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JULY 1 CATTLE INVENTORY UP ONE PERCENT

All cattle and calves in the United States as of July 1, 2006, totaled 105.7 million head, one percent above the 104.5 million on July 1, 2005 and two percent above the 103.4 million two years ago.

All cows and heifers that have calved, at 43.0 million head, were up slightly from 42.8 million on July 1, 2005 and one percent above the 42.4 million two years ago.

- Beef cows, at 33.9 million head, were up slightly from July 1, 2005 and up one percent from two years ago.
- Milk cows, at 9.15 million, were up one percent from July 1, 2005 and up two percent from two years ago.

Other class estimates on July 1, 2006 and the changes from July 1, 2005, are as follows:

- All heifers 500 pounds and over, 16.5 million head, up two percent.
- Beef replacement heifers, 5.0 million, unchanged.
- Milk replacement heifers, 3.8 million, up three percent.
- Other heifers, 7.7 million, up three percent.
- Steers weighing 500 pounds and over, 14.9 million, up three percent.
- Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over, 2.1 million, unchanged.
- Calves under 500 pounds, 29.2 million, up one percent.
- All cattle and calves on feed for slaughter, 12.5 million, up four percent.

CALF CROP UP SLIGHTLY

The 2006 calf crop is expected to be 37.9 million head, up slightly from 2005 and up one percent from 2004. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 27.6 million, up one percent from 2005 and up one percent from 2004.

CATTLE AND CALVES: By class, and calf crop, United States, July 1, 2004-06

Class	2004	2005	2006	2006 as % of 2005
	1,000 head			
Cattle and calves:	103,400	104,500	105,700	101
Cows and heifers that have calved	42,400	42,800	43,000	100
Beef cows	33,400	33,750	33,850	100
Milk cows	9,000	9,050	9,150	101
Heifers 500 pounds and over:	15,950	16,200	16,500	102
Beef cow replacement	4,800	5,000	5,000	100
Milk cow replacement	3,600	3,700	3,800	103
Other heifers	7,550	7,500	7,700	103
Steers 500 pounds and over	14,200	14,400	14,900	103
Bulls 500 pounds and over	2,050	2,100	2,100	100
Calves under 500 pounds	28,800	29,000	29,200	101
Calf crop ^{1/}	37,505	37,800	37,900	100
Cattle on Feed	11,800	12,000	12,500	104

^{1/} For the current year, the calf crop is the number of calves born before July 1 plus the number expected to be born on and after July 1.



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CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.9 million head on July 1, 2006. The inventory was five percent above July 1, 2005 and seven percent above July 1, 2004. This is the second highest July 1 inventory since the series began in 1996. The inventory included 7.09 million steers and steer calves, up four percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 65 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.71 million head, up five percent from 2005.

Placements in feedlots during June totaled 1.95 million, ten percent above 2005 and 18 percent above 2004. This is the second highest placements for the month of June since the series began in 1996. Net placements were 1.89 million. During June, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 565,000, 600-699 pounds were 430,000, 700-799 pounds were 456,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 500,000.

CATTLE ON FEED: Number on feed, placements, marketings, and other disappearance, July 2004-2006

Item		Number			2005 as % of	
		2004	2005	2006	2004	2005
		<i>1,000 head</i>				
On feed	June 1	10,640	10,771	11,187	105	104
Placed on feed during	June	1,647	1,769	1,951	118	110
Fed cattle marketed during	June	2,085	2,083	2,203	106	106
Other disappearance during	June	70	63	63	90	100
On feed	July 1	10,132	10,394	10,872	107	105

CHICKENS AND EGGS

FLORIDA

Table eggs sold in mid-July 2006 averaged 23.0 cents, a decrease from mid-June of 22.0 cents. Table egg production in Florida during June was 224 million eggs, down seven percent from the previous month.

UNITED STATES

U.S. egg production totaled 7.38 billion during June 2006, up one percent from last year. Production included 6.33 billion table eggs, and 1.06 billion hatching eggs, of which 991 million were broiler-type and 66 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during June 2006 averaged 342 million, up one percent from last year. June egg production per 100 layers was 2,159 eggs, down slightly from June 2005.

All layers in the U.S. on July 1, 2006, totaled 341 million, up one percent from last year. The 341 million layers consisted of 284 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 54.0 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.82 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on July 1, 2006, averaged 72.7 eggs per 100 layers, up slightly from July 1, 2005.

FLORIDA: Layers on hand first of month; percentages by molting stage

	July 2005	May 2006	June 2006	July 2006
Total layers on hand: <i>Thous.</i>	11,080	10,751	10,776	10,844
Percent of layers:				
Being molted	6.5	10.0	4.0	6.0
Molt completed	24.0	35.5	36.0	32.5

LAYERS AND EGGS: Selected States and U.S.

Selected States	Avg. layers on hand, June 2006	Eggs produced	
		June 2006	Year to date ^{1/}
		<i>Thousands</i>	<i>Millions</i>
Alabama	8,722	162	1,164
Arkansas	14,006	265	1,916
California	18,997	390	2,905
Florida	10,776	230	1,735
Georgia	18,582	375	2,745
Indiana	24,432	547	3,848
Iowa	51,354	1,123	6,862
Maine	4,083	85	625
Maryland	2,767	64	965
Michigan	8,221	189	1,346
Minnesota	11,041	243	1,731
Mississippi	6,487	128	906
Missouri	7,256	161	1,085
Nebraska	11,599	246	1,813
New York	4,055	98	678
North Carolina	10,776	213	1,525
Ohio	28,080	613	4,469
Pennsylvania	23,788	558	3,898
South Carolina	5,123	103	751
Texas	18,380	408	2,904
Virginia	3,093	64	480
Washington	4,795	114	752
Other States	45,474	505	3,572
United States	341,887	7,383	52,875

^{1/} Production year begins December 1.

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

Month	Cents per dozen	
	2005	2006
January	40.0	60.0
February	36.0	36.0
March	33.0	59.0
April	30.0	34.0
May	27.0	27.0
June	25.0	45.0
July	34.0	23.0
August	29.0	
September	50.0	
October	36.0	
November	51.0	
December	60.0	

HATCHERY PRODUCTION

FLORIDA

The June hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 4,593,000 was four percent below a year earlier. Broiler-type eggs in incubators on July 1, at 4,116,000 was one percent below a year ago.

UNITED STATES

Broiler-type chicks hatched during June 2006 totaled 788 million, down one percent from June 2005. Eggs in incubators totaled 650 million on July 1, 2006, down one percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 7.64 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during June 2006, up seven percent from June 2005.

Egg-type chicks hatched during June 2006 totaled 37.7 million, up eight percent from June 2005. Eggs in incubators totaled 32.1 million on July 1, 2006, down ten percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 183,000 during June 2006, up five percent from June 2005.

HATCHERY PRODUCTION, UNITED STATES

Item	2005	2006	2006 % of 2005
<i>-- Thousands --</i>			
EGG-TYPE:			
Eggs in incubators: July 1	35,526	32,057	90
Chicks hatched during June	35,034	37,700	108
Pullets hatched during June for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks	175	183	105
7-18 months earlier ^{1/}	3,018	2,833	94
BROILER-TYPE:			
Eggs in incubators: July 1	657,302	650,296	99
Chicks hatched during June	796,945	787,791	99
Pullets hatched during June for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks	7,109	7,636	107
7-15 months earlier ^{2/}	63,008	64,284	102

^{1/} 2006 includes pullet chicks hatched December 2004 through November 2005.

^{2/} 2006 includes pullet chicks hatched March 2005 through November 2005.

MILK PRODUCTION

FLORIDA

Florida dairy farms produced 182 million pounds of milk during June 2006, eight percent below the previous June. Production per cow in June of 1,380 pounds was four percent below June of last year. Milk cow numbers on Florida dairy farms in June totaled 132,000, four percent below last year.

UNITED STATES

Milk production in the 23 major States during June totaled 14 billion pounds, up 1.9 percent from June 2005. May revised production, at 14.7 billion pounds, was up 2.7 percent from May 2005. The May revision represented a decrease of 14 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,695 pounds for June, 5 pounds above June 2005.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.27 million head, 128,000 head more than June 2005, and 9,000 head more than May 2006.

MILK COWS AND PRODUCTION, FLORIDA AND U.S.

Month and year	Milk Cows	Monthly milk production		
		Per cow	Monthly Total	
	Thous.	Lbs.	Mil. Lbs.	
FLORIDA:				
June 2005	137	1,440	197	
May 2006	133	1,520	202	
June 2006	132	1,380	182	
23 MAJOR STATES:				
June 2005	8,138	1,690	13,755	
May 2006	8,257	1,780	14,700	
June 2006	8,266	1,695	14,011	
UNITED STATES:				
June 2005	9,050	1,668	15,087	
May 2006	9,137	1,757	16,055	
June 2006	9,147	1,673	15,303	

MILK PRODUCTION BY QUARTERS, UNITED STATES

Month	Milk cows ^{1/}		Milk per cow ^{2/}		Milk Production	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	Thousand		Pounds		Mil. Lbs.	
Jan-Mar	9,002	9,094	4,816	5,009	43,350	45,553
Apr-Jun	9,041	9,134	5,069	5,134	45,831	46,896
Jul-Sep	9,060		4,871		44,134	
Oct-Dec	9,060		4,821		43,674	
Annual						
Total	9,041		19,576		176,989	

^{1/} Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh.

^{2/} Excludes milk fed to calves.

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

Commercial red meat output in Florida for June 2006 was 5.0 million pounds, four percent above the same month last year. Commercial production of red meat in the United States for June at 4.12 billion pounds, was four percent above 2005.

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER AND RED MEAT PRODUCTION, FLORIDA AND UNITED STATES

Source and kind	June 2005	May 2006	June 2006	Year to date 2005	Year to date 2006
FLORIDA					
HOGS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	8	7	7	44	40
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	1,080	1,004	975	6,116	5,596
SHEEP AND LAMBS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	0.2	0.2	0.5	1.3	1.6
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	12	11	28	74	98
Red meat production (million pounds)	4.8	5.4	5.0	26.9	30.1
UNITED STATES					
CATTLE:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	2,938	3,039	3,159	15,887	16,646
Total liveweight (million pounds)	3,656	3,771	3,978	19,688	21,023
Average liveweight (pounds)	1,245	1,241	1,259	1,239	1,263
Beef production (million pounds)	2,227	2,297	2,429	11,913	12,777
CALVES:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	59	57	59	378	390
Total liveweight (million pounds)	22	22	21	130	122
Average liveweight (pounds)	369	378	365	346	370
Veal production (million pounds)	13	13	13	77	74
HOGS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	8,554	8,537	8,342	50,569	51,039
Total liveweight (million pounds)	2,295	2,317	2,238	13,650	13,860
Average liveweight (pounds)	268	271	268	270	272
Pork production (million pounds)	1,707	1,722	1,663	10,160	10,320
SHEEP AND LAMBS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	222	226	212	1,155	1,363
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	31	33	29	190	193
LAMB AND MUTTON:					
	15	16	15	95	97
Red meat production (million pounds)	3,962	4,049	4,120	22,245	23,269