



LIVESTOCK, DAIRY AND POULTRY

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JULY 1 CATTLE INVENTORY DOWN SLIGHTLY

All cattle and calves in the United States as of July 1, 2008, totaled 104.3 million head, slightly below the 104.8 million on July 1, 2007 and down one percent from the 105.2 million two years ago.

All cows and heifers that have calved, at 42.4 million, was down slightly from both July 1, 2007 and July 1, 2006.

- Beef cows, at 33.2 million head, were down one percent from July 1, 2007 and one percent below two years ago.
- Milk cows, at 9.25 million, were up one percent from July 1, 2007 and one percent above two years ago.

Other class estimates on July 1, 2008 and the changes from July 1, 2007, are as follows:

- All heifers 500 pounds and over, 16.5 million, down one percent.
- Beef replacement heifers, 4.6 million, down two percent.
- Milk replacement heifers, 3.9 million, unchanged.
- Other heifers, 8.0 million, unchanged.
- Steers weighing 500 pounds and over, 14.7 million, down one percent.
- Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over, 2.1 million, unchanged.
- Calves under 500 pounds, 28.6 million, down slightly.
- All cattle and calves on feed for slaughter, 11.7 million, down five percent.

CALF CROP DOWN SLIGHTLY

The 2008 calf crop is expected to be 37.3 million head, down slightly from 2007 and one percent below 2006. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 27.1 million, down slightly from 2007 and one percent below 2006.

CATTLE AND CALVES: By class, and calf crop, United States, July 1, 2006-08

Class	2006	2007	2008	2008 as % of 2007
	<i>1,000 head</i>			
Cattle and calves:	105,200	104,800	104,300	100
Cows and heifers that have calved	42,600	42,500	42,400	100
Beef cows	33,450	33,350	33,150	99
Milk cows	9,150	9,150	9,250	101
Heifers 500 pounds and over:	16,600	16,600	16,500	99
Beef cow replacement	5,000	4,700	4,600	98
Milk cow replacement	3,800	3,900	3,900	100
Other heifers	7,800	8,000	8,000	100
Steers 500 pounds and over	15,000	14,900	14,700	99
Bulls 500 pounds and over	2,100	2,100	2,100	100
Calves under 500 pounds	28,900	28,700	28,600	100
Calf crop ^{1/}	37,519	37,361	37,250	100
Cattle on Feed	12,500	12,300	11,700	95

^{1/} For the current year, the calf crop is the number of calves born before July 1 plus the number expected to be born on and after July 1.

CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.3 million head on July 1, 2008. The inventory was four percent below July 1, 2007 and five percent below July 1, 2006. The inventory included 6.43 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 3.82 million head, down three percent from 2007.

Placements in feedlots during June totaled 1.51 million, nine percent below 2007 and 22 percent below 2006. Net placements were 1.45 million head. During June, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 365,000, 600-699 pounds were 325,000, 700-799 pounds were 383,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 440,000.

CATTLE ON FEED: Number on feed, placements, marketings, and other disappearance, July 2006-2008

Item	Number			2008 as % of		
	2006	2007	2008	2006	2007	
		<i>1,000 head</i>				
On feed June 1	11,187	11,272	*10,815	97	96	
Placed on feed during June	1,946	1,657	1,513	78	91	
Fed cattle marketed during June	2,198	2,140	1,973	90	92	
Other disappearance during June	63	52	60	95	115	
On feed July 1	10,872	10,737	10,295	95	96	

^{1/} Revised

CHICKENS AND EGGS

FLORIDA

Table egg production in Florida during June was 214 million eggs, down four percent from the previous month. Total egg production was 221 million eggs compared to 230 million eggs the previous month.

UNITED STATES

U.S. egg production totaled 7.37 billion during June 2008, down slightly 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 June 2008 averaged 339 million, down slightly from last year. June egg production per 100 layers was 2,176 eggs, up slightly from June 2007.

All layers in the U.S. on July 1, 2008, totaled 337 million, down one percent from last year. The 337 million layers consisted of 278 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 56.1 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.69 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on July 1, 2008, averaged 73.3 eggs per 100 layers, up two percent from July 1, 2007.

FLORIDA: Layers on hand first of month; percentages by molting stage

	July 2007	May 2008	June 2008	July 2008
Total layers on hand: Thous	10,614	10,434	10,343	10,120
Percent of layers:				
Being molted	7.0	8.5	7.0	4.5
Molt completed	34.0	30.0	31.0	28.0

LAYERS AND EGGS: Selected States and U.S.

Selected States	Avg. layers on hand, June 2008	Eggs produced	
		June 2008	Year to date 1/
	<i>Thousands</i>	<i>Millions</i>	
Alabama	9,353	176	1,260
Arkansas	13,855	266	1,881
California	20,035	427	2,907
Florida	10,232	221	1,648
Georgia	18,651	371	2,737
Indiana	24,230	544	3,826
Iowa	53,485	1,205	8,362
Maine	3,908	86	1,620
Maryland	2,366	50	392
Michigan	9,139	209	1,519
Minnesota	10,006	226	1,623
Mississippi	6,348	125	874
Missouri	6,709	151	1,094
Nebraska	9,404	221	1,628
New York	3,960	94	673
North Carolina	12,465	248	1,813
Ohio	26,579	584	4,161
Pennsylvania	21,829	515	3,635
South Carolina	4,470	92	661
Texas	18,241	397	2,889
Virginia	3,138	62	437
Washington	5,484	125	883
Other States	44,651	480	4,021
United States	338,538	7,366	52,571

^{1/} Production year begins December 1.

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	135.0
April	55.0	97.0
May	65.0	68.0
June	49.0	88.0
July	79.0	
August	73.0	
September	97.0	
October	85.0	
November	100.0	
December	137.0	

HATCHERY PRODUCTION

FLORIDA

The June hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 4,832,000 was slightly below a year earlier. Broiler-type eggs in incubators on July 1, at 4,033,000 were one percent below a year ago.

UNITED STATES

Broiler-type chicks hatched during June 2008 totaled 806 million, down slightly from June 2007. Eggs in incubators totaled 658 million on July 1, 2008, down one percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 7.77 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during June 2008, down slightly from June 2007.

Egg-type chicks hatched during June 2008 totaled 42.5 million, up five percent from June 2007. Eggs in incubators totaled 35.9 million on July 1, 2008, up nine percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 231,000 during June 2008, down 23 percent from June 2007.

HATCHERY PRODUCTION, UNITED STATES

Item	2007	2008	2008 % of 2007
-- Thousands --			
EGG-TYPE:			
Eggs in incubators: July 1	32,904	35,922	109
Chicks hatched during June	40,641	42,538	105
Pullets hatched during June for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks	300	231	77
7-18 months earlier ^{1/}	2,915	2,942	101
BROILER-TYPE:			
Eggs in incubators: July 1	665,958	657,943	99
Chicks hatched during June	808,329	806,202	100
Pullets hatched during June for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks	7,799	7,772	100
7-15 months earlier ^{2/}	64,284	66,057	103

^{1/}2008 includes pullet chicks hatched December 2006 through November 2007.

^{2/}2008 includes pullet chicks hatched March 2007 through November 2007.

MILK PRODUCTION

FLORIDA

Florida dairy farms produced 182 million pounds of milk during June 2008, two percent below the previous June. Production per cow in June of 1,490 pounds was two percent above June of last year. Milk cow numbers on Florida dairy farms in June totaled 122,000, three percent below last year.

UNITED STATES

Milk production in the 23 major States during June totaled 14.7 billion pounds, up 3.4 percent from June 2007. May revised production, at 15.4 billion pounds, was up 3.5 percent from May 2007. The May revision represented an increase of 14 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,737 pounds for June, 25 pounds above June 2007.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.46 million head, 158,000 head more than June 2007, and 1,000 head more than May 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:			
June 2007	126	1,465	185
May 2008	123	1,585	195
June 2008	122	1,490	182
23 MAJOR STATES:			
June 2007	8,302	1,712	14,216
May 2008	8,459	1,818	15,375
June 2008	8,460	1,737	14,697
UNITED STATES:			
June 2007	9,144	1,692	15,476
May 2008	9,277	1,797	16,671
June 2008	9,277	1,718	15,934

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	9,249	5,040	5,140	46,058	47,541
Apr-Jun	9,138	9,274	5,189	5,252	47,419	48,703
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 output in Florida for June 2008 was 8.2 million pounds, 15 percent above the same month last year. Commercial production of red meat in the United States for June at 4.05 billion pounds, was slightly above 2007.

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER AND RED MEAT PRODUCTION, FLORIDA AND UNITED STATES

Source and kind	June 2007	May 2008	June 2008	Year to date 2007	Year to date 2008
FLORIDA					
HOGS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	7	7	8	43	45
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	958	959	915	6,322	6,020
SHEEP AND LAMBS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	0.2	0.2	0.2	1.2	1.1
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	10	14	13	67	72
Red meat production (million pounds)	7.1	8.9	8.2	42.0	47.6
UNITED STATES					
CATTLE:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	3,077	3,140	2,956	16,983	17,325
Total liveweight (million pounds)	3,834	3,917	3,716	21,264	21,931
Average liveweight (pounds)	1,250	1,251	1,261	1,256	1,270
Beef production (million pounds)	2,349	2,380	2,263	12,885	13,269
CALVES:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	61	71	75	389	430
Total liveweight (million pounds)	19	19	20	126	116
Average liveweight (pounds)	307	275	266	325	272
Veal production (million pounds)	11	12	12	75	69
HOGS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	8,297	9,063	8,885	52,210	57,539
Total liveweight (million pounds)	2,210	2,426	2,359	14,052	16,410
Average liveweight (pounds)	267	268	266	269	270
Pork production (million pounds)	1,654	1,816	1,762	10,524	11,616
SHEEP AND LAMBS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	201	207	192	1,335	1,276
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	27	30	26	186	179
LAMB AND MUTTON:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	14	15	13	94	89
Red meat production (million pounds)	4,028	4,222	4,050	23,578	25,043

UNITED STATES SHEEP AND LAMB INVENTORY

All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on July 1, 2008, totaled 7.35 million head, down three percent from July 1, 2007 and five percent below July 1, 2006. Breeding sheep inventory at 4.42 million head on July 1, 2008 was down three percent from July 1, 2007. Market sheep and lambs (including newborn lambs), at 2.93 million head, were down four percent from last July.

UNITED STATES TOTAL GOAT INVENTORY

All goat inventory on July 1, 2008, totaled 3.73 million head, up four percent from the previous July. Breeding goat inventory totaled 2.81 million head, up four percent from July 2007. All market goats and kids totaled 925,000 head, up two percent from the previous July. On July 1, 2008 meat and all other goats totaled 3.15 million head, up five percent from July 2007. Milk goat inventory was up four percent increasing to 350,000 head while angora goat numbers fell 12 percent to 230,000 head. The 2008 kid crop is expected to total 2.03 million head, up five percent from the 2007 kid crop of 1.94 million head.