



LIVESTOCK, DAIRY AND POULTRY

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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 11.3 million head on May 1, 2007. The inventory was two percent below May 1, 2006 but six percent above May 1, 2005. This is the second highest May 1 inventory since the series began in 1996.

Placements in feedlots during April totaled 1.57 million, three percent below 2006 and five percent below 2005. Net placements were 1.47 million. During April, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 375,000, 600-699 pounds were 263,000, 700-799 pounds were 430,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 505,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 1.82 million, two percent above 2006 and one percent above 2005. Other disappearance totaled 99,000 head during April, 14 percent above 2006 and nine percent above 2005.

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

Month and Year		Less than 600 lbs	600-699 lbs	700-799 lbs	800+ lbs	Total
<i>1,000 head</i>						
April	2006	385	265	444	525	1,619
March	2007	380	342	565	550	1,837
April	2007	375	263	430	505	1,573

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

State	Number on feed April 1		Placed during April 1		Marketed during April		Other disappearance during April		Number on feed May 1	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
<i>1,000 head</i>										
AZ	351	340	27	31	24	30	9	1	345	340
CA	535	530	60	85	60	61	5	4	530	550
CO	1,070	1,020	130	155	130	135	10	20	1,060	1,020
ID	250	245	31	35	34	40	2	5	245	235
IA	500	530	64	61	66	59	3	2	495	530
KS	2,590	2,480	375	355	410	445	25	40	2,530	2,350
NE	2,400	2,480	320	290	390	340	10	10	2,320	2,420
NM	139	131	18	12	24	24	1	1	132	118
OK	360	350	48	54	66	68	2	1	340	335
SD	210	230	28	36	35	34	3	2	200	230
TX	2,940	2,800	455	380	470	490	15	10	2,910	2,680
WA	152	163	23	22	22	30	1	1	152	154
Oth. Sts.	315	345	40	57	54	65	1	2	300	335
U.S.	11,812	11,644	1,619	1,573	1,785	1,821	87	99	11,559	11,297

CHICKENS AND EGGS

FLORIDA

Table eggs sold in mid-May 2007 averaged 65.0 cents up ten cents from mid-April. Table egg production in Florida during April was 219 million eggs, seven percent below the previous month.

UNITED STATES

U.S. egg production totaled 7.43 billion during April 2007, down one percent from last year. Production included 6.34 billion table eggs, and 1.09 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.03 billion were broiler-type and 66 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during April 2007 averaged 344 million, down one percent from last year. April egg production per 100 layers was 2,162 eggs, down slightly from April 2006.

All layers in the U.S. on May 1, 2007, totaled 342 million, down one percent from last year. The 342 million layers consisted of 283 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 56.5 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.87 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on May 1, 2007, averaged 71.1 eggs per 100 layers, down slightly from May 1, 2006.

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

Month	Cents per dozen	
	2006	2007
January	60.0	75.0
February	36.0	68.0
March	59.0	70.0
April	34.0	55.0
May	27.0	65.0
June	45.0	
July	32.0	
August	45.0	
September	44.0	
October	41.0	
November	68.0	
December	66.0	

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

	May 2006	Mar 2007	Apr 2007	May 2007
Total layers on hand: Thous.	10,751	11,416	10,315	10,395
Percent of layers: Being molted	10.0	10.0	7.0	10.0
Molt completed	35.5	32.0	29.5	30.5

LAYERS AND EGG PRODUCTION, APRIL 2007, 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 ^{1/}	Being molted	Molt completed
	<i>Thousand</i>		<i>Millions</i>				<i>Percent</i>	
Alabama	8,623	1,879	162	27	135	807	1.5	4.5
Arkansas	14,439	1,925	278	102	176	1,369	3.0	11.5
California	19,355	2,118	410			2,077	9.0	27.5
Florida	10,315	2,220	229	219	10	1,214	10.0	30.5
Georgia	19,593	2,042	400	218	182	2,027	5.0	13.0
Indiana	24,283	2,211	537	525	12	2,698	6.5	32.5
Iowa	52,475	2,180	1,144	1,128	16	5,594	7.0	36.0
Maine	3,977	2,188	87			420	0.0	0.0
Maryland	2,478	2,300	57	55	2	287	8.0	33.5
Michigan	9,090	2,387	217			1,060	0.0	21.0
Minnesota	10,641	2,255	240	232	8	1,219	3.0	23.5
Mississippi	6,515	1,903	124	36	88	638	5.0	7.5
Missouri	6,880	2,238	154			784	6.0	17.0
Nebraska	11,108	2,152	239	239	0	1,267	5.0	14.0
New York	4,147	2,339	97			495	3.0	6.0
North Carolina	12,075	1,988	240	101	139	1,181	0.5	7.5
Ohio	27,274	2,196	599			3,058	3.0	21.5
Pennsylvania	22,560	2,336	527	508	19	2,703	4.5	11.0
South Carolina	4,851	1,958	95	73	22	502	5.0	23.5
Texas	18,704	2,203	412			1,785	5.5	21.5
Virginia	3,252	1,999	65	32	33	330	9.0	9.5
Washington	4,694	2,237	105			547	6.5	44.0
Other States	46,496	2,137	510	381	129	2,559	6.0	23.1
United States	343,825	2,162	7,434	6,341	1,093	37,530	5.4	22.2

^{1/} Production year begins December 1.

HATCHERY PRODUCTION

FLORIDA

The April hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 4,990,000, was two percent above a year earlier. Broiler-type eggs in incubators on May 1, at 4,140,000, was one percent above a year ago.

UNITED STATES

Broiler-type chicks hatched during April 2007 totaled 801 million, up two percent from April 2006. Eggs in incubators totaled 680 million on May 1, 2007, up three percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 6.69 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during April 2007, up two percent from April 2006.

Egg-type chicks hatched during April 2007 totaled 39.7 million, up 12 percent from April 2006. Eggs in incubators totaled 36.8 million on May 1, 2007, down two percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 274,000 during April 2007, up eight percent from April 2006.

HATCHERY PRODUCTION, UNITED STATES

Item	2006	2007	2007% of 2006
-- Thousands --			
EGG-TYPE:			
Eggs in incubators: May 1	37,516	36,848	98
Chicks hatched during Apr	35,435	39,704	112
Pullets hatched during Apr for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks 7-18 months earlier ^{1/}	254	274	108
	2,951	2,855	97
BROILER-TYPE:			
Eggs in incubators: May 1	658,354	679,972	103
Chicks hatched during Apr	787,457	800,524	102
Pullets hatched during Apr for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks 7-15 months earlier ^{2/}	6,593	6,692	102
	63,776	64,340	101

^{1/}2007 includes pullet chicks hatched Oct 2005 through Sept 2006.

^{2/}2007 includes pullet chicks hatched Jan 2006 through Sept 2006.

MILK PRODUCTION

FLORIDA

Florida dairy farms produced 200 million pounds of milk during April 2007, down two percent from the previous April. Production per cow in April of 1,550 pounds was one percent above last year. Milk cow numbers on Florida dairy farms in April totaled 129,000, three percent below last year.

UNITED STATES

Milk production in the 23 major States during April totaled 14.4 billion pounds, up 1.6 percent from April 2006. March revised production, at 14.8 billion pounds, was up 1.2 percent from March 2006. The March revision represented an increase of 11 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,745 pounds for April, 19 pounds above April 2006.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.28 million head, 39,000 head more than April 2006, but 6,000 head less than March 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:			
April 2006	133	1,540	205
March 2007	130	1,610	209
April 2007	129	1,550	200
23 MAJOR STATES:			
April 2006	8,240	1,726	14,222
March 2007	8,285	1,783	14,771
April 2007	8,279	1,745	14,443
UNITED STATES:			
April 2006	9,116	1,705	15,538
March 2007	9,133	1,766	16,125
April 2007	9,121	1,725	15,736

MILK PRODUCTION BY QUARTERS, UNITED STATES

Month	Milk cows ^{1/}		Milk per cow ^{2/}		Milk Production	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	<i>Thousand</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Mil. Lbs.</i>	
Jan-Mar	9,092	9,129	5,010	5,040	45,547	46,010
Apr-Jun	9,128		5,141		46,930	
Jul-Sep	9,113		4,906		44,710	
Oct-Dec	9,115		4,894		44,611	
Annual Total	9,112		19,951		181,798	

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

^{2/} Excludes milk fed to calves.

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

Commercial red meat production in Florida for April 2007 at 7.1 million pounds, 48 percent above same month last year. Commercial production of red meat in the United States for April 3.75 billion pounds was four percent above 2006.

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER AND RED MEAT PRODUCTION, FLORIDA AND UNITED STATES

Source and kind	April 2006	March 2007	April 2007	Year to date 2006	Year to date 2007
FLORIDA					
HOGS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	7	7	7	26	28
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	970	1,076	1,049	3,481	4,244
SHEEP AND LAMBS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	0.5	0.2	0.3	0.9	0.8
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	32	12	18	59	44
Red meat production (million pounds)	4.8	7.0	7.1	19.7	27.0
UNITED STATES					
CATTLE:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	2,609	2,793	2,702	10,452	10,855
Total liveweight (million pounds)	3,222	3,505	3,324	13,213	13,676
Average liveweight (pounds)	1,240	1,259	1,235	1,269	1,264
Beef production (million pounds)	1,969	2,118	2,015	8,050	8,250
CALVES:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	48	71	57	216	269
Total liveweight (million pounds)	17	23	20	77	87
Average liveweight (pounds)	361	321	347	358	324
Veal production (million pounds)	10	14	12	46	52
HOGS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	7,959	9,203	8,465	34,166	35,151
Total liveweight (million pounds)	2,160	2,485	2,284	9,275	9,488
Average liveweight (pounds)	272	270	270	272	270
Pork production (million pounds)	1,618	1,861	1,711	6,953	7,106
SHEEP AND LAMBS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	247	279	217	924	917
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	33	39	30	130	128
Lamb and Mutton	17	20	15	66	64
Red meat production (million pounds)	3,615	4,012	3,753	15,116	15,473