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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 11.0 million head on October 1, 2007. The inventory was four percent below October 1, 2006 but five percent above October 1, 2005. The inventory included 6.83 million steers and steer calves down five percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 62 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.07 million head, down one percent from 2006.

Placements in feedlots during September totaled 2.43 million, nine percent above 2006 and three percent above 2005. Net placements were 2.37 million head. During September, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 610,000, 600-699 pounds were 505,000, 700-799 pounds were 570,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 740,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during September totaled 1.71 million, three percent below 2006 and six percent below 2005. This is the second lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of September since the series began in 1996. Other disappearance totaled 54,000 during September, 21 percent below 2006 and five percent below 2005.

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

| Month and Year | | Less than 600 lbs | 600-699 lbs | 700-799 lbs | 800+ lbs | Total |
|-------------------|------|-------------------|-------------|-------------|----------|-------|
| <i>1,000 head</i> | | | | | | |
| September | 2006 | 720 | 412 | 450 | 645 | 2,227 |
| August | 2007 | 490 | 440 | 549 | 640 | 2,119 |
| September | 2007 | 610 | 505 | 570 | 740 | 2,425 |

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

| State | Number on feed Sept. 1 | | Placed during Sept. 1 | | Marketed during Sept. | | Other disappearance during Sept. | | Number on feed October 1 | |
|-------------------|---------------------------|--------|--------------------------|-------|--------------------------|-------|-------------------------------------|------|-----------------------------|--------|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2006 | 2007 | 2006 | 2007 | 2006 | 2007 | 2006 | 2007 |
| <i>1,000 head</i> | | | | | | | | | | |
| AZ | 336 | 348 | 28 | 28 | 26 | 24 | 2 | 2 | 336 | 350 |
| CA | 520 | 530 | 72 | 60 | 64 | 47 | 3 | 3 | 525 | 540 |
| CO | 960 | 850 | 240 | 265 | 135 | 170 | 5 | 5 | 1,060 | 940 |
| ID | 235 | 205 | 72 | 48 | 41 | 41 | 1 | 2 | 265 | 210 |
| IA | 455 | 490 | 81 | 100 | 73 | 79 | 3 | 1 | 460 | 510 |
| KS | 2,390 | 2,140 | 500 | 540 | 420 | 355 | 20 | 15 | 2,450 | 2,310 |
| NE | 2,050 | 1,930 | 500 | 540 | 320 | 320 | 10 | 10 | 2,220 | 2,140 |
| NM | 142 | 131 | 21 | 17 | 16 | 13 | 4 | 2 | 143 | 133 |
| OK | 345 | 310 | 71 | 72 | 59 | 56 | 2 | 1 | 355 | 325 |
| SD | 155 | 175 | 50 | 43 | 34 | 37 | 1 | 1 | 170 | 180 |
| TX | 2,960 | 2,740 | 495 | 590 | 510 | 480 | 15 | 10 | 2,930 | 2,840 |
| WA | 158 | 148 | 37 | 36 | 23 | 29 | 1 | 1 | 171 | 154 |
| Oth. Sts. | 280 | 305 | 60 | 86 | 39 | 55 | 1 | 1 | 300 | 335 |
| U.S. | 10,986 | 10,302 | 2,227 | 2,425 | 1,760 | 1,706 | 68 | 54 | 11,385 | 10,967 |

CHICKENS AND EGGS

FLORIDA

Table eggs averaged 85.0 cents per dozen sold in mid-October 2007, down 12.0 cents from last month. Table egg production in Florida during September was 224 million eggs, four percent below the previous month.

UNITED STATES

U.S. egg production totaled 7.37 billion during September 2007, down one percent from last year. Production included 6.27 billion table eggs, and 1.10 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.03 billion were broiler-type and 64 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during September 2007 averaged 340 million, down one percent from last year. September egg production per 100 layers was 2,169 eggs, up slightly from September 2006.

All layers in the U.S. on October 1, 2007, totaled 340 million, down one percent from last year. The 340 million layers consisted of 281 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 56.2 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.76 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on October 1, 2007, averaged 72.7 eggs per 100 layers, up two percent from October 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 | 49.0 |
| July | 32.0 | 79.0 |
| August | 45.0 | 73.0 |
| September | 44.0 | 97.0 |
| October | 41.0 | 85.0 |
| November | 68.0 | |
| December | 66.0 | |

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

| | Oct 2006 | Aug 2007 | Sept 2007 | Oct 2007 |
|------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| Total layers on hand: Thous. | 10,703 | 10,805 | 10,656 | 10,752 |
| Percent of layers: Being molted | 10.5 | 6.5 | 5.5 | 5.0 |
| Molt completed | 40.0 | 33.0 | 37.0 | 39.5 |

LAYERS AND EGG PRODUCTION, SEPTEMBER 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 | 9,082 | 1,861 | 169 | 26 | 143 | 1,663 | 1.0 | 5.5 |
| Arkansas | 13,900 | 1,928 | 268 | 97 | 171 | 2,745 | 2.5 | 12.5 |
| California | 18,945 | 2,117 | 401 | | | 4,107 | 5.0 | 31.5 |
| Florida | 10,656 | 2,187 | 233 | 224 | 9 | 2,403 | 5.0 | 39.5 |
| Georgia | 19,198 | 2,016 | 387 | 203 | 184 | 3,980 | 2.0 | 15.0 |
| Indiana | 24,127 | 2,205 | 532 | 520 | 12 | 5,409 | 4.5 | 31.5 |
| Iowa | 52,346 | 2,222 | 1,163 | 1,148 | 15 | 11,520 | 5.0 | 36.5 |
| Maine | 3,822 | 2,093 | 80 | | | 1,388 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Maryland | 2,759 | 2,066 | 57 | 55 | 2 | 572 | 6.0 | 18.0 |
| Michigan | 8,789 | 2,355 | 207 | | | 2,114 | 1.5 | 19.0 |
| Minnesota | 10,334 | 2,235 | 231 | 223 | 8 | 2,401 | 4.0 | 28.0 |
| Mississippi | 6,230 | 1,958 | 122 | 36 | 86 | 1,270 | 2.0 | 10.0 |
| Missouri | 6,821 | 2,184 | 149 | | | 1,545 | 0.5 | 16.0 |
| Nebraska | 10,601 | 2,302 | 244 | 244 | 0 | 2,504 | 2.0 | 16.5 |
| New York | 4,208 | 2,353 | 99 | | | 998 | 5.5 | 5.5 |
| North Carolina | 12,324 | 2,053 | 253 | 113 | 140 | 2,441 | 0.5 | 9.0 |
| Ohio | 26,055 | 2,226 | 580 | | | 5,936 | 2.5 | 19.5 |
| Pennsylvania | 22,090 | 2,313 | 511 | 492 | 19 | 5,328 | 4.0 | 12.0 |
| South Carolina | 4,696 | 2,044 | 96 | 74 | 22 | 987 | 0.0 | 27.0 |
| Texas | 18,850 | 2,101 | 396 | | | 3,830 | 2.5 | 27.0 |
| Virginia | 3,257 | 2,026 | 66 | 32 | 34 | 661 | 2.5 | 21.0 |
| Washington | 4,692 | 2,153 | 101 | | | 1,002 | 7.5 | 42.0 |
| Other States | 46,059 | 2,175 | 507 | 377 | 130 | 5,121 | 3.4 | 22.8 |
| United States | 339,841 | 2,169 | 7,370 | 6,273 | 1,097 | 14,938 | 3.5 | 23.6 |

^{1/} Production year begins December 1.

HATCHERY PRODUCTION

FLORIDA

The September hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 5,233,000, was five percent above a year earlier. Broiler-type eggs in incubators on October 1, at 4,093,000, was one percent below a year ago.

UNITED STATES

Broiler-type chicks hatched during September 2007 totaled 784 million, up two percent from September 2006. Eggs in incubators totaled 647 million on October 1, 2007, up two percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 7.33 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during September 2007, up four percent from September 2006.

Egg-type chicks hatched during September 2007 totaled 35.3 million, down four percent from September 2006. Eggs in incubators totaled 33.4 million on October 1, 2007, up two percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 300 thousand during September 2007, up 15 percent from September 2006.

HATCHERY PRODUCTION, UNITED STATES

| Item | 2006 | 2007 | 2007 % of 2006 |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| | -- Thousands -- | | |
| EGG-TYPE: | | | |
| Eggs in incubators: Oct | 32,886 | 33,438 | 102 |
| Chicks hatched during Sept | 36,873 | 35,270 | 96 |
| Pullets hatched during Sept for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks 7-18 months earlier ^{1/} | 260 2,899 | 300 2,881 | 115 99 |
| BROILER-TYPE: | | | |
| Eggs in incubators: Oct 1 | 631,225 | 646,974 | 102 |
| Chicks hatched during Sept | 772,258 | 784,155 | 102 |
| Pullets hatched during Sept for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks 7-15 months earlier ^{2/} | 7,063 64,154 | 7,327 64,410 | 104 100 |

^{1/}2007 includes pullet chicks hatched Mar 2006 through Dec 2007.

^{2/}2007 includes pullet chicks hatched Jun 2006 through Feb 2007.

MILK PRODUCTION

FLORIDA

Florida dairy farms produced 145 million pounds of milk during September 2007, one percent above the previous September. Production per cow in September of 1,160 pounds was five percent above September of last year. Milk cow numbers on Florida dairy farms in September totaled 125,000, three percent below last year.

UNITED STATES

Milk production in the 23 major States during September totaled 13.7 billion pounds, up 3.1 percent from September 2006. August production, unrevised at 14.3 billion pounds, was up 3.6 percent from August 2006.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,644 pounds for September, 31 pounds above September 2006.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.34 million head, 91,000 head more than September 2006, and 12,000 head more than August 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: | | | |
| September 2006 | 129 | 1,110 | 143 |
| August 2007 | 126 | 1,215 | 153 |
| September 2007 | 125 | 1,160 | 145 |
| 23 MAJOR STATES: | | | |
| September 2006 | 8,251 | 1,613 | 13,307 |
| August 2007 | 8,330 | 1,721 | 14,332 |
| September 2007 | 8,342 | 1,644 | 13,715 |
| UNITED STATES: | | | |
| September 2006 | 9,107 | 1,590 | 14,481 |
| August 2007 | 9,157 | 1,697 | 15,536 |
| September 2007 | 9,163 | 1,621 | 14,854 |

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 | 9,130 | 5,010 | 5,039 | 45,547 | 46,006 |
| Apr-Jun | 9,128 | 9,129 | 5,141 | 5,195 | 46,930 | 47,429 |
| Jul-Sep | 9,113 | 9,157 | 4,906 | 5,036 | 44,710 | 46,114 |
| 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 September 2007 was at 7.2 million pounds, 31 percent above same month last year. Commercial production of red meat in the United States for September 3.86 billion pounds was two percent below 2006.

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER AND RED MEAT PRODUCTION, FLORIDA AND UNITED STATES

| Source and kind | September 2006 | August 2007 | September 2007 | Year to date 2006 | Year to date 2007 |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| FLORIDA | | | | | |
| HOGS: | | | | | |
| Head slaughtered (1,000 head) | 8 | 8 | 9 | 64 | 67 |
| Total liveweight (1,000 pounds) | 1,016 | 1,024 | 1,060 | 8,559 | 9,470 |
| SHEEP AND LAMBS: | | | | | |
| Head slaughtered (1,000 head) | 0.2 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 2.1 | 2.2 |
| Total liveweight (1,000 pounds) | 13 | 20 | 22 | 129 | 124 |
| Red meat production (million pounds) | 5.5 | 7.3 | 7.2 | 47.1 | 63.2 |
| UNITED STATES | | | | | |
| CATTLE: | | | | | |
| Head slaughtered (1,000 head) | 2,767 | 3,132 | 2,665 | 25,385 | 25,683 |
| Total liveweight (million pounds) | 3,542 | 3,994 | 3,426 | 32,090 | 32,350 |
| Average liveweight (pounds) | 1,285 | 1,279 | 1,290 | 1,268 | 1,264 |
| Beef production (million pounds) | 2,170 | 2,451 | 2,095 | 19,639 | 19,686 |
| CALVES: | | | | | |
| Head slaughtered (1,000 head) | 58 | 65 | 56 | 515 | 573 |
| Total liveweight (million pounds) | 20 | 17 | 16 | 179 | 177 |
| Average liveweight (pounds) | 351 | 268 | 283 | 350 | 311 |
| Veal production (million pounds) | 12 | 10 | 9 | 107 | 105 |
| HOGS: | | | | | |
| Head slaughtered (1,000 head) | 8,833 | 9,395 | 8,774 | 76,857 | 78,775 |
| Total liveweight (million pounds) | 2,349 | 2,471 | 2,335 | 20,609 | 21,074 |
| Average liveweight (pounds) | 266 | 263 | 266 | 268 | 268 |
| Pork production (million pounds) | 1,754 | 1,850 | 1,746 | 15,430 | 15,778 |
| SHEEP AND LAMBS: | | | | | |
| Head slaughtered (1,000 head) | 219 | 228 | 211 | 2,010 | 1,979 |
| Total liveweight (1,000 pounds) | 28 | 29 | 27 | 274 | 259 |
| Lamb and Mutton | 14 | 15 | 14 | 139 | 136 |
| Red meat production (million pounds) | 3,950 | 4,326 | 3,864 | 35,315 | 35,705 |