

GEORGIA FARM REPORT



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HIGHLIGHTS

Poultry Summary - Annual & Monthly Livestock Slaughter	Cold Storage Agricultural Prices	Peanut Stocks Farm Labor	Cattle Inventory & Calf Crop Pecans Crops Values
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EGGS IN INCUBATORS--JANUARY 1, 2003-2004, UNITED STATES

Item	2003	2004	% of Year Ago
	--Thousands--		--Percent--
Chickens, Egg Type	30,117	31,655	105
Chickens, Broiler Type	623,171	637,048	102
Turkeys, All Breeds	30,804	28,394	92

[Results from the Monthly Chicken and Egg Report and the Monthly Turkey Hatchery Report].

POULTRY HATCHING AND PLACEMENT--DECEMBER 2002-2003

Item	2002	2003	% of year ago	January thru December 2002	2003	% of year ago
	--Thousands--		--Percent--	--Thousands--		--Percent--
Pullet Chicks Placed Domestic (U.S.)						
Broiler Type	6,475	6,978	108	82,336	81,872	99
Egg Type	187	242	129	2,927	3,136	107
Chicks Hatched - Broiler Type						
Georgia	110,347	119,326	108	1,337,114	1,366,698	102
United States	753,875	778,159	103	9,079,000	9,077,215	100
Chicks Hatched - Egg Type						
Georgia	2,319	2,123	92	25,924	27,831	107
United States	31,973	33,856	106	421,320	415,827	99
Turkeys Poults Placed						
United States	23,977	23,424	98	94,445 2/	90,555 3/	96

[Results from the Monthly Chicken and Egg Report and the Monthly Turkey Hatchery Report]. 1/ Domestic placements as reported by leading breeders includes expected pullet replacements from eggs sold during the preceding month at the rate of 125 pullet chicks per 30 dozen case of eggs. 2/ Turkey poults placed September 2002-December 2002. 3/ Turkey poults placed September 2003-December 2003.

NUMBER OF LAYERS AND EGG PRODUCTION DURING DECEMBER 2002-2003

	Number of Layers		Eggs per 100 Layers		Total Eggs Produced	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	--Thousands--		--Number--		--Millions--	
GEORGIA						
Hatching	9,130	9,041	1,895	1,880	173	170
Table	11,385	11,631	2,372	2,261	270	263
Total Georgia	20,515	20,672	2,157	2,095	433	433
30 STATES						
Hatching	52,909	52,819	1,839	1,838	973	971
Table	265,369	262,904	2,258	2,301	5,993	6,050
Total 30 States	318,278	315,723	2,189	2,224	6,966	7,021
UNITED STATES						
Hatching	57,597	57,522	1,837	1,836	1,058	1,056
Table	282,719	281,003	2,261	2,305	6,392	6,476
Total U.S.	340,316	338,525	2,189	2,225	7,451	7,531

[Results from the Monthly Chicken and Egg Report].

ALL LAYERS AND EGG PRODUCTION: ANNUAL AVERAGE NUMBER OF LAYERS, EGGS PER LAYER, AND TOTAL EGG PRODUCTION BY GEORGIA AND UNITED STATES, 2002-2003 1/

State	Average Number of Layers		Eggs per Layer 2/		Total Egg Production	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	--Thousand--		--Number--		--Million Eggs--	
GA	20,473	20,442	243	247	4,967	5,047
US 3/	337,380	335,368	257	259	87,179	87,196

1/ Annual estimates cover the period Dec 1, previous year thru Nov 30. 2/ Total egg production divided by average number of layers on hand. 3/ Sum of States may not add to U.S. total due to rounding.

COMMERCIAL POULTRY SLAUGHTER 1/--NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2003

Item	Nov	Dec	% of Last Month	January thru December
	--Thousands--		--Percent--	--Thousands--
Young Chickens				
Georgia	89,376	101,792	114	1,231,329
United States	625,960	706,615	113	8,512,945
Mature Chickens				
Light Type, U.S.	4,356	5,932	136	76,604
Heavy Type, U.S.	5,031	5,497	109	70,958
Total U.S.	9,387	11,429	122	147,562
Percent Condemned Young Chickens	--Percent--			--Percent--
Georgia	0.64	0.97		0.72
United States	0.81	0.93		0.91

1/ Federally inspected slaughter data as collected by Meat and Poultry Inspection Program.

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER--UNITED STATES, 1/ DECEMBER 2002-2003

Species	Number Slaughtered			Average Live Weight		Total Live Weight	
	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002	2002	2003	2002	2003
	--Thousand Head--		--Percent--	--Pounds--		--Thousand Pounds--	
Cattle	2,771.8	2,668.2	96	1,265	1,244	3,506,036	3,320,134
Calves	98.2	97.5	99	305	322	29,998	31,427
Hogs	8,657.4	9,346.6	108	268	269	2,316,087	2,513,068
Sheep & Lambs	278.7	262.0	94	133	137	37,145	35,954

[Results from the U.S. Livestock Slaughter Release]. 1/ Includes slaughter under Federal Inspection and other commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter.

COLD STORAGE STOCKS--UNITED STATES, DECEMBER 31, 2003

Commodity	Dec 31, 2002	Nov 30, 2003	Dec 31, 2003	% of Dec 2002	% of Nov 2003
	--Thousand Pounds--			--Percent--	
Eggs, Frozen, Total	13,525	14,909	18,055	133	121
Meats, Red	1,011,471	828,066	879,813	87	106
Beef, Frozen, Total	524,641	373,770	395,894	75	106
Pork, Frozen, Total	468,501	438,940	470,701	100	107
Poultry, Frozen	1,107,529	921,767	963,501	87	105
Peanuts, Shelled	275,060	192,444	224,096	81	116
Peanuts, In Shell	13,878	14,972	17,074	123	114
Pecans, Shelled	35,135	16,347	18,423	52	113
Pecans, In Shell	76,241	50,627	127,170	167	251

[Results from the Monthly Cold Storage Report].

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS--JANUARY 15, 2004

Commodity	Price per Unit	Georgia			United States		
		Jan 2003	Dec 2003	Jan 15, 2004	Jan 2003	Dec 2003	Jan 15, 2004
Cotton	¢/Lb	43.40	62.90	66.00 1/	45.50	64.10	63.80 1/
Cottonseed	\$/Ton	79.00	96.00	101.00	105.00	127.00	127.00
Peanuts, In Shell 2/	¢/Lb	3/	19.00	3/	19.10	19.60	20.60
Calves	¢/Lb	88.90	106.00	99.50	96.80	112.00	105.00
Beef Cattle 4/	¢/Lb	48.00	61.60	59.20	73.20	90.50	77.40
Cows 5/	¢/Lb	36.80	49.40	49.00	36.90	49.40	45.80
Steers & Heifers	¢/Lb	70.80	85.30	79.80	77.80	95.70	81.20

[Results from the monthly Prices Received by Farmers]. 1/ Based on sales during first half of the month. 2/ Includes additional loan peanuts at loan value. 3/ Insufficient sales to establish a price. 4/ Cows, steers and heifers. 5/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.

INDEX NUMBERS--UNITED STATES

	2002 Dec	2003 Jan	2003 Dec	2004 Jan
UNITED STATES (1990-92 = 100)				
Prices Received	100	100	113	111
Prices Paid	125	126	130	130
Ratio 1/	80	79	87	85

[Results from the monthly Prices Received by Farmers]. 1/ Ratio of index of prices received by farmers to index of prices paid.

STOCKS OF PEANUTS AND SPECIFIED PRODUCTS AT MONTH'S END, CROP--2003 1/

Month Ending	Farmer Stock	Shelled Peanuts 2/	Roasting Stock (In Shell)	Farmer Stock Equivalent	
				Shelled Peanuts	Total 3/
--Thousand Pounds--					
Dec	1,713,440	403,561	41,456	536,736	2,291,632

[Results from the Peanut Stocks and Processing Report]. 1/ Excludes stocks on farms. Includes stocks owned by or held for account of CCC in commercial storage facilities. Farmer stock on net weight basis. 2/ Includes shelled edible grades, shelled oil stock, and shelled seed (untreated). 3/ Actual farmer stock, plus roasting stock, plus shelled peanuts X 1.33.

FARM WAGE RATES--JANUARY 12-18, 2003, AND JANUARY 11-17, 2004, BY REGION AND UNITED STATES 1/

Region	Wage Rates for All Hired Workers		Type of Hired Worker					
			Field		Livestock		Field and Livestock	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
--Dollars per Hour--								
Southeast 2/	8.87	8.10	7.50	7.67	8.96	7.61	8.12	7.65
US 3/	9.34	9.41	8.30	8.39	8.90	8.84	8.50	8.55

See footnotes below.

NUMBER OF HIRED WORKERS ON FARMS AND HOURS WORKED FOR THE WEEK JANUARY 12-18, 2003, AND JANUARY 11-17, 2004, BY REGION AND UNITED STATES 1/

Region	Hired Workers				Expected to be Employed			
	Number		Hours Worked		150 Days or More		149 Days or Less	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
--1,000-- --Hours per Week-- --1,000--								
Southeast 2/	24	27	35.6	35.5	22	21	2	6
US 3/	729	667	37.7	38.1	614	554	115	113

[Results from the Agricultural Labor Survey]. 1/ Excludes agricultural service workers. 2/ Southeast: AL, GA, SC. 3/ Excludes AK.

ALL PECANS: UTILIZED PRODUCTION, PRICE PER POUND, VALUE OF PRODUCTION, GEORGIA AND UNITED STATES, 2001-2003

State	Utilized Production			Price per Pound			Value of Production		
	2001	2002	2003	2001	2002	2003	2001	2002	2003
--1,000 Pounds-- --Dollars-- --1,000 Dollars--									
GA	110,000	45,000	60,000	0.612	1.000	0.950	67,350	44,880	57,000
US	338,500	172,900	262,200	0.594	0.955	1.000	201,101	165,033	263,211

[Results from the January 1 Pecan Inquiry].

CATTLE AND CALVES: NUMBER BY CLASS AND CALF CROP, GEORGIA AND UNITED STATES, JANUARY 1, 2003-2004 1/

Class	Georgia			United States		
	2003	2004	2004 as % of 2003	2003	2004	2004 as % of 2003
--1,000 Head-- --Percent-- --1,000 Head-- --Percent--						
Cattle and Calves	1,290	1,250	97	96,100	94,882	99
Cows and Heifers That Have Calved	710	700	99	42,125	41,851	99
Beef Cows	625	616	99	32,983	32,860	100
Milk Cows	85	84	99	9,142	8,991	98
Heifers 500 Pounds and Over	155	141	91	19,628	19,341	99
For Beef Cow Replacement	90	85	94	5,624	5,517	98
Expected to Calve	2/	2/	2/	3,548	3,492	98
For Milk Cow Replacement	29	26	90	4,114	4,020	98
Expected to Calve	2/	2/	2/	2,877	2,761	96
Other Heifers	36	30	83	9,891	9,804	99
Steers 500 Pounds and Over	50	40	80	16,554	16,280	98
Bulls 500 Pounds and Over	40	39	98	2,248	2,206	98
Calves Under 500 Pounds	335	330	99	15,545	15,204	98
Cattle on Feed	3	3/	3/	13,220	13,811	104
2002 2003 2003 as % of 2002 2002 2003 2003 as % of 2002						
Calf Crop	600	580	97	38,224	37,903	99

[Results from the Cattle Report]. 1/ Totals may not add due to rounding. 2/ Data not available. 3/ GA included in Other States beginning in 2004, which impacts 2004 as a percent of 2003.

GEORGIA ANNUAL CROP SUMMARY, 2003

Crop	Planted Acres	Harvested Acres	Yield per Acre	Unit	Production	Unit Price	Value of Production
	--1,000 Acres--				--1,000--	--Dollars--	--\$1,000--
Corn, grain	340	285	129	Bu	36,765	2.35	86,398
Corn, silage		45	17	Ton	765		
Cotton, lint 1/	1,300	1,290	781	Lb	2,100	0.614	618,912
Cottonseed				Ton	719	95.50	68,665
Hay 2/	600	600	3.0	Ton	1,800	60.00	108,000
Oats	100	30	56	Bu	1,680	1.70	2,856
Peanuts	545	540	3,450	Lb	1,863,000	0.185	344,655
Rye	270	50	16	Bu	800	4.00	3,200
Sorghum, Grain	55	38	47	Bu	1,786	4.10	4,101
Sorghum, Silage		15	12	Ton	180		
Soybeans	190	180	33	Bu	5,940	7.25	43,065
Tobacco 2/	27.0	27.0	2,240	Lb	60,480	1.855	112,190
Wheat	380	230	46	Bu	10,580	3.05	32,269
Apples 3/4/		1.2	10,800	Lb	12,900	0.106	1,368
Blueberries 5/		4.6	3,700	Lb	17,000	1.110	18,790
Grapes 3/4/		1.1	2.82	Ton	3.1	978.00	2,738
Peaches 3/4/		13.5	8,890	Lb	120,000	0.280	32,512
Pecans				Lb	60,000	0.950	57,000
Cabbage	9.2	9.0	130	Cwt	1,170	12.00	14,040
Cantaloupes	6.8	6.7	215	Cwt	1,441	12.50	18,013
Cucumbers	15.0	14.6	170	Cwt	2,482	10.60	26,309
Onions	14.0	12.5	175	Cwt	2,188	34.30	75,048
Snap Beans	18.0	15.5	50	Cwt	755	40.00	31,000
Sweet Corn	26.0	20.0	140	Cwt	2,800	16.50	46,200
Tomatoes	2.6	1.6	340	Cwt	544	31.50	17,136
Watermelons	26.0	24.0	215	Cwt	5,160	7.80	40,248
Bell Pepper 6/	2.9	2.7	300	Cwt	810	30.00	24,300
Squash 6/	10.0	9.5	130	Cwt	1,244	28.00	34,832
Total	3,927.5	3,466.5					1,863,845

1/ Cotton yield pounds per acre; production 480 lb. bales. 2/ Harvested acres substituted for planted acres. 3/ Bearing age acreage and utilized production. 4/ Yield based on total production. 5/ Yield based on utilized production. 6/ Estimates began in 2000.