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Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in the United States in feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.6 million head on March 1, 2007. The inventory was four percent below March 1, 2006 but four percent above March 1, 2005.

Placements in feedlots during February totaled 1.66 million, four percent above 2006 and nine percent above 2005. Net placements were 1.58 million. During February, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 325,000, 600-699 pounds were 334,000, 700-799 pounds were 505,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 495,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during February totaled 1.71 million, seven percent above 2006 and five percent above 2005. Other disappearance totaled 75,000 head during February, three percent above 2006 but three percent below 2005.

CATTLE ON FEED: U.S. Cattle Placed on Feed, by Weight Groups, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, February 2006, January and February 2007

Month		Less than 600 lbs	600-699 lbs	700-799 lbs	800+ lbs	Total
<i>1,000 head</i>						
February	2006	355	300	505	428	1,588
January	2007	320	390	545	435	1,690
February	2007	325	334	505	495	1,659

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

State	Number on feed February 1		Placed during February 1		Marketed during February		Other disappearance during February		Number on feed March 1	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
<i>1,000 head</i>										
AZ	346	334	31	24	24	28	2	1	351	329
CA	550	540	63	60	56	67	7	3	550	530
CO	1,110	1,040	140	140	155	160	5	10	1,090	1,010
ID	265	255	32	39	38	43	4	1	255	250
IA	520	530	60	64	58	63	2	1	520	530
KS	2,580	2,430	410	395	360	380	20	25	2,610	2,420
NE	2,490	2,540	330	360	360	380	10	10	2,450	2,510
NM	146	135	13	14	14	18	2	1	143	130
OK	375	350	49	59	56	58	3	1	365	350
SD	210	230	33	43	29	41	4	2	210	230
TX	3,030	2,800	360	390	370	385	10	15	3,010	2,790
WA	153	177	25	25	22	31	2	1	154	170
Oth. Sts.	335	365	42	46	60	57	2	4	315	350
U.S.	12,110	11,726	1,588	1,659	1,602	1,711	73	75	12,023	11,599

CHICKENS AND EGGS

FLORIDA

Table eggs sold in mid-March 2007 averaged 70.0 cents per dozen, an increase from mid-February of two cents. Table egg production in Florida during February was 223 million eggs, 11 percent below the previous month.

UNITED STATES

U.S. egg production totaled 6.91 billion during February 2007, down one percent from last year. Production included 5.92 billion table eggs, and 998 million hatching eggs, of which 937 million were broiler-type and 61 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during February 2007 averaged 347 million, down one percent from last year. February egg production per 100 layers was 1,192 eggs, down slightly from February 2006.

All layers in the U.S. on March 1, 2007, totaled 347 million, down one percent from last year. The 347 million layers consisted of 288 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 56.5 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.82 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on March 1, 2007, averaged 71.6 eggs per 100 layers, unchanged from March 1, 2006.

LAYERS AND EGGS: Selected States and U.S., February 2007

Selected States	Avg. layers on hand	Egg production	Rate of lay
	<i>Thousands</i>	<i>Millions</i>	
Alabama	8,604	149	61.9
Arkansas	14,561	253	62.1
California	19,488	381	69.8
Florida	11,216	232	73.9
Georgia	19,755	372	67.3
Indiana	24,519	494	72.0
Iowa	51,672	1,012	70.0
Maine	4,017	77	68.5
Maryland	2,664	52	69.7
Michigan	9,016	195	77.3
Minnesota	10,943	224	73.1
Mississippi	6,672	119	63.7
Missouri	7,296	143	70.0
Nebraska	11,369	239	75.1
New York	4,236	92	77.6
North Carolina	11,902	216	64.8
Ohio	27,152	559	73.5
Pennsylvania	22,961	502	78.1
South Carolina	4,807	92	68.4
Texas	19,042	386	72.4
Virginia	3,257	61	66.9
Washington	4,944	104	75.1
Other States	46,912	476	70.1
United States	347,005	6,914	71.1

UNITED STATES HOG AND PIGS

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 2007 was 61.1 million head. This was up one percent from March 1, 2006, but down two percent from December 1, 2006.

Breeding inventory, at 6.08 million head, was up one percent from last year, but down slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 55.0 million head, was up one percent from last year, but down two percent from last quarter.

The December 2006 - February 2007 pig crop, at 26.1 million head, was up two percent from 2006 and up three percent from 2005. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.87 million head, up one percent from both 2006 and 2005. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 47 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 9.08 for the December 2006-February 2007 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.

U.S. hog producers intend to have 2.91 million sows farrow during the March-May 2007 quarter, down slightly from the actual farrowings, but up one percent from 2005. Intended farrowings for June-August 2007, at 2.92 million sows, are virtually unchanged from both 2006 and 2005. The total number of hogs under contract, owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 39 percent of the total U.S. hog inventory, unchanged from last year.

HOGS AND PIGS: Inventory number, sows farrowing and pig crop, 2006-07, United States

	2006	2007	2007 as % of 2006
<i>1,000 head</i>			
MARCH 1 INVENTORY:			
All hogs and pigs	60,326	61,103	101
Kept for breeding	6,025	6,081	101
Market	54,301	55,022	101
MARKET HOGS AND PIGS			
BY WEIGHT GROUPS:			
Under 60 pounds	19,988	20,265	101
60 - 119 pounds	13,006	13,086	101
120 - 179 pounds	11,434	11,423	100
180 pounds	9,874	10,248	104
SOWS FARROWING:			
December ^{1/} -February	2,840	2,874	101
March-May	2,927	2,913	100
December ^{1/} -May	5,767	5,787	100
June-August	2,912	2,917	100
September-November	2,910		
June-November	5,823		
PIG CROP:			
December ^{1/} -February	25,661	26,084	102
March-May	26,579		
June-August	26,518		
September-November	26,501		

^{1/} December preceeding year.

HATCHERY PRODUCTION

FLORIDA

The February hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 4,587,000, was 13 percent above a year earlier. Broiler-type eggs in incubators on March 1, at 4,092,000, was slightly below a year ago.

UNITED STATES

Broiler-type chicks hatched during February 2007 totaled 724 million, down one percent from February 2006. Eggs in incubators totaled 664 million on March 1, 2007, down slightly from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 7.07 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during February 2007, down seven percent from February 2006.

Egg-type chicks hatched during February 2007 totaled 36.8 million, up nine percent from February 2006. Eggs in incubators totaled 38.5 million on March 1, 2007, up five percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 166,000 during February 2007, down 15 percent from February 2006.

HATCHERY PRODUCTION, UNITED STATES

Item	2006	2007	2007 as % of 2006
<i>-- Thousands --</i>			
EGG-TYPE:			
Eggs in incubators: Mar 1	36,514	38,468	105
Chicks hatched during Feb	33,665	36,766	109
Pullets hatched during Feb for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks	196	166	85
7-18 months earlier ^{1/}	2,845	2,920	103
BROILER-TYPE:			
Eggs in incubators: Mar 1	665,624	663,815	100
Chicks hatched during Feb	733,145	723,753	99
Pullets hatched during Feb for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks	7,593	7,071	93
7-15 months earlier ^{2/}	63,060	64,056	102

^{1/}2007 includes pullet chicks hatched August 2005 through July 2006.

^{2/}2007 includes pullet chicks hatched November 2005 through July 2006.

MILK PRODUCTION

FLORIDA

Florida dairy farms produced 185 million pounds of milk during February 2007, down five percent from the previous February. Production per cow in February of 1,410 pounds was down one percent from last year. Milk cow numbers on Florida dairy farms in February totaled 131,000, two percent below last year.

UNITED STATES

Milk production in the 23 major States during February totaled 13.1 billion pounds, up 0.9 percent from February 2006. January revised production, at 14.3 billion pounds, was up 1.8 percent from January 2006. The January revision represented an increase of 48 million pounds or 0.3 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,586 pounds for February, no change from February 2006.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.28 million head, 71,000 head more than February 2006, but 3,000 head less than January 2007.

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:				
February 2006	134	1,425	191	
January 2007	130	1,470	191	
February 2007	131	1,410	185	
23 MAJOR STATES:				
February 2006	8,206	1,586	13,018	
January 2007	8,280	1,724	14,276	
February 2007	8,277	1,586	13,129	
UNITED STATES:				
February 2006	9,088	1,567	14,238	
January 2007	9,128	1,704	15,554	
February 2007	9,123	1,567	14,300	

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	9,092	4,816	5,010	43,350	45,547
Apr-Jun	9,041	9,128	5,069	5,141	45,831	46,930
Jul-Sep	9,060	9,113	4,871	4,906	44,134	44,710
Oct-Dec	9,060	9,115	4,821	4,894	43,674	44,611
Annual						
Total	9,041	9,112	19,576	19,951	176,989	181,798

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

^{2/} Excludes milk fed to calves.

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

Commercial red meat output in Florida for February 2007 was 6.2 million pounds, 27 percent above the same month last year. Commercial production of red meat in the United States for February at 3.62 billion pounds, was four percent above 2006.

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER AND RED MEAT PRODUCTION, FLORIDA AND UNITED STATES

Source and kind	February 2006	January 2006	February 2007	Year to date 2006	Year to date 2007
FLORIDA					
HOGS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	6	7	7	11	14
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	804	1,064	1,055	1,478	2,119
SHEEP AND LAMBS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.3
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	5	5	9	14	14
Red meat production (million pounds)	4.7	6.7	6.2	9.6	12.9
UNITED STATES					
CATTLE:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	2,347	2,799	2,562	4,989	5,360
Total liveweight (million pounds)	3,001	3,251	3,251	6,383	6,847
Average liveweight (pounds)	1,284	1,290	1,274	1,284	1,274
Beef production (million pounds)	1,827	2,164	1,953	3,877	4,117
CALVES:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	53	74	70	109	141
Total liveweight (million pounds)	19	24	20	39	44
Average liveweight (pounds)	357	324	307	356	316
Veal production (million pounds)	11	14	12	23	26
HOGS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	8,056	9,366	8,117	16,971	16,972
Total liveweight (million pounds)	2,184	2,535	2,184	4,611	4,719
Average liveweight (pounds)	271	271	269	272	270
Pork production (million pounds)	1,637	1,898	1,636	3,457	3,534
SHEEP AND LAMBS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	202	217	204	427	421
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	29	31	29	61	59
LAMB AND MUTTON:					
	15	15	14	31	29
Red meat production (million pounds)	3,490	4,092	3,616	7,389	7,708