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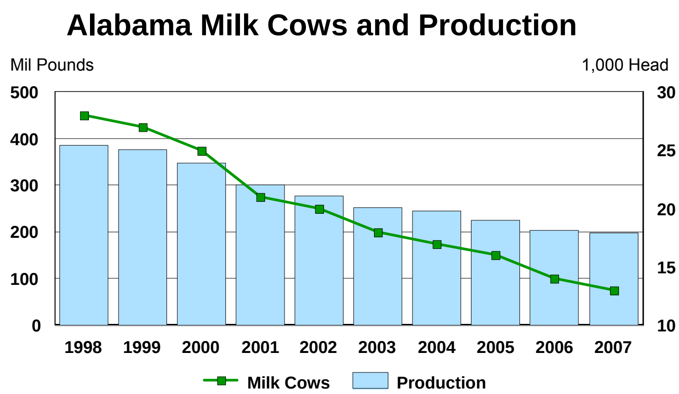
Alabama Milk Production, Disposition, and Income 2007

- ► Milk production totaled 197 million pounds in 2007, a 3 percent decrease from previous year.
- ► Milk per cow averaged 15,154 pounds.
- ► Prices received for milk rose to $21.40 per cwt. in 2007, compared with $15.40 per cwt. in 2006.
- ► Alabama cash receipts from milk increased 35 percent in 2007 to $41.9 million.



Production, Disposition & Income	Unit	Alabama		United States	
		2006	2007	2006	2007
Number of milk cows[1]	Thou Head	14	13	9,112	9,158
Milk per cow	Pounds	14,500	15,154	19,951	20,267
Total milk production	Mil Pounds	203	197	181,796	185,602
Total milkfat production	Mil Pounds	7.6	7.3	6,700.8	6,829.7
Milk marketed by producers[2]	Mil Pounds	202	196	180,640	184,435
Milk used where produced	Mil Pounds	1	1	1,155	1,167
Price per 100 pounds	Dollars	15.40	21.40	12.96	19.22
Cash receipts from marketings	Thou Dollars	31,108	41,944	23,404,620	35,425,015

[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

Cattle imports and exports are expected to increase from last year. This year 2.65 million head of cattle are expected to be imported into the United States. This is a 6 percent increase from a year ago. Beef exports this year are expected to be 1.650 billion pounds, a 15 percent increase from a year ago. Historically, the second and third quarters are the strongest for exports as the Northern Hemisphere enters the summer. Exports increased 29 percent year over year in April as well. Exports are expected to expand still further in 2009. Domestic cow slaughter forecasts indicate that there will be a good supply of processing meat, some of it the result of increased live slaughter cow imports from Canada. The relative weakness of the dollar makes imported beef more expensive. Imports are expected to increase 7 percent in 2009 as cow slaughter numbers decline.

Pork/hogs second-quarter prices of 51-52 percent lean hogs are expected to average between $52 and $53 per cwt, about the same as second quarter a year ago. For 2008, hog prices will likely range between $46 and $48 per cwt. Next year, hog prices are expected to average between $47 and $51 per cwt. Lower dressed weights and lower live imports will reduce pork production and contribute to higher hog prices.

U.S. **broiler** meat production is expected to total 9.38 billion pounds in second-quarter 2008, up 3.2 percent from a year earlier. Total broiler meat production in April 2008 was 3.18 billion pounds, up 10.2 percent from a year earlier. A major reason for the strong production increase was that April 2008 had 1 more slaughter day than the previous year. In addition, the average liveweight of those broilers at slaughter was 5.59 pounds, 1.5 percent higher than a year ago.

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