt

USDA Market News, Des Moines, IA 515-284-4460

NATIONAL DAILY DIRECT AFTERNOON HOGS 4/23/15

NEGOTIATED PURCHASE (Including Packer Sold)

Barrows & Gilts (carcass basis): 9,058

Compared to Prior Day's closing weighted average, 0.47 higher
Base Price Range \$56.00 - \$64.25, Weighted Average \$63.00
Base Price is the price from which no discounts are subtracted and no premiums are added.

Barrows & Gilts (live basis, 240-320 lbs): 1,594

Compared to Prior Day's closing weighted average, 1.12 higher
Price Range \$45.13 - \$51.00, Weighted Average \$49.55

http://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/lm_hg203.txt

USDA Market News Des Moines, Iowa 515-284-4460

United States Cattle on Feed April 24, 2015

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.8 million head on April 1, 2015. The inventory was slightly above April 1, 2014. The inventory included 7.46 million steers and steer calves, up 5 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 69 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.34 million head, down 10 percent from 2014. **Placements** in feedlots during March totaled 1.81 million, slightly above 2014. Net placements were 1.74 million head. During March, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 365,000, 600-699 pounds were 275,000, 700-799 pounds were 449,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 720,000. **Marketings** of fed cattle during March totaled 1.63 million, 2 percent below 2014. March marketings are the lowest since the series began in 1996. **Other disappearance** totaled 69,000 during March, 6 percent above 2014. National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), Agricultural Statistics Board, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

<http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/current/CattOnFe/CattOnFe-04-24-2015.txt>

Livestock Slaughter April 23, 2015

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.06 billion pounds in March, up 7 percent from the 3.81 billion pounds produced in March 2014. **Beef** production, at 1.93 billion pounds, was slightly below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.38 million head, down 3 percent from March 2014. The average live weight was up 30 pounds from the previous year, at 1,348 pounds. **Veal** production totaled 6.9 million pounds, 21 percent below March a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 39,700 head, down 26 percent from March 2014. The average live weight was up 18 pounds from last year, at 295 pounds. **Pork** production totaled 2.11 billion pounds, up 14 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.89 million head, up 14 percent from March 2014. The average live weight was unchanged from the previous year, at 285 pounds. **Lamb and mutton** production, at 14.3 million pounds, was up 8 percent from March 2014. Sheep slaughter totaled 204,600 head, 8 percent above last year. The average live weight was 140 pounds, up 1 pound from March a year ago. National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), Agricultural Statistics Board, United States Department of Agriculture <http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/current/LiveSlau/LiveSlau-04-23-2015.txt>

Milk Production April 21, 2015

Milk production in the 23 major States during March totaled 16.9 billion pounds, up 1.1 percent from March 2014. February revised production at 15.1 billion pounds, was up 1.7 percent from February 2014. The February revision represented a decrease of 10 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. **Production per cow** in the 23 major States averaged 1,959 pounds for March, 2 pounds above March 2014. This is the highest production per cow for the month of March since the 23 State series began in 2003. **The number of milk cows** on farms in the 23 major States was 8.62 million head, 86,000 head more than March 2014, but 4,000 head fewer than February 2015. **Milk production in the United States** during the January - March quarter totaled 51.9 billion pounds, up 1.7 percent from the January - March quarter last year. **The average number of milk cows** in the United States during the quarter was 9.30 million head, 17,000 head more than the October - December 2014 quarter, and 88,000 head more than the same period last year. National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), Agricultural Statistics Board, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). <http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/current/MilkProd/MilkProd-04-21-2015.txt>

NONFAT DRY MILK – WEST 4/23/15

F.O.B. WEST: Includes EXTRA GRADE and GRADE A

LOW/MEDIUM HEAT: .8725 - 1.0400 MOSTLY: .9200 - .9900
HIGH HEAT: 1.0350 - 1.2000

http://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/md_da640.txt

BUTTER– WEST 4/22/15

Cream demand remains strong from western butter plants. Most plants are emphasizing print production, but are hoping to increase bulk butter output in coming weeks. Increasing milk production in many areas has not generated enough cream to satisfy demand at some butter plants. Competing interest from ice cream manufacturers is also a factor affecting cream available for churning. This continues to result in cream movements between various states in the West. The strength of print demand is unexpected. Stock building by end users is mentioned as a factor. The National Retail Report - Dairy for the week April 17 - 23, found that the U.S. weighted average advertised price of 1# butter is \$3.26, \$.45 above the price one week ago and \$.41 above one year ago. Retail prices for 1# butter in the Southwest have a weighted average advertised price of \$4.09 and in the Northwest, \$2.99. Bulk butter pricing in the West this week is 4 cents under market to 5 cents above, based on the CME Group with various time frames and averages used. The Grade AA butter price at the CME Group on Wed. closed at \$1.8300, up \$0.0600 from a week ago. http://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/md_da440.txt

WEST CHEESE 4/22/15

In the West, the perspective is that milk production is increasing and generating volumes such that any plant seeking milk can find it. A comment was that "you can buy all you want". This is keeping cheese plant schedules mostly at capacity. With barrels tighter, some plants able to manufacture barrels have been taking advantage of inverted block/barrel prices. While cheese demand for consumption is strong, there is also production being set aside in storage for later use. Some focus is starting to be given to assessing what impact this factor of pulling future demand forward will have on cheese production in future months, but quantifying that uncertainty is far from reaching any consensus. The DMN National Retail Report-Dairy for the week of April 17 - 23 shows the U.S. weighted average advertised retail price for an 8 ounce pack of natural shredded cheese is \$2.30, down \$.05 from last week and down \$.14 from a year ago. Packs averaged \$2.47 in the Southwest and \$3.06 in the Northwest. For 8 ounce blocks, the U.S. price is \$2.22, down 18 cents from last week but up 1 cent from a year ago. Blocks in the Southwest averaged \$2.20 and in the Northwest, \$2.03. This week 27% of national conventional dairy ads are for cheese. Western wholesale prices are up \$.0075 for process, unchanged for Grade A Swiss cuts 6 - 9#, and down \$.0025 for the remaining varieties. In CME Group trading Wed, barrels closed at \$1.6200, up \$.0050 from last Wed. and blocks closed at \$1.6100, up \$.0375 from last Wed. This reduced the barrel - block price inversion to \$.0100 Wed, down from \$.0425 last Wed.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES: DELIVERED, DOLLARS PER POUND (1000 - 5000 POUNDS MIXED LOTS)

Process 5# Loaf	: 1.7375-1.9950
Cheddar 40# Block	: 1.6850-2.1300
Cheddar 10# Cuts	: 1.8650-2.0850
Monterey Jack 10#	: 1.8750-2.0350
Grade A Swiss Cuts 6 - 9#	: 2.8300-3.2600

http://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/md_da840.txt

USDA Market News Madison, WI 608-278-4152/4156 or 4158

POULTRY MARKET NEWS AND ANALYSIS

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Peanut Price Highlights April 24, 2015

Peanut prices received by farmers for all farmer stock peanuts averaged 21.4 cents per pound for the week ending April 18, down 1.6 cents from the previous week. Marketings of all farmer stock peanuts for the week ending April 18 totaled 62.9 million pounds, down 25.6 million pounds from the previous week. **Runner-type peanut prices** averaged 20.9 cents per pound for the week ending April 18, down 0.7 cent from the previous week. Marketings of runner-type peanuts were 58.1 million pounds, down 9.48 million pounds from the previous week. National Agricultural Statistics Service, Agricultural Statistics Board, United States Department of Agriculture <http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/current/PeanPrice/PeanPrice-04-24-2015.txt>

OREGON HAY – 4/24/15 Tons: 1,567			
Quality	Tons	Price Range	Avg. Price
CROOK, DESCHUTES, JEFFERSON, WASCO CO			
Alfalfa Large Square			
Fair	700	160.00-175.00	169.64
Alfalfa Small Square			
Supreme	2	275.00	275.00
Premium	2	250.00	250.00
Premium - Retail/Stable	20	250.00-260.00	258.00
Orchard Grass Small Square			
Premium - Retail/Stable	46	260.00-270.00	265.87
Grass Mix-Five Way Small Square			
Premium - Retail/Stable	40	275.00-290.00	278.75
EASTERN OREGON			
No New Sales Confirmed.			
LAKE CO OREGON			
Alfalfa Large Square			
Supreme	67	250.00	250.00
Premium/Supreme	35	240.00	240.00
Good	499	170.00	170.00
Alfalfa Small Square			
Premium/Supreme	30	240.00	240.00
Premium - Retail/Stable	30	220.00	220.00
Alfalfa/Oat Mix Large Square			
Premium	60	150.00	150.00
Forage Mix Three-Way Large Square			
Good	36	150.00	150.00
HARNEY CO OREGON			
No New Sales Confirmed.			
KLAMATH BASIN OREGON			
No New Sales Confirmed.			
http://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/ML_GR313.txt USDA Market News, Portland, OR 503-326-2237			

Poultry Slaughter April 23, 2015

Poultry certified wholesome during March 2015 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.94 billion pounds, up 9 percent from the amount certified in March 2014. The February 2015 revised certified total at 3.49 billion pounds, was up slightly from February 2014. The February revision represented an increase of 7.70 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified. **The preliminary total live weight** of all federally inspected poultry during March 2015 was 5.20 billion pounds, up 9 percent from 4.77 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.49 billion pounds, up 9 percent from March 2014. Mature chickens, at 68.6 million pounds, were up 5 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 626 million pounds, up 9 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 16.7 million pounds, up 20 percent from last year. **Young chickens slaughtered** during March 2015 averaged 6.07 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from March 2014. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.72 pounds per bird, up 3 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during March 2015 averaged 31.2 pounds per bird, up slightly from March 2014. **Ante-mortem condemnations** during March 2015 totaled 12.6 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.24 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.23 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 42.4 million pounds, were 1.07 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 1.04 percent a year earlier. National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), Agricultural Statistics Board, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). <http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/current/PoulSlau/PoulSlau-04-23-2015.txt>

Chickens and Eggs April 21, 2015

United States egg production totaled 8.53 billion during March 2015, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 7.42 billion table eggs, and 1.12 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.03 billion were broiler-type and 91 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during March 2015 averaged 362 million, up 1 percent from last year. March egg production per 100 layers was 2,358 eggs, up 1 percent from March 2014. **All layers** in the United States on April 1, 2015 totaled 361 million, up slightly from last year. The 361 million layers consisted of 303 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 54.5 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 3.53 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on April 1, 2015, averaged 76.8 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from April 1, 2014. **Egg-type chicks hatched** during March 2015 totaled 50.4 million, up 14 percent from March 2014. Eggs in incubators totaled 49.0 million on April 1, 2015, up 13 percent from a year ago. **Domestic placements** of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 304 thousand during March 2015, up 29 percent from March 2014. **Broiler-type chicks hatched** during March 2015 totaled 791 million, up 3 percent from March 2014. Eggs in incubators totaled 646 million on April 1, 2015, up 2 percent from a year ago. **Leading breeders** placed 7.18 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during March 2015, up 6 percent from March 2014.

NASS, Agricultural Statistics Board, USDA

<http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/current/ChicEggs/ChicEggs-04-21-2015.txt>

Broiler Hatchery April 22, 2015

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 218 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 18, 2015, up 2 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 209 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 18, 2015, up 2 percent from the year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the U.S. was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier. **Broiler growers** in the U.S. weekly program placed 177 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 18, 2015, up 4 percent from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 171 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 18, 2015, up 4 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending Jan 10, 2015 through April 18, 2015 for the U.S. were 2.63 billion. Cumulative placements were up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier. National Agricultural Statistics Service, Agricultural Statistics Board, United States Department of Agriculture <http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/current/BroiHatc/BroiHatc-04-22-2015.txt>

Cold Storage Highlights April 22, 2015

Total natural cheese stocks in refrigerated warehouses on March 31, 2015 were down slightly from the previous month but up 4 percent from March 31, 2014. **Butter** stocks were up 4 percent from last month but down 4 percent from a year ago. **Total frozen poultry** supplies on March 31, 2015 were up 4 percent from the previous month and up 19 percent from a year ago. Total stocks of chicken were up 3 percent from the previous month and up 27 percent from last year. Total pounds of turkey in freezers were up 8 percent from last month and up 3 percent from March 31, 2014. **Total frozen fruit** stocks were down 6 percent from last month and down 3 percent from a year ago. **Total frozen vegetable** stocks were down 7 percent from last month but up slightly from a year ago. **Total red meat** supplies in freezers were down 3 percent from the previous month but up 18 percent from last year. Total pounds of beef in freezers were down 2 percent from the previous month but up 18 percent from last year. Frozen pork supplies were down 3 percent from the previous month but up 16 percent from last year. Stocks of pork bellies were up 1 percent from last month but down 14 percent from last year. NASS, Agricultural Statistics Board, United States Department of Agriculture <http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/current/ColdStor/ColdStor-04-22-2015.txt>