



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 12.0 million head on February 1, 2008. The inventory was two percent above February 1, 2007 but one percent below February 1, 2006. This is the second highest February 1 inventory since the series began in 1996.

Placements in feedlots during January totaled 1.79 million, six percent above 2007 but 19 percent below 2006. Net placements were 1.73 million head. During January, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 400,000, 600-699 pounds were 467,000, 700-799 pounds were 525,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 395,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during January totaled 1.86 million, one percent above 2007 and three percent above 2006. Other disappearance totaled 60,000 during January, 38 percent below 2007 and 28 percent below 2006.

CATTLE ON FEED: U.S. Cattle Placed on Feed, by Weight Groups, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, Dec. 2007, Jan. 2007, and Jan. 2008

Month and Year		Less than 600 lbs	600-699 lbs	700-799 lbs	800+ lbs	Total
<i>1,000 head</i>						
January	2007	320	390	545	435	1,690
December	2007	480	505	420	296	1,701
January	2008	400	467	525	395	1,787

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

State	Number on feed Jan. 1		Placed during Jan. 1		Marketed during Jan.		Other disappearance during Jan.		Number on feed February 1	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
<i>1,000 head</i>										
AZ	334	368	33	35	32	29	1	1	334	373
CA	550	560	64	76	72	72	2	9	540	555
CO	1,100	1,100	155	180	200	185	15	5	1,040	1,090
ID	260	235	43	43	47	42	1	1	255	235
IA	520	570	76	72	64	69	2	3	530	570
KS	2,540	2,480	365	405	445	445	30	10	2,430	2,430
NE	2,540	2,530	420	380	405	390	15	10	2,540	2,510
NM	136	160	8	16	8	15	1	1	135	160
OK	350	350	50	54	48	47	2	2	350	355
SD	225	230	50	45	42	43	3	2	230	230
TX	2,870	2,960	340	400	390	420	20	10	2,800	2,930
WA	184	164	27	27	33	36	1	2	177	153
Oth. Sts.	365	390	59	54	55	65	4	4	365	375
U.S.	11,974	12,097	1,690	1,787	1,841	1,858	97	60	11,726	11,966

*Revised

CHICKENS AND EGGS

FLORIDA

Table egg production in Florida during January was 239 million eggs, slightly below the previous month. Total egg production was 249 million eggs compared to 248 million eggs the previous month.

UNITED STATES

U.S. egg production totaled 7.66 billion during January 2008, down slightly from last year. Production included 6.52 billion table eggs, and 1.14 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.07 billion were broiler-type and 67 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during January 2008 averaged 345 million, down one percent from last year. January egg production per 100 layers was 2,220 eggs, up one percent from January 2007.

All layers in the U.S. on February 1, 2008, totaled 345 million, down one percent from last year. The 345 million layers consisted of 284 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 57.7 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.84 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on February 1, 2008, averaged 70.8 eggs per 100 layers, up slightly from February 1, 2007.

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

Month	Cents per dozen	
	2007	2008
January	75.0	134.0
February	68.0	130.0
March	70.0	
April	55.0	
May	65.0	
June	49.0	
July	79.0	
August	73.0	
September	97.0	
October	85.0	
November	100.0	
December	137.0	

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

	Feb 2007	Dec 2007	Jan 2008	Feb 2008
Total layers on hand: Thous.	11,216	10,924	10,970	10,844
Percent of layers: Being molted	7.0	1.5	3.0	8.0
Molt completed	34.0	37.0	35.0	31.5

LAYERS AND EGG PRODUCTION, JANUARY 2008, 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	9,581	1,931	185	32	153	370	1.5	6.0
Arkansas	14,313	1,893	271	87	184	548	3.0	11.5
California	18,938	2,165	410			845	7.0	31.5
Florida	10,907	2,283	249	239	10	497	8.0	31.5
Georgia	19,433	2,094	407	218	189	819	1.5	13.5
Indiana	24,401	2,238	546	533	13	1,101	4.0	32.0
Iowa	54,395	2,250	1,224	1,209	15	2,434	6.0	33.5
Maine	4,066	2,115	86			166	0.0	0.0
Maryland	2,703	2,220	60	58	2	120	6.5	12.0
Michigan	9,082	2,400	218			445	3.5	17.5
Minnesota	10,243	2,343	240	232	8	483	2.5	27.5
Mississippi	6,435	1,974	127	37	90	257	3.5	9.0
Missouri	6,730	2,348	158			314	1.5	13.5
Nebraska	10,257	2,369	243	243	0	487	0.0	11.5
New York	3,890	2,468	96			201	2.5	7.5
North Carolina	12,842	2,064	265	124	141	530	0.5	7.5
Ohio	26,552	2,294	609			1,238	2.5	15.0
Pennsylvania	21,817	2,429	530	510	20	1,073	0.5	12.5
South Carolina	4,543	2,113	96	74	22	195	8.0	24.0
Texas	18,947	2,222	421			856	5.0	24.5
Virginia	3,167	1,958	62	30	32	128	3.5	23.5
Washington	5,516	2,212	122			226	7.5	37.0
United States	345,105	2,220	7,663	6,524	1,139	15,426	3.8	21.9

^{1/} Production year begins December 1.

HATCHERY PRODUCTION

FLORIDA

The January hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 5,013,000, was one percent above a year earlier. Broiler-type eggs in incubators on February 1, at 4,105,000, was slightly above a year ago.

UNITED STATES

Broiler-type chicks hatched during January 2008 totaled 822 million, up three percent from January 2007. Eggs in incubators totaled 675 million on February 1, 2008, up four percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 7.30 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during January 2008, up four percent from January 2007.

Egg-type chicks hatched during January 2008 totaled 40.2 million, up nine percent from January 2007. Eggs in incubators totaled 35.5 million on February 1, 2008, down four percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 210 thousand during January 2008, down 21 percent from January 2007.

HATCHERY PRODUCTION, UNITED STATES

Item	2007	2008	2008 % of 2007
	-- Thousands --		
EGG-TYPE			
Eggs in incubators: Feb 1	36,993	35,539	96
Chicks hatched during Jan	36,926	40,167	109
Pullets hatched during Jan for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks 7-18 months earlier ^{1/}	265	210	79
	2,870	3,008	105
BROILER-TYPE			
Eggs in incubators: Feb 1	649,148	674,636	104
Chicks hatched during Jan	797,066	821,866	103
Pullets hatched during Jan for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks 7-15 months earlier ^{2/}	7,015	7,300	104
	64,544	65,333	101

^{1/}2008 includes pullet chicks hatched July 2006 through June 2007.

^{2/}2008 includes pullet chicks hatched Oct 2006 through June 2007.

MILK PRODUCTION

FLORIDA

Florida dairy farms produced 180 million pounds of milk during January 2008, down six percent from the previous January. Production per cow in January of 1,450 pounds was one percent below last year. Milk cow numbers on Florida dairy farms in January totaled 124,000, five percent below last year.

UNITED STATES

Milk production in the 23 major States during January totaled 14.6 billion pounds, up 2.4 percent from January 2007. December production, unrevised at 14.4 billion pounds, was up 2.8 percent from December 2006.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,743 pounds for January, 17 pounds above January 2007.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.40 million head, 120,000 head more than January 2007, and 15,000 head more than December 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			
January 2007	130	1,470	191
December 2007	124	1,360	169
January 2008	124	1,450	180
23 MAJOR STATES			
January 2007	8,284	1,726	14,302
December 2007	8,389	1,718	14,414
January 2008	8,404	1,743	14,648
UNITED STATES			
January 2007	9,135	1,708	15,605
December 2007	9,217	1,696	15,632
January 2008	9,232	1,723	15,909

MILK PRODUCTION BY QUARTERS, UNITED STATES

Month	Milk cows ^{1/}		Milk per cow ^{2/}		Milk Production	
	2006 ^{3/}	2007 ^{3/}	2006 ^{3/}	2007 ^{3/}	2006 ^{3/}	2007 ^{3/}
	<i>Thousand</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Mil. Lbs.</i>	
Jan-Mar	9,091	9,138	5,010	5,040	45,550	46,058
Apr-Jun	9,128	9,138	5,142	5,189	46,936	47,419
Jul-Sep	9,113	9,159	4,904	5,034	44,691	46,110
Oct-Dec	9,116	9,198	4,895	5,003	44,619	46,015
Annual Total	9,112	9,158	19,951	20,267	181,796	185,602

^{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 January 2008 was 8.2 million pounds, 22 percent above same month last year. Commercial production of red meat in the United States for January, at 4.42 billion pounds was eight percent above 2007.

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER AND RED MEAT PRODUCTION, FLORIDA AND UNITED STATES

Source and kind	January 2007	December 2007	January 2008	Year to date 2007	Year to date 2008
FLORIDA					
HOGS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	7	7	8	7	8
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	1,064	1,014	1,103	1,064	1,103
SHEEP AND LAMBS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	5	6	7	5	7
Red meat production (million pounds)	6.7	7.2	8.2	6.7	8.2
UNITED STATES					
CATTLE:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	2,799	*2,648	2,899	2,799	2,899
Total liveweight (million pounds)	3,596	3,431	3,728	3,596	3,728
Average liveweight (pounds)	1,290	1,302	1,291	1,290	1,291
Beef production (million pounds)	2,165	*2,061	2,232	2,165	2,232
CALVES:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	74	61	72	74	72
Total liveweight (million pounds)	24	17	19	24	19
Average liveweight (pounds)	324	*288	269	324	269
Veal production (million pounds)	14	10	11	14	11
HOGS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	9,366	*9,690	10,557	9,366	10,557
Total liveweight (million pounds)	2,535	2,633	2,875	2,535	2,875
Average liveweight (pounds)	271	272	273	271	273
Pork production (million pounds)	1,898	*1,973	2,158	1,898	2,158
SHEEP AND LAMBS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	217	*229	213	217	213
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	30	31	30	30	30
Lamb and Mutton	15	15	15	15	15
Red meat production (million pounds)	4,093	*4,060	4,416	4,093	4,416

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