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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 12.0 million head on December 1, 2006. The inventory was two percent above December 1, 2005 and six percent above December 1, 2004. This is the highest December 1 inventory since the series began in 1996.

Placements in feedlots during November totaled 1.89 million, eight percent below 2005 but eight percent above 2004. Net placements were 1.81 million head. This is the second lowest placements for the month of November since the series began in 1996. During November, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 555,000; 600-699 pounds were 565,000; 700-799 pounds were 404,000; and 800 pounds and greater were 365,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during November totaled 1.80 million, six percent above 2005 and ten percent above 2004. This is the second highest fed cattle marketings for the month of November since the series began in 1996. Other disappearance totaled 83,000 during November, nine percent below 2005 and 23 percent below 2004.

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

Month		Less than 600 lbs	600-699 lbs	700-799 lbs	800+ lbs	Total
<i>1,000 head</i>						
November	2005	660	650	420	315	2,045
October	2006	840	*650	485	455	*2,430
November	2006	555	565	404	365	1,889

*Revised.

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

State	Number on feed November 1		Placed during November 1		Marketed during November		Other disappearance during November		Number on feed December 1	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
<i>1,000 head</i>										
AZ	323	342	35	30	29	29	1	2	328	341
CA	545	530	66	69	53	55	8	4	550	540
CO	1,030	*1,130	165	150	115	150	10	10	1,070	1,120
ID	290	285	49	43	57	56	2	2	280	270
IA	475	490	108	182	80	70	3	2	500	500
KS	2,410	2,550	405	405	375	385	30	20	2,470	2,550
NE	2,280	2,440	440	460	305	380	15	10	2,400	2,510
NM	141	141	18	14	20	16	2	2	137	137
OK	360	360	68	50	62	57	1	3	365	350
SD	161	190	63	56	33	35	1	1	190	210
TX	2,970	2,990	495	435	510	500	15	25	2,940	2,900
WA	163	181	27	31	28	26	1	1	161	185
Oth. Sts.	325	340	46	64	34	43	2	1	335	360
U.S.	11,473	*11,959	2,045	1,889	1,701	1,802	91	83	11,726	11,973

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CHICKENS AND EGGS

FLORIDA

Table eggs sold in mid-December 2006 averaged 76.0 cents per dozen, an increase from mid-November of 8.0 cents. Table egg production in Florida during November was 242 million eggs, three percent above the previous month.

UNITED STATES

U.S. egg production totaled 7.52 billion during November 2006, up slightly from last year. Production included 6.49 billion table eggs, and 1.03 billion hatching eggs, of which 969 million were broiler-type and 64 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during November 2006 averaged 346 million, down slightly from last year. November egg production per 100 layers was 2,176 eggs, up slightly from November 2005.

All layers in the U.S. on December 1, 2006, totaled 347 million, down slightly from last year. The 347 million layers consisted of 290 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 54.1 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.82 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on December 1, 2006, averaged 72.9 eggs per 100 layers, up one percent from December 1, 2005.

LAYERS AND EGGS: Selected States and U.S., November 2006

Selected States	Avg. layers on hand	Egg production	Rate of lay
	<i>Thousands</i>	<i>Millions</i>	
Alabama	8,872	166	62.4
Arkansas	13,923	268	64.2
California	19,422	420	72.1
Florida	10,963	249	75.7
Georgia	18,836	393	69.5
Indiana	24,621	547	74.1
Iowa	51,878	1,146	73.6
Maine	3,910	84	71.6
Maryland	2,660	59	73.9
Michigan	9,067	209	76.8
Minnesota	11,179	245	73.1
Mississippi	6,290	124	65.7
Missouri	7,306	160	73.0
Nebraska	11,618	260	74.6
New York	4,144	95	76.4
North Carolina	11,386	223	65.3
Ohio	27,351	583	71.1
Pennsylvania	23,677	545	76.7
South Carolina	4,861	107	73.4
Texas	18,930	432	76.1
Virginia	3,229	67	69.2
Washington	4,877	105	71.8
Other States	46,696	1,035	71.6
United States	345,696	7,522	72.5

HOGS AND PIGS

Florida inventory of all hogs and pigs was estimated at 20,000 head on December 1, 2006, unchanged from a year earlier. Breeding inventory at 4,000 head remained the same as last year's total. Market hog inventory of 16,000 head was unchanged from the previous year. The pig crop for December 2005 through November 2006 totaled 56,000 three percent below the previous year.

UNITED STATES HOG AND PIGS

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2006 was 62.1 million head. This was up one percent from December 1, 2005, but down one percent from September 1, 2006.

Breeding inventory, at 6.09 million head, was up one percent from last year and up slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 56.1 million head, was up one percent from last year, but down one percent from last quarter.

The September-November 2006 pig crop, at 26.6 million head, was up one percent from 2005 and up three percent from 2004. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.91 million head, up slightly from 2005 and up one percent from 2004. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 48 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 9.13 for the September-November 2006 period, compared to 9.03 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.60 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 9.20 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

HOGS AND PIGS: Inventory, sows farrowing and pig crop, 2005-06, United States

	2005	2006	2006 as % of 2005
<i>1,000 head</i>			
DECEMBER 1 INVENTORY:			
All hogs and pigs	61,449	62,149	101
Kept for breeding	6,011	6,088	101
Market	55,438	56,061	101
MARKET HOGS AND PIGS			
BY WEIGHT GROUPS:			
Under 60 pounds	20,055	20,334	101
60 - 119 pounds	13,524	13,603	101
120 - 179 pounds	11,293	11,544	102
180 pounds	10,567	10,580	100
SOWS FARROWING:			
December ¹ / ₋ February	2,835	2,840	100
March-May	2,882	2,916	101
December ¹ / ₋ May	5,716	5,756	101
June-August	2,918	2,924	100
September-November	2,900	2,909	100
June-November	5,818	5,834	100
PIG CROP:			
December ¹ / ₋ February	25,343	25,661	101
March-May	25,986	26,480	102
June-August	26,449	26,731	101
September-November	26,187	26,551	101

¹ December preceding year.

HATCHERY PRODUCTION

FLORIDA

The November hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 4,883,000, was one percent below a year earlier. Broiler-type eggs in incubators on December 1, at 3,904,000, was five percent below a year ago.

UNITED STATES

Broiler-type chicks hatched during November 2006 totaled 729 million, down two percent from November 2005. Eggs in incubators totaled 652 million on December 1, 2006, down one percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 7.45 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during November 2006, up two percent from November 2005.

Egg-type chicks hatched during November 2006 totaled 31.7 million, down two percent from November 2005. Eggs in incubators totaled 34.2 million on December 1, 2006 down slightly from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 206,000 during November 2006, up 14 percent from November 2005.

HATCHERY PRODUCTION, UNITED STATES

Item	2005	2006	2006 % of 2005
<i>-- Thousands --</i>			
EGG-TYPE:			
Eggs in incubators: Dec 1	34,247	34,240	100
Chicks hatched during Nov	32,285	31,748	98
Pullets hatched during Nov for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks 7-18 months earlier ^{1/}	180	206	114
	2,841	2,783	98
BROILER-TYPE:			
Eggs in incubators: Dec 1	660,019	652,019	99
Chicks hatched during Nov	747,866	729,460	98
Pullets hatched during Nov for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks 7-15 months earlier ^{2/}	7,298	7,448	102
	63,006	63,993	102

^{1/}2006 includes pullet chicks hatched May 2005 through April 2006.

^{2/}2006 includes pullet chicks hatched August 2005 through April 2006.

MILK PRODUCTION

FLORIDA

Florida dairy farms produced 161 million pounds of milk during November 2006, down three percent from the previous November. Production per cow in November of 1,240 pounds was two percent above last year. Milk cow numbers on Florida dairy farms in November totaled 130,000, six percent below last year.

UNITED STATES

Milk production in the 23 major States during November totaled 13.3 billion pounds, up 2.5 percent from November 2005. October production, unrevised at 13.7 billion pounds, was up 2.1 percent from October 2005.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,616 pounds for November, 24 pounds above November 2005.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.25 million head, 81,000 head more than November 2005, and 3,000 head more than October 2006.

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>
FLORIDA:			
November 2005	136	1,220	166
October 2006	129	1,185	153
November 2006	130	1,240	161
23 MAJOR STATES:			
November 2005	8,167	1,592	13,002
October 2006	8,245	1,656	13,652
November 2006	8,248	1,616	13,328
UNITED STATES:			
November 2005	9,056	1,569	14,209
October 2006	9,105	1,632	14,856
November 2006	9,108	1,592	14,500

MILK PRODUCTION BY QUARTERS, UNITED STATES

Month	Milk cows ^{1/}		Milk per cow ^{2/}		Milk Production	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	<i>Thousand</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Mil. Lbs.</i>	
Jan-Mar	9,002	9,094	4,816	5,009	43,350	45,553
Apr-Jun	9,041	9,133	5,069	5,136	45,831	46,908
Jul-Sep	9,060	9,117	4,871	4,907	44,134	44,731
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 November 2006 was 7.0 million pounds, 52 percent above the same month last year. Commercial production of red meat in the United States for November at 4.14 billion pounds, was five percent above 2005.

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER AND RED MEAT PRODUCTION, FLORIDA AND UNITED STATES

Source and kind	November 2005	October 2006	November 2006	Year to date 2005	Year to date 2005
FLORIDA					
HOGS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	7	9	10.0	85	83
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	977	1,174	1,340	11,495	11,227
SHEEP AND LAMBS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	0.2	0.2	0.2	2.4	2.5
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	14	11	15	146	155
Red meat production (million pounds)	4.6	6.0	7.0	49.5	60.2
UNITED STATES					
CATTLE:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	2,668	*2,855	2,841	29,721	31,077
Total liveweight (million pounds)	3,427	3,679	3,669	37,275	39,518
Average liveweight (pounds)	1,284	1,288	1,291	1,254	1,272
Beef production (million pounds)	2,071	2,228	2,217	22,625	24,030
CALVES:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	56	64	67	675	645
Total liveweight (million pounds)	21	23	23	238	232
Average liveweight (pounds)	365	362	351	352	362
Veal production (million pounds)	12	14	14	142	142
HOGS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	9,133	9,636	9,368	94,347	95,855
Total liveweight (million pounds)	2,484	2,597	2,553	25,318	25,840
Average liveweight (pounds)	272	270	273	268	270
Pork production (million pounds)	1,843	1,924	1,890	18,819	19,205
SHEEP AND LAMBS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	225	236	224	2,468	2,470
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	32	31	31	342	338
LAMB AND MUTTON:					
	16	16	15	171	170
Red meat production (million pounds)	3,943	4,182	4,137	41,757	43,548

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