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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 11.1 million head on May 1, 2008. The inventory was one percent below May 1, 2007 and four percent below May 1, 2006.

Placements in feedlots during April totaled 1.54 million, two percent below 2007 and five percent below 2006. Net placements were 1.46 million head. During April, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 315,000, 600-699 pounds were 278,000, 700-799 pounds were 428,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 515,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 2.01 million, 11 percent above 2007 and 13 percent above 2006. Other disappearance totaled 75,000 during April, 24 percent below 2007 and 14 percent below 2006.

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

Month and Year		Less than 600 lbs	600-699 lbs	700-799 lbs	800+ lbs	Total
<i>1,000 head</i>						
April	2007	375	263	430	500	1,568
March	2008	335	330	561	510	1,736
April	2008	315	278	428	515	1,536

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	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
<i>1,000 head</i>										
AZ	340	374	31	34	30	37	1	1	340	370
CA	530	530	85	64	61	70	4	4	550	520
CO	1,020	1,020	150	115	130	165	20	20	1,020	950
ID	245	230	35	28	40	32	5	1	235	225
IA	530	550	61	59	59	77	2	2	530	550
KS	2,480	2,420	355	360	445	470	40	20	2,350	2,290
NE	2,480	2,450	290	340	340	400	10	10	2,420	2,380
NM	131	158	12	9	24	16	1	1	118	150
OK	350	340	54	40	68	74	1	1	335	305
SD	230	225	36	33	34	37	2	1	230	220
TX	2,800	2,880	380	360	490	540	10	10	2,680	2,690
WA	163	152	22	33	30	29	1	1	154	155
Oth. Sts.	345	355	57	61	65	63	2	3	335	350
U.S.	11,644	11,684	1,568	1,536	1,816	2,010	99	75	11,297	11,135

CHICKENS AND EGGS

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

FLORIDA

Table egg production in Florida during April was 213 million eggs, nine percent below the previous month. Total egg production was 221 million eggs compared to 243 million eggs the previous month.

UNITED STATES

U.S. egg production totaled 7.38 billion during April 2008, down one percent from last year. Production included 6.28 billion table eggs, and 1.11 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.04 billion were broiler-type and 66 million were egg-type. April egg production per 100 layers was 2,164 eggs, up slightly from April 2007.

Month	Cents per dozen	
	2007	2008
January	75.0	134.0
February	68.0	130.0
March	70.0	135.0
April	55.0	97.0
May	65.0	
June	49.0	
July	79.0	
August	73.0	
September	97.0	
October	85.0	
November	100.0	
December	137.0	

All layers in the U.S. on May 1, 2008, totaled 341 million, down one percent from last year. The 341 million layers consisted of 280 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 May 1, 2008, averaged 71.8 eggs per 100 layers, up one percent from May 1, 2007.

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

	May 2007	Mar 2008	Apr 2008	May 2008
Total layers on hand: Thous.	10,395	10,697	10,460	10,434
Percent of layers: Being molted	10.0	3.0	7.5	8.5
Molt completed	35.5	34.5	32.5	30.0

LAYERS AND EGG PRODUCTION, APRIL 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	9,436	1,855	175	28	147	901	0.5	4.5
Arkansas	13,894	1,893	263	81	182	1,341	1.5	9.0
California	19,825	2,083	413			2,048	7.5	29.5
Florida	10,460	2,113	221	213	8	1,197	8.5	30.0
Georgia	18,940	2,006	380	199	181	1,983	4.5	8.5
Indiana	24,280	2,224	540	528	12	2,728	5.0	32.0
Iowa	53,727	2,196	1,180	1,164	16	5,927	3.0	33.5
Maine	4,094	2,223	91			444	0.0	0.0
Maryland	2,592	2,199	57	55	2	287	6.5	16.5
Michigan	9,199	2,348	216			1,093	6.5	19.5
Minnesota	10,142	2,218	225	217	8	1,160	1.5	28.5
Mississippi	6,250	1,920	120	33	87	624	3.5	9.0
Missouri	6,911	2,286	158			785	3.0	15.5
Nebraska	9,741	2,341	228	228	0	1,171	0.0	4.5
New York	3,941	2,411	95			479	1.0	5.5
North Carolina	12,700	2,024	257	120	137	1,302	1.0	8.0
Ohio	25,790	2,292	591			2,990	4.5	12.5
Pennsylvania	21,510	2,343	504	485	19	2,599	3.0	12.0
South Carolina	4,491	2,115	95	73	22	473	2.5	19.0
Texas	18,820	2,125	400			2,087	5.0	24.0
Virginia	3,182	1,948	62	28	34	310	9.0	13.0
Washington	5,605	2,302	129			625	7.5	31.0
Other States	45,629	2,096	482	354	128	3,047	4.0	21.2
United States	341,159	2,164	7,384	6,278	1,106	37,631	3.9	20.5

^{1/} Production year begins February 1.

HATCHERY PRODUCTION

FLORIDA

The April hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 5,038,000, was three percent above a year earlier. Broiler-type eggs in incubators on May 1, at 4,023,000, was two percent below a year ago.

UNITED STATES

Broiler-type chicks hatched during April 2008 totaled 797 million, down slightly from April 2007. Eggs in incubators totaled 665 million on May 1, 2008, down two percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 6.87 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during April 2008, up three percent from April 2007.

Egg-type chicks hatched during April 2008 totaled 41.1 million, up five percent from April 2007. Eggs in incubators totaled 39.6 million on May 1, 2008, up ten percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 264 thousand during April 2008, down four percent from April 2007.

HATCHERY PRODUCTION, UNITED STATES

Item	2007	2008	2008 % of 2007
	-- Thousands --		
EGG-TYPE			
Eggs in incubators: May 1	35,948	39,643	110
Chicks hatched during Apr	39,254	41,051	105
Pullets hatched during Apr for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks 7-18 months earlier ^{1/}	274	264	96
	2,855	2,905	102
BROILER-TYPE			
Eggs in incubators: May 1	679,796	665,215	98
Chicks hatched during Apr	799,293	797,481	100
Pullets hatched during Apr for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks 7-15 months earlier ^{2/}	6,692	6,867	103
	64,340	65,567	102

^{1/}2008 includes pullet chicks hatched Oct 2006 through Sept 2007.

^{2/}2008 includes pullet chicks hatched Jan 2007 through Sept 2007.

MILK PRODUCTION

FLORIDA

Florida dairy farms produced 194 million pounds of milk during April 2008, down five percent from the previous April. Production per cow in April of 1,575 pounds was slightly below last year. Milk cow numbers on Florida dairy farms in April totaled 123,000, five percent below last year.

UNITED STATES

Milk production in the 23 major States during April totaled 14.8 billion pounds, up 2.5 percent from April 2007. March revised production at 15.1 billion pounds, was up 2.3 percent from March 2007. The March revision represented a decrease of 10 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,757 pounds for April, 12 pounds above April 2007.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.44 million head, 152,000 head more than April 2007, and 8,000 head more than March 2008.

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			
April 2007	129	1,580	204
March 2008	123	1,620	199
April 2008	123	1,575	194
23 MAJOR STATES			
April 2007	8,292	1,745	14,470
March 2008	8,436	1,794	15,134
April 2008	8,444	1,757	14,833
UNITED STATES			
April 2007	9,132	1,726	15,763
March 2008	9,259	1,777	16,452
April 2008	9,266	1,738	16,107

MILK PRODUCTION BY QUARTERS, UNITED STATES

Month	Milk cows ^{1/}		Milk per cow ^{2/}		Milk Production	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	Thousand		Pounds		Mil. Lbs.	
Jan-Mar	9,138	9,250	5,040	5,140	46,058	47,542
Apr-Jun	9,138		5,189		47,419	
Jul-Sep	9,159		5,034		46,110	
Oct-Dec	9,198		5,003		46,015	
Annual Total	9,158		20,267		185,602	

^{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 2008 was 8.0 million pounds, 13 percent above the same month last year. Commercial production of red meat in the United States for April, at 4.30 billion pounds was 15 percent above 2007.

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER AND RED MEAT PRODUCTION, FLORIDA AND UNITED STATES

Source and kind	April 2007	March 2008	April 2008	Year to date 2007	Year to date 2008
FLORIDA					
HOGS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	7	7	7	28	30
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	1,049	1,041	1,000	4,244	4,153
SHEEP AND LAMBS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.8	0.7
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	18	13	19	44	45
Red meat production (million pounds)	7.1	7.6	8.0	27.0	30.5
UNITED STATES					
CATTLE:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	2,701	*2,728	2,960	10,854	11,233
Total liveweight (million pounds)	3,324	3,473	3,714	13,682	14,298
Average liveweight (pounds)	1,235	1,276	1,259	1,264	1,278
Beef production (million pounds)	2,015	*2,100	2,255	8,251	8,629
CALVES:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	57	71	73	269	284
Total liveweight (million pounds)	20	19	20	87	77
Average liveweight (pounds)	348	273	278	324	273
Veal production (million pounds)	12	11	12	52	45
HOGS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	8,467	9,662	9,995	35,152	39,592
Total liveweight (million pounds)	2,285	2,617	2,690	9,489	10,717
Average liveweight (pounds)	270	271	269	270	271
Pork production (million pounds)	1,712	1,963	2,015	7,107	8,039
SHEEP AND LAMBS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	217	231	221	917	877
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	30	32	31	128	123
Lamb and Mutton	15	16	15	64	61
Red meat production (million pounds)	3,753	*4,091	4,297	15,473	16,774

*Revised