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Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 12.1 million head on February 1, 2006. The inventory was seven percent above February 1, 2005 and nine percent above February 1, 2004.

Placements in feedlots during January totaled 2.20 million, 16 percent above 2005 and 25 percent above 2004. Net placements were 2.12 million. During January, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 530,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 447,000, 700-799 pounds were 702,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 520,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during January totaled 1.81 million head, up two percent from 2005 and up two percent from 2004.

Other disappearance totaled 83,000 during January, 14 percent above 2005 but 12 percent below 2004.

**CATTLE ON FEED: U.S. Cattle Placed on Feed, by Weight Groups, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, December 2005, January 2005 and 2006**

Month		Less than 600 lbs	600-699 lbs	700-799 lbs	800+ lbs	Total
1,000 head						
January	2005	380	458	*631	419	*1,888
December	2005	575	554	430	325	1,884
January	2006	530	447	702	520	2,199

\*Revised.

**CATTLE AND CALVES ON FEED, 1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS, AND UNITED STATES**

State	Number on feed January 1		Placed during January 1		Marketed during January		Other disappearance during January		Number on feed February 1	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
1,000 head										
AZ	331	334	*30	39	*31	26	*2	1	*328	346
CA	535	550	59	71	63	62	6	9	525	550
CO	1,080	1,080	175	225	185	185	10	10	1,060	1,110
ID	295	275	37	46	61	51	1	5	270	265
IA	450	510	77	81	60	69	2	2	465	520
KS	2,410	2,500	475	570	450	465	15	25	2,420	2,580
NE	2,300	2,430	425	425	360	355	15	10	2,350	2,490
NM	126	143	18	18	13	13	2	2	129	146
OK	350	370	55	65	52	57	3	3	350	375
SD	192	205	41	38	26	32	2	1	205	210
TX	2,700	2,920	425	540	395	420	10	10	2,720	3,030
WA	190	152	30	33	29	31	1	1	190	153
Oth. Sts.	340	335	41	48	47	44	4	4	330	335
U.S.	11,299	11,804	*1,888	2,199	*1,772	1,810	*73	83	*11,342	12,110

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## CHICKENS AND EGGS

### FLORIDA

Table eggs sold in mid-February 2006 averaged 36.0 cents down 14.0 from mid-January. Table egg production in Florida during January was 245 million eggs, down four percent from the previous month.

### UNITED STATES

U.S. egg production totaled 7.72 billion during January 2006, up one percent from last year. Production included 6.62 billion table eggs, and 1.10 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.03 billion were broiler-type and 66 million were egg-type. The number of layers during January 2006 averaged 349 million, up slightly from a year earlier. January egg production per 100 layers was 2,211 eggs, up 1 percent from January 2005.

All layers in the U.S. on February 1, 2006, totaled 349 million, up slightly from a year ago. The 349 million layers consisted of 291 million layers producing table-type eggs, 55.6 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.90 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on February 1, 2006, averaged 70.8 eggs per 100 layers, up one percent from February 1, 2005.

### MID-MONTH TABLE EGG PRICES RECEIVED BY FLORIDA EGG PRODUCERS.

Month	Cents per dozen	
	2005	2006
January	40.0	50.0
February	36.0	36.0
March	33.0	
April	30.0	
May	27.0	
June	25.0	
July	34.0	
August	29.0	
September	50.0	
October	36.0	
November	51.0	
December	60.0	

### FLORIDA: Layers on hand first of month, percent molting and molted

	Feb 2005	Dec 2005	Jan 2006	Feb 2006
Total layers on hand: Thous.	10,122	10,657	10,315	10,122
Percent of layers: Being molted	7.5	2.0	8.5	9.5
Molt completed	19.5	21.5	20.0	34.0

### LAYERS AND EGG PRODUCTION, JANUARY 2006 PRODUCTION YEAR-TO-DATE EGG PRODUCTION FOR SELECTED STATES

Selected States	Average layers on hand	Eggs per 100 layers	Egg production				Layers	
			Total	Table	Hatching	Year to date <sup>1/</sup>	Being molted	Molt completed
	<i>Thousand</i>		<i>Millions</i>				<i>Percent</i>	
Alabama	8,946	1,923	172	540	132	344	0.5	7.0
Arkansas	14,351	1,951	280	96	184	569	1.5	9.0
California	19,393	2,207	428			868	10.0	31.0
<b>Florida</b>	<b>11,513</b>	<b>2,206</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>518</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>34.0</b>
Georgia	19,197	2,094	402	225	177	810	6.0	11.5
Indiana	24,696	2,251	556	543	13	1,123	6.5	27.0
Iowa	51,125	2,249	1,150			2,273	5.0	35.0
Maine	4,034	2,305	93			187	0.0	0.9
Maryland	2,870	2,195	63	61	2	125	7.5	30.0
Michigan	8,169	2,326	190			384	4.0	18.5
Minnesota	11,199	2,250	252	244	8	510	5.0	28.5
Mississippi	6,835	1,946	133	38	95	266	3.0	8.5
Missouri	7,071	2,121	150			297	4.0	21.0
Nebraska	11,909	2,225	265	265	0	530	8.5	28.5
New York	4,089	2,435	101			206	8.5	7.5
North Carolina	11,075	2,023	224	84	140	445	1.0	7.5
Ohio	29,651	2,266	672			1,341	4.5	19.0
Pennsylvania	24,255	2,354	571	550	21	1,138	2.0	20.5
South Carolina	5,012	2,294	115	95	20	228	4.5	27.5
Texas	18,558	2,269	421			853	5.5	22.0
Virginia	3,528	2,041	72	37	35	148	5.5	14.0
Washington	4,880	2,172	106			217	12.0	41.0
Other States	46,897	2,186	534	409	125	1,019	4.7	25.2
United States	349,253	2,211	7,721	6,624	1,097	15,512	5.1	23.4

<sup>1/</sup> Production year begins December 1.

## HATCHERY PRODUCTION

### FLORIDA

The January hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 4,964,000 was two percent above a year earlier. Broiler-type eggs in incubators on February 1, at 4,071,000 were seven percent above a year ago.

Egg-type hatch during January at 721,000 chicks was 21 percent below last year. Egg-type eggs in incubators on February 1 at 653,000, were eight percent above a year ago.

### UNITED STATES

Broiler-type chicks hatched during January 2006 totaled 804 million, up one percent from January 2005. Eggs in incubators totaled 661 million on February 1, 2006, up one percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 6.83 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during January 2006, up six percent from January 2005.

Egg-type chicks hatched during January 2006 totaled 35.4 million, down seven percent from January 2005. Eggs in incubators totaled 33.5 million on February 1, 2006 down two percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 188,000 during January 2006, up 20 percent from January 2005.

### HATCHERY PRODUCTION, UNITED STATES

Item	2005	2006	2006 % of 2005
<i>-- Thousands --</i>			
<b>EGG-TYPE:</b>			
Eggs in incubators: Feb 1	34,202	33,497	98
Chicks hatched during Jan	37,936	35,422	93
Pullets hatched during Jan for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks 7-18 months earlier <sup>1/</sup>	157 3,088	188 2,834	120 92
<b>BROILER-TYPE:</b>			
Eggs in incubators: Feb 1	654,044	660,973	101
Chicks hatched during Jan	796,026	804,073	101
Pullets hatched during Jan for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks 7-15 months earlier <sup>2/</sup>	6,409 62,084	6,825 62,860	106 101

<sup>1/</sup>2006 includes pullet chicks hatched July 2004 through June 2005.

<sup>2/</sup>2006 includes pullet chicks hatched October 2004 through June 2005.

## MILK PRODUCTION

### FLORIDA

Florida dairy farms produced 203 million pounds of milk during January 2006, three percent below the production in the previous January. Production per cow of 1,515 pounds was slightly below last year. Milk cows on Florida dairy farms in January totaled 134,000, three percent below last year.

### UNITED STATES

Milk production in the 23 major States during January totaled 14.0 billion pounds, up 5.4 percent from January 2005. December production, at 13.6 billion pounds, was up 4.1 percent from December 2004.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,711 pounds for January, 68 pounds above January 2005.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.19 million head, 103,000 head more than January 2005, and 11,000 head more than December 2005.

### MILK COWS AND PRODUCTION, FLORIDA AND U.S.

Month and year	Milk Cows	Monthly milk production	
		Per cow	Monthly Total
	<i>Thous.</i>	<i>Lbs.</i>	<i>Mil. Lbs.</i>
<b>FLORIDA:</b>			
January 2005	138	1,520	210
December 2005	135	1,360	184
January 2006	134	1,515	203
<b>23 MAJOR STATES:</b>			
January 2005	8,087	1,643	13,287
December 2005	8,179	1,663	13,599
January 2006	8,190	1,711	14,001
<b>UNITED STATES:</b>			
January 2005	9,000	1,624	14,614
December 2005	9,063	1,639	14,858
January 2006	9,073	1,692	15,350

### MILK PRODUCTION BY QUARTERS, UNITED STATES

Month	Milk cows <sup>1/</sup>		Milk per cow <sup>2/</sup>		Milk Production	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	<i>Thousand</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Mil. Lbs.</i>	
Jan-Mar	8,993	9,002	4,755	4,816	42,759	43,350
Apr-Jun	9,001	9,041	4,869	5,069	43,824	45,831
Jul-Sep	9,027	9,060	4,679	4,871	42,239	44,134
Oct-Dec	9,019	9,060	4,655	4,821	41,983	43,674
Annual Total	9,010	9,041	18,957	19,576	170,805	176,989

<sup>1/</sup>Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh.

<sup>2/</sup>Excludes milk fed to calves.

## LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

Commercial red meat output in Florida for January 2006 was 4.9 million pounds, 11 percent above the same month last year. Commercial production of red meat in the United States for January at 3.89 billion pounds, was seven percent above 2005.

### COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER AND RED MEAT PRODUCTION, FLORIDA AND UNITED STATES

Source and kind	January 2005	December 2005	January 2006	Year to date 2005	Year to date 2006
<b>FLORIDA</b>					
HOGS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	7	11	5	7	5
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	969	1,162	677	969	677
SHEEP AND LAMBS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	11	14	9	11	9
Red meat production (million pounds)	4.4	4.4	4.9	4.4	4.9
<b>UNITED STATES</b>					
CATTLE:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	2,528	2,666	2,642	2,528	2,642
Total liveweight (million pounds)	3,190	3,414	3,385	3,190	3,385
Average liveweight (pounds)	1,262	1,281	1,281	1,262	1,281
Beef production (million pounds)	1,915	2,057	2,044	1,915	2,044
CALVES:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	68	60	56	68	56
Total liveweight (million pounds)	22	22	20	22	20
Average liveweight (pounds)	329	370	368	329	368
Veal production (million pounds)	13	14	13	13	13
HOGS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	8,480	9,233	8,916	8,480	8,916
Total liveweight (million pounds)	2,289	2,510	2,436	2,289	2,436
Average liveweight (pounds)	270	272	273	270	273
Pork production (million pounds)	1,705	1,866	1,817	1,705	1,817
SHEEP AND LAMBS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	209	231	224	209	224
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	29	33	32	29	32
LAMB AND MUTTON:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	14	17	16	14	16
Red meat production (million pounds)	3,648	3,953	3,890	3,648	3,890