



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 12.1 million head on January 1, 2008. The inventory was one percent above January 1, 2007 and two percent above January 1, 2006. This is the highest January 1 inventory since the series began in 1996. The inventory included 7.65 million steers and steer calves, up one percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 63 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.38 million head, up two percent from 2007.

Placements in feedlots during December totaled 1.70 million, one percent below 2007 and 10 percent below 2006. Net placements were 1.64 million head. During December, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 480,000, 600-699 pounds were 505,000, 700-799 pounds were 420,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 296,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during December totaled 1.65 million, one percent above 2007 but four percent below 2006. This is the second lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of December since the series began in 1996. Other disappearance totaled 58,000 during December, 34 percent below 2007 and 36 percent below 2006.

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

Month and Year	Less than 600 lbs	600-699 lbs	700-799 lbs	800+ lbs	Total
	<i>1,000 head</i>				
December 2006	470	504	420	320	1,714
November 2007	685	*668	420	361	*2,134
December 2007	480	505	420	296	1,701

*Revised

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

State	Number on feed Dec. 1		Placed during Dec. 1		Marketed during Dec.		Other disappearance during Dec.		Number on feed January 1	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2007	2008
	<i>1,000 head</i>									
AZ	341	367	26	26	31	24	2	1	334	368
CA	540	555	77	67	63	60	4	2	550	560
CO	1,120	1,070	135	170	150	135	5	5	1,100	1,100
ID	270	240	39	39	41	42	8	2	260	235
IA	500	570	82	71	59	69	3	2	520	570
KS	2,550	2,500	410	385	390	390	30	15	2,540	2,480
NE	2,510	2,520	390	355	350	335	10	10	2,540	2,530
NM	137	*149	15	26	15	13	1	2	136	160
OK	350	345	46	44	42	37	4	2	350	350
SD	210	215	50	50	32	33	3	2	225	230
TX	2,900	3,010	370	380	385	420	15	10	2,870	2,960
WA	185	168	24	25	24	28	1	1	184	164
Oth. Sts.	360	390	50	63	43	59	2	4	365	390
U.S.	11,973	*12,099	1,714	1,701	1,625	1,645	88	58	11,974	12,097

*Revised

CHICKENS AND EGGS

FLORIDA

Table egg production in Florida during December was 240 million eggs, four percent above the previous month. Total egg production was 248 million eggs compared to 238 million eggs the previous month.

UNITED STATES

U.S. egg production totaled 7.76 billion during December 2007, down slightly from last year. Production included 6.63 billion table eggs, and 1.13 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.06 billion were broiler-type and 67 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during December 2007 averaged 344 million, down one percent from last year. December egg production per 100 layers was 2,256 eggs, up one percent from December 2006.

All layers in the U.S. on January 1, 2008, totaled 345 million, down one percent from last year. The 345 million layers consisted of 285 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 57.2 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.75 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on January 1, 2008, averaged 72.4 eggs per 100 layers, up two percent from January 1, 2007.

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	100.0
December	66.0	137.0

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

	Jan 2007	Nov 2007	Dec 2007	Jan 2008
Total layers on hand: Thous.	11,301	10,813	10,914	10,960
Percent of layers: Being molted	7.0	2.5	1.5	3.0
Molt completed	36.0	38.5	37.0	35.0

LAYERS AND EGG PRODUCTION, DECEMBER 2007, PRODUCTION YEAR-TO-DATE, EGG PRODUCTION FOR SELECTED STATES AND UNITED 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	9,518	1,944	185	33	152	185	1.0	6.0
Arkansas	14,108	1,963	277	96	181	277	2.5	12.5
California	19,431	2,239	435			435	9.0	31.5
Florida	10,938	2,267	248	240	8	248	3.0	35.0
Georgia	19,312	2,133	412	225	187	412	1.5	14.0
Indiana	24,006	2,312	555	542	13	555	4.0	32.0
Iowa	53,908	2,245	1,210	1,195	15	1,210	2.5	35.0
Maine	3,885	2,059	80			80	0.0	0.0
Maryland	2,756	2,177	60	58	2	60	8.0	11.5
Michigan	9,160	2,478	227			227	0.0	17.5
Minnesota	10,232	2,375	243	235	8	243	2.0	28.0
Mississippi	6,410	2,028	130	40	90	130	2.0	9.5
Missouri	6,779	2,301	156			156	4.0	14.5
Nebraska	10,246	2,381	244	244	0	244	0.0	12.5
New York	4,227	2,484	105			105	2.5	6.0
North Carolina	12,577	2,107	265	123	142	265	0.0	8.1
Ohio	26,825	2,345	629			629	2.5	15.5
Pennsylvania	22,067	2,461	543	523	20	543	1.5	14.5
South Carolina	4,487	2,206	99	77	22	99	2.5	25.0
Texas	19,062	2,282	435			435	4.5	25.0
Virginia	3,207	2,058	66	33	33	66	0.0	26.5
Washington	4,706	2,210	104			104	5.0	43.0
United States	344,089	2,256	7,763	6,633	1,129	7,763	2.8	22.6

^{1/} Production year begins December 1.

HATCHERY PRODUCTION

FLORIDA

The December hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 4,974,000, was two percent above a year earlier. Broiler-type eggs in incubators on January 1, at 4,031,000, was slightly above a year ago.

UNITED STATES

Broiler-type chicks hatched during December 2007 totaled 823 million, up three percent from December 2006. Eggs in incubators totaled 677 million on January 1, 2008, up four percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 6.75 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during December 2007, down six percent from December 2006.

Egg-type chicks hatched during December 2007 totaled 35.5 million, up seven percent from December 2006. Eggs in incubators totaled 35.8 million on January 1, 2008, up four percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 245 thousand during December 2007, up four percent from December 2006.

HATCHERY PRODUCTION, UNITED STATES

Item	2006	2007	2007 % of 2006
	-- Thousands --		
EGG-TYPE:			
Eggs in incubators: Jan 1	34,383	35,828	104
Chicks hatched during Dec	33,183	35,543	107
Pullets hatched during Dec for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks 7-18 months earlier ^{1/}	205	245	120
	2,847	2,906	102
BROILER-TYPE:			
Eggs in incubators: Jan 1	652,507	677,028	104
Chicks hatched during Dec	796,523	823,327	103
Pullets hatched during Dec for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks 7-15 months earlier ^{2/}	7,176	6,749	94
	64,040	64,597	101

^{1/}2007 includes pullet chicks hatched June 2006 through May 2007.

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

MILK PRODUCTION

FLORIDA

Florida dairy farms produced 172 million pounds of milk during December 2007, down three percent from the previous December. Production per cow in December of 1,390 pounds was two percent above last year. Milk cow numbers on Florida dairy farms in December totaled 124,000, five percent below last year.

UNITED STATES

Milk production in the 23 major States during December totaled 14.4 billion pounds, up 3.1 percent from December 2006. November revised production at 13.8 billion pounds, was up 3.9 percent from November 2006. The November revision represented an increase of 13 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,719 pounds for December, 29 pounds above December 2006.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.38 million head, 107,000 head more than December 2006, and 14,000 head more than November 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:			
December 2006	130	1,360	177
November 2007	125	1,200	150
December 2007	124	1,390	172
23 MAJOR STATES:			
December 2006	8,276	1,690	13,983
November 2007	8,369	1,654	13,846
December 2007	8,383	1,719	14,414
UNITED STATES:			
December 2006	9,126	1,669	15,231
November 2007	9,196	1,633	14,523
December 2007	9,211	1,698	15,636

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	^{3/} 9,156	4,906	5,037	44,710	^{3/} 46,119
Oct-Dec	9,115	9,195	4,894	5,008	44,611	46,045
Annual Total	9,112	9,153	19,951	20,277	181,798	185,599

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

^{2/}Excludes milk fed to calves.

^{3/}Revised.

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

Commercial red meat production in Florida for December 2007 was 7.2 million pounds, nine percent above same month last year. Commercial production of red meat in the United States for December, at 4.06 billion pounds was five percent above 2006.

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER AND RED MEAT PRODUCTION, FLORIDA AND UNITED STATES

Source and kind	December 2006	November 2007	December 2007	Year to date 2006	Year to date 2007
FLORIDA					
HOGS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	13	8	7	96	91
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	1,610	1,137	1,014	12,643	12,794
SHEEP AND LAMBS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	0.3	0.1	0.1	2.8	2.6
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	18	11	6	172	158
Red meat production (million pounds)	6.6	8.2	7.2	66.6	86.8
UNITED STATES					
CATTLE:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	2,613	2,831	2,645	33,699	34,259
Total liveweight (million pounds)	3,385	3,678	3,431	42,819	43,474
Average liveweight (pounds)	1,300	1,304	1,302	1,275	1,273
Beef production (million pounds)	2,050	2,229	2,059	26,152	26,415
CALVES:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	68	59	61	711	758
Total liveweight (million pounds)	22	17	17	245	230
Average liveweight (pounds)	324	291	289	345	305
Veal production (million pounds)	13	10	10	147	137
HOGS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	8,883	10,051	9,691	104,737	109,172
Total liveweight (million pounds)	2,402	2,735	2,633	28,142	29,312
Average liveweight (pounds)	271	272	272	269	269
Pork production (million pounds)	1,796	2,045	1,973	21,053	21,942
SHEEP AND LAMBS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	227	237	229	2,699	2,692
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	31	32	31	367	355
Lamb and Mutton	15	16	15	185	183
Red meat production (million pounds)	3,875	4,301	4,058	47,537	48,677