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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 10.3 million head on September 1, 2007. The inventory was six percent below September 1, 2006 but three percent above September 1, 2005.

Placements in feedlots during August totaled 2.12 million, seven percent below 2006 but six percent above 2005. Net placements were 2.07 million. During August, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 490,000, 600-699 pounds were 440,000, 700-799 pounds were 549,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 640,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during August totaled 2.07 million, virtually unchanged from 2006 but two percent above 2005. Other disappearance totaled 50,000 head during August, 15 percent below 2006 and six percent below 2005.

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

Month		Less than 600 lbs	600-699 lbs	700-799 lbs	800+ lbs	Total
<i>1,000 head</i>						
August	2006	680	430	535	645	2,290
July	2007	360	312	445	505	1,622
August	2007	490	440	549	640	2,119

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

State	Number on feed August 1		Placed during August 1		Marketed during August		Other disappearance during August		Number on feed September 1	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
<i>1,000 head</i>										
AZ	339	341	30	36	31	28	2	1	336	348
CA	515	540	66	54	59	62	2	2	520	530
CO	940	870	200	170	175	185	5	5	960	850
ID	225	205	55	48	44	47	1	1	235	205
IA	445	500	80	71	69	80	1	1	455	490
KS	2,360	2,100	590	520	540	465	20	15	2,390	2,140
NE	1,950	1,910	470	465	360	435	10	10	2,050	1,930
NM	144	129	26	22	26	19	2	1	142	131
OK	345	305	77	75	76	69	1	1	345	310
SD	165	175	30	37	37	36	3	1	155	175
TX	2,970	2,780	570	520	570	550	10	10	2,960	2,740
WA	154	144	35	35	30	30	1	1	158	148
Oth. Sts.	270	300	61	66	50	60	1	1	280	305
U.S.	10,822	10,299	2,290	2,119	2,067	2,066	59	50	10,986	10,302

CHICKENS AND EGGS

FLORIDA

Table eggs averaged 97.0 cents per dozen sold in mid-September 2007, up 24.0 cents from last month. Table egg production in Florida during August was 233 million eggs, slightly below the previous month.

UNITED STATES

U.S. egg production totaled 7.57 billion during August 2007, down one percent from last year. Production included 6.44 billion table eggs, and 1.13 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.07 billion were broiler-type and 65 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during August 2007 averaged 339 million, down one percent from last year. August egg production per 100 layers was 2,229 eggs, down slightly from August 2006.

All layers in the U.S. on September 1, 2007, totaled 339 million, down one percent from last year. The 339 million layers consisted of 281 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 55.9 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.73 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on September 1, 2007, averaged 71.7 eggs per 100 layers, down one percent from September 1, 2006.

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

Selected States	Avg. layers on hand	Egg production	Rate of lay
	<i>Thousands</i>	<i>Millions</i>	
Alabama	9,014	175	62.6
Arkansas	13,803	276	64.5
California	19,146	412	69.4
Florida	10,642	243	73.6
Georgia	19,190	393	66.1
Indiana	23,948	541	72.9
Iowa	52,783	1,210	73.9
Maine	3,786	86	73.3
Maryland	2,772	59	68.6
Michigan	8,744	211	77.8
Minnesota	10,493	235	72.3
Mississippi	6,342	129	65.6
Missouri	6,779	147	69.9
Nebraska	10,808	260	77.6
New York	4,195	104	80.0
North Carolina	12,204	254	67.1
Ohio	25,922	584	72.7
Pennsylvania	21,937	529	77.8
South Carolina	4,618	96	67.1
Texas	18,611	406	70.4
Virginia	3,186	66	66.8
Washington	4,682	106	73.0
Other States	23,127	523	71.5
United States	339,471	7,568	71.9

UNITED STATES HOG AND PIGS

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on September 1, 2007 was 64.6 million head. This was up three percent from September 1, 2006, and June 1, 2007.

Breeding inventory, at 6.14 million head, was up one percent from last year, and up slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 58.5 million head, was up three percent from both last year and last quarter.

The June-August 2007 pig crop, at 27.5 million head, was up four percent from each of the last two years. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.99 million head, up three percent from 2006 and up two percent from 2005. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 49 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 9.19 for the June-August 2007 period, compared to 9.11 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.50 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 9.30 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

U.S. hog producers intend to have 2.96 million sows farrow during the September-November 2007 quarter, up one percent from the actual farrowings in 2006, and up two percent from 2005. Intended farrowings for December 2007-February 2008, at 2.94 million sows, are up one percent from 2007, and up four percent from 2006. The total number of hogs under contract, owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 40 percent of the total U.S. hog inventory, up from 39 percent 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>		
SEPTEMBER 1 INVENTORY:			
All hogs and pigs	62,914	64,648	103
Kept for breeding	6,079	6,145	101
Market	56,835	58,503	103
MARKET HOGS AND PIGS			
BY WEIGHT GROUPS:			
Under 60 pounds	20,708	21,318	103
60 - 119 pounds	14,231	14,614	103
120 - 179 pounds	11,685	12,015	103
180 pounds	10,212	10,556	103
SOWS FARROWING:			
December ^{1/} -February	2,840	2,905	102
March-May	2,927	2,966	101
December ^{1/} -May	5,767	5,871	102
June-August	2,912	2,986	103
September-November	2,949		
June-November	5,862		
PIG CROP:			
December ^{1/} -February	25,661	26,393	103
March-May	26,579		
June-August	26,518		
September-November	26,857		

^{1/} December preceeding year.

HATCHERY PRODUCTION

FLORIDA

The August hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 5,049,000, was five percent below a year earlier. Broiler-type eggs in incubators on September 1, at 4,084,000, was six percent above a year ago.

UNITED STATES

Broiler-type chicks hatched during August 2007 totaled 829 million, up two percent from August 2006. Eggs in incubators totaled 670 million on September 1, 2007, up two percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 7.68 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during August 2007, up one percent from August 2006.

Egg-type chicks hatched during August 2007 totaled 36.8 million, up three percent from August 2006. Eggs in incubators totaled 35.3 million on September 1, 2007, down four percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 278,000 during August 2007, down two percent from August 2006.

HATCHERY PRODUCTION, UNITED STATES

Item	2006	2007	2007 as % of 2006
-- Thousands --			
EGG-TYPE:			
Eggs in incubators: Sep 1	36,724	35,305	96
Chicks hatched during Aug	35,611	36,838	103
Pullets hatched during Aug for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks	284	278	98
7-18 months earlier ^{1/}	2,902	2,915	100
BROILER-TYPE:			
Eggs in incubators: Sep 1	656,902	669,586	102
Chicks hatched during Aug	810,030	828,788	102
Pullets hatched during Aug for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks	7,631	7,684	101
7-15 months earlier ^{2/}	64,344	64,870	101

^{1/}2007 includes pullet chicks hatched Feb 2006 through Jan 2007.

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

MILK PRODUCTION

FLORIDA

Florida dairy farms produced 151 million pounds of milk during August 2007, one percent below the previous August. Production per cow in August of 1,200 pounds was two percent above August of last year. Milk cow numbers on Florida dairy farms in August totaled 126,000, three percent below last year.

UNITED STATES

Milk production in the 23 major States during August totaled 14.3 billion pounds, up 3.6 percent from August 2006. July revised production, at 14.5 billion pounds, was up 4.0 percent from July 2006. The July revision represented an increase of 10.0 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,721 pounds for August, 45 pounds above August 2006.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.33 million head, 72,000 head more than August 2006, and 11,000 head more than July 2007.

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:			
August 2006	130	1,180	153
July 2007	127	1,380	175
August 2007	126	1,200	151
23 MAJOR STATES:			
August 2006	8,255	1,676	13,838
July 2007	8,316	1,743	14,493
August 2007	8,327	1,721	14,332
UNITED STATES:			
August 2006	9,114	1,653	15,061
July 2007	9,157	1,720	15,746
August 2007	9,168	1,699	15,572

MILK PRODUCTION BY QUARTERS, UNITED STATES

Month	Milk cows ^{1/}		Milk per cow ^{2/}		Milk Production	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	Thousand		Pounds		Mil. Lbs.	
Jan-Mar	9,092	9,130	5,010	5,039	45,547	46,006
Apr-Jun	9,128	9,128	5,141	5,197	46,930	47,441
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 output in Florida for August 2007 was 7.3 million pounds, 16 percent above the same month last year. Commercial production of red meat in the United States for August at 4.33 billion pounds, was two percent above 2006.

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER AND RED MEAT PRODUCTION, FLORIDA AND UNITED STATES

Source and kind	August 2006	July 2007	August 2007	Year to date 2006	Year to date 2007
FLORIDA					
HOGS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	8	7	8	56	58
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	1,057	1,024	1,064	7,543	8,410
SHEEP AND LAMBS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	0.2	0.2	0.5	1.9	1.9
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	11	15	20	116	102
Red meat production (million pounds)	6.3	6.7	7.3	41.6	56.0
UNITED STATES					
CATTLE:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	3,134	2,902	3,132	22,618	23,018
Total liveweight (million pounds)	3,986	3,672	3,994	28,548	28,924
Average liveweight (pounds)	1,276	1,269	1,279	1,266	1,261
Beef production (million pounds)	2,450	2,256	2,451	17,469	17,591
CALVES:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	67	63	65	457	517
Total liveweight (million pounds)	21	18	17	159	161
Average liveweight (pounds)	322	289	268	350	314
Veal production (million pounds)	13	11	10	95	96
HOGS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	9,096	8,397	9,395	68,024	70,001
Total liveweight (million pounds)	2,381	2,217	2,471	18,260	18,739
Average liveweight (pounds)	262	264	263	269	268
Pork production (million pounds)	1,780	1,659	1,850	13,676	14,032
SHEEP AND LAMBS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	227	205	228	1,791	1,768
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	29	27	29	246	232
LAMB AND MUTTON:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	15	14	15	125	122
Red meat production (million pounds)	4,258	3,939	4,326	31,365	31,841