

Livestock Review 2007

On January 1, 2007, 1.32 million head of **cattle and calves** were on farms in Alabama. Cash receipts from farm marketings totaled \$399.5 million. There was an 11 percent decrease in the number of cattle and calves marketed. Prices received by Alabama producers during 2006 was down to \$81.50 per cwt for cattle and \$122.00 for calves. **Beef cow** inventory increased 5 percent to 717,000 head and **beef cow replacement heifers**, at 105,000 head, was up 17 percent from the previous year. There were 13,000 **milk cows** in Alabama dairy herds, down 7 percent from the previous year. The number of operations with milk cows during 2006 was estimated at 170. This number includes any operation with one or more milk cows. Milk produced in the State totaled 203 million pounds in 2006, down 9 percent from the previous year. Milk per cow averaged 14,500 pounds. Prices received for milk dropped to \$15.40 in 2006. Alabama cash receipts from milk decreased 21 percent in 2006 to \$31.1 million. All **hogs and pigs** on hand December 1, 2006 numbered 165,000 head. The number of **breeding hogs** dropped to 19,000 and total **market hogs** increased 2 percent to 146,000 and 32,000 **sows** farrowed 277,000 pigs in 2006. The average number of pigs per litter was 8.66, compared with 8.91 a year ago. Cash receipts from hogs and pigs were \$34.9 million and the average price received per cwt was \$40.40.

Sales of **catfish** in Alabama increased 1 percent to \$99.0 million during 2006. There were 199 operations in the State producing catfish on January 1, 2007. Water surface area was down 200 acres from last year, totaling 23,700 acres. **Honey production** in 2006 totaled 792,000 pounds. There were 11,000 colonies producing honey in 2006. Yield per colony averaged 72 pounds, down 6 pounds from a year earlier. The average price per pound was 146 cents, up 36 cents from a year ago.

Livestock and Poultry Receipts, 2006

Commodity	Receipts - \$	Pct of Total	
Broilers	2.16 bil.	71.0	Cash receipts for Alabama's livestock and poultry production totaled \$3.04 billion for 2006. Receipts for broilers and other poultry & egg products were \$2.44 billion, while cattle, calf and hog receipts were \$434.39 million. Catfish producers receipts increased 1 percent going from \$97.6 million in 2005 to \$99.0 million in 2006.
Cattle & Calves	399.48 mil.	13.1	
Eggs	274.49 mil.	9.0	
Catfish	98.97 mil.	3.3	
Other Lvstk and Poultry	42.59 mil.	1.4	
Hogs	34.92 mil.	1.2	
Dairy	<u>31.11 mil.</u>	<u>1.0</u>	
Lvstk and Poultry, Total	3.04 bil.	100.0	

Alabama: Record Year Of Livestock and Poultry

Livestock	Unit	Record Number	Year
Broiler Production, Annual	Mil Birds	1,057	2005
Beef Cows	Thou Hd	1,314	1976
Catfish Sales, Annual	Thou Dols	101,198	2004
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