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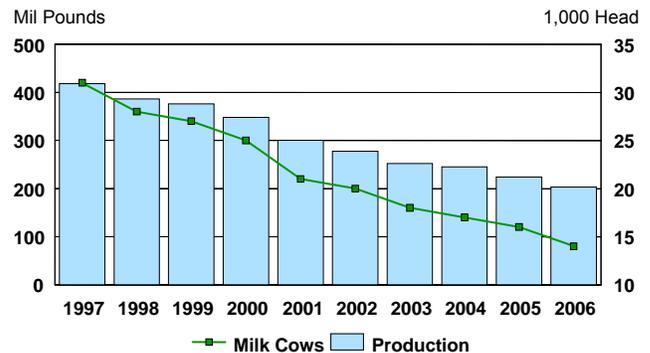
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Alabama Milk Production, Disposition, and Income 2006

- ▶ Milk production totaled 203 million pounds in 2006, a 9 percent decrease from previous year.
- ▶ Milk per cow averaged 14,500 pounds.
- ▶ Prices received for milk decreased to \$15.40 per cwt. in 2006, compared with \$16.90 per cwt. in 2005.
- ▶ Alabama cash receipts from milk decreased 17.5 percent in 2006 to \$31.1 million.

Alabama Milk Cows and Production



Production, Disposition & Income	Unit	Alabama		United States	
		2005	2006	2005	2006
Number of milk cows ¹	Thou Head	16	14	9,043	9,112
Milk per cow	Pounds	14,000	14,500	19,565	19,951
Total milk production	Mil Pounds	224	203	176,929	181,798
Total milkfat production	Mil Pounds	8.3	7.6	6,479.6	6,700.4
Milk marketed by producers ²	Mil Pounds	223	202	175,788	180,654
Milk used where produced	Mil Pounds	1	1	1,140	1,143
Price per 100 pounds	Dollars	16.90	15.40	15.19	12.97
Cash receipts from marketings	Thou Dollars	37,687	31,108	26,697,584	23,421,987

¹ Average number on farms during the year.

² Milk sold to plants and dealers as whole milk and equivalent amounts of milk for cream. Includes milk produced by dealer's own herds and milk sold directly to consumers. Also includes milk produced by institutional herds.

Livestock and Poultry Outlook

The total **cattle** inventory on hand January 1, 2008 is expected to be 97 million head, little changed from a year earlier because of poor grazing and forage conditions during 2006 and the winter 2006/07. April monthly average wholesale Choice beef prices were 15 percent above April 2006 prices. Average April farm to wholesale spread in retail beef prices, at \$0.42 per pound, are 1 percent below the April 2006 spread. The average April wholesale-to-retail in retail beef prices, at \$1.77 per pound, is 2.5 percent below the April 2006 spread of \$1.81. The average monthly Choice retail beef price in March, at \$4.18, was the highest since June 2005 and was 4 percent higher than the March 2006 price. The April average monthly Choice retail beef price, at \$4.29, was also up 6.6 percent from the April 2006 average of \$4.02, and is second only to the \$4.32 record set in November 2003. These values, combined with variable slaughter rates observed recently, may be indicative of some resistance to prices at the consumer level.

Prices for 51-52 percent live equivalent **hogs** averaged \$46.04 per cwt in the first quarter of 2007, 8 percent above the same period last year. April prices averaged \$48.43 per cwt, almost 17 percent above April 2006. The strong wholesale pork values received by packers so far this year have enabled them to bid live hog prices higher, while maintaining generally positive margins. Prices for live equivalent 51-52 percent hogs next year are expected to range between \$47 and \$51 per cwt.

U.S. **broiler** meat production is expected to total 36.4 billion pounds in 2008, up 2.3 percent from the previous year after an anticipated production decline in 2007. Broiler meat production in first-quarter 2007 totaled 8.57 billion pounds, down 4.1 percent from first-quarter 2006. The decline in meat production was the result of a 2.6-percent decrease in the number of birds going to slaughter compared with a year earlier and a 1.5 percent decrease in the average meat yield per bird slaughtered. Over the last 5 weeks, (April 14 through May 12), the number of chicks placed for grow-out has averaged 2.2 percent higher than in the same period the previous year.

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