

# GEORGIA FARM REPORT



Stephens Federal Building, Suite 320  
Athens, Georgia 30601  
Phone: (706)546-2236  
E-mail: [nass-ga@nass.usda.gov](mailto:nass-ga@nass.usda.gov)  
Website: <http://www.nass.usda.gov/ga>

April 30, 2004  
Volume 04-Number 04

HIGHLIGHTS			
Poultry Summary	Agricultural Prices	Vegetables	Milk Production
Chicken Hatchery Capacity	Peanut Stocks	Onions	
Livestock Slaughter	Prospective Plantings	Grain Stocks	

## EGGS IN INCUBATORS--MARCH 1, 2003-2004, UNITED STATES

Item	2003	2004	% of Year Ago
	--Thousands--		--Percent--
Chickens, Egg Type	30,547	34,263	112
Chickens, Broiler Type	630,187	647,596	103
Turkeys, All Breeds	31,271	28,941	93

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

## POULTRY HATCHING AND PLACEMENT--FEBRUARY 2003-2004

Item	2003	2004	% of year ago	January thru February 2003	2004	% of year ago
	--Thousands--		--Percent--	--Thousands--		--Percent--
<b>Pullet Chicks Placed Domestic (U.S.) 1/</b>						
Broiler Type	6,659	7,340	110	12,928	14,151	109
Egg Type	221	285	129	419	449	107
<b>Chicks Hatched - Broiler Type</b>						
<b>Georgia</b>	<b>102,398</b>	<b>113,447</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>213,718</b>	<b>233,341</b>	<b>109</b>
United States	694,590	727,936	105	1,454,363	1,501,906	103
<b>Chicks Hatched - Egg Type</b>						
<b>Georgia</b>	<b>2,229</b>	<b>2,327</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>4,729</b>	<b>4,846</b>	<b>102</b>
United States	29,988	32,078	107	63,487	67,428	106
<b>Turkeys Poults Placed</b>						
United States	23,833	22,905	96	143,667 2/	136,733 3/	95

[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 2001-February 2002. 3/ Turkey poults placed September 2002-February 2003.

## NUMBER OF LAYERS AND EGG PRODUCTION DURING FEBRUARY 2003-2004

	Number of Layers		Eggs per 100 Layers		Total Eggs Produced	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
	--Thousands--		--Number--		--Millions--	
<b>GEORGIA</b>						
Hatching	9,247	9,182	1,687	1,753	156	161
Table	11,383	11,385	1,985	2,090	226	238
Total Georgia	20,630	20,567	1,852	1,940	382	399
<b>30 STATES 1/</b>						
Hatching	54,747	54,004	1,668	1,702	913	919
Table	263,510	262,078	2,017	2,105	5,316	5,518
Total 30 States	318,257	316,082	1,957	2,036	6,229	6,437
<b>UNITED STATES 1/</b>						
Hatching	59,541	58,891	1,664	1,701	991	1,002
Table	281,034	280,057	2,019	2,103	5,673	5,890
Total U.S.	340,575	338,948	1,957	2,033	6,665	6,891

[Results from the Monthly Chicken and Egg Report]. 1/ 2003 revised.

**CHICKEN HATCHERIES:  
NUMBER AND INCUBATOR EGG CAPACITY BY REGION AND UNITED STATES, JANUARY 1, 2003 AND 2004 1/**

Geographic Region 2/	Hatcheries		Incubator Egg Capacity	
	2003	2004	2003	2004
	--Number--		--1,000--	
North Atlantic	24	25	26,256	23,025
E North Central	24	26	24,615	22,320
W North Central	35	33	52,419	51,522
<b>South Atlantic</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>301,274</b>	<b>293,982</b>
South Central	116	117	417,114	393,986
West	25	25	39,438	44,607
US	317	316	861,116	829,442

1/ Hatchery capacity is defined as the number of eggs the machines can hold in a controlled environment favorable for hatching. All setter, hatcher, and inactive capacities are included. 2/ Regional Listing: North Atlantic: CT, ME, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT. East North Central: IL, IN, MI, OH, WI. West North Central: IA, KS, MN, MO, NE, ND, SD. South Atlantic: DE, FL, GA, MD, NC, SC, VA, WV. South Central: AL, AR, KY, LA, MS, OK, TN, TX. West: AZ, CA, CO, ID, MT, NM, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY.

**COMMERCIAL POULTRY SLAUGHTER 1/--JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2004**

Item	Jan	Feb	% of Last Month	January to Date
	--Thousands--		--Percent--	
<b>Young Chickens</b>				
Georgia	104,155	96,228	92	200,383
United States	722,586	653,546	90	1,376,132
<b>Mature Chickens</b>				
Light Type, U.S.	5,838	4,611	79	10,449
Heavy Type, U.S.	5,487	4,330	79	9,817
Total U.S.	11,325	8,941	79	20,266
<b>Percent Condemned Young Chickens</b>	--Percent--			--Percent--
Georgia	0.72	1.10		0.91
United States	0.93	1.32		1.13

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

**LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER--UNITED STATES 1/--FEBRUARY 2003-2004**

Species	Number Slaughtered			Average Live Weight		Total Live Weight	
	2003	2004	2004 as % of 2003	2003	2004	2003	2004
	--Thousand Head--			--Pounds--		--Thousand Pounds--	
Cattle	2,569.2	2,427.0	94	1,261	1,233	3,239,557	2,991,682
Calves	83.1	71.5	86	317	336	26,312	24,018
Hogs	7,686.1	7,886.1	103	267	268	2,049,471	2,111,376
Sheep & Lambs	226.3	213.0	94	133	139	30,119	29,596

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

**PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS--MARCH 15, 2004**

Commodity	Price per Unit	Georgia			United States		
		Mar 2003	Feb 2004	Mar 15, 2004	Mar 2003	Feb 2004	Mar 15, 2004
Cotton	¢/Lb	44.60	63.00	62.50 1/	48.60	62.70	61.80 1/
Cottonseed	\$/Ton	-	104.00	-	-	140.00	-
Peanuts, In Shell 2/	¢/Lb	3/	16.90	3/	22.60	18.80	19.80
Calves	¢/Lb	89.70	107.00	113.00	96.70	111.00	114.00
Beef Cattle 4/	¢/Lb	51.90	60.40	63.10	72.60	78.50	84.00
Cows 5/	¢/Lb	38.90	47.30	46.30	39.50	46.10	46.70
Steers & Heifers	¢/Lb	71.40	83.60	88.40	76.70	82.30	88.60

[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/ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms. 4/ Cows, steers and heifers. 5/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.

**INDEX NUMBERS--UNITED STATES**

	2003		2004	
	Feb	Mar	Feb	Mar
<b>UNITED STATES (1990-92=100)</b>				
Prices Received	99	99	116	122
Prices Paid	128	128	130	131
Ratio 1/	77	77	89	93

[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--2004 1/**

Month Ending	Farmer Stocks	Shelled Peanuts 2/	Roasting Stock (In Shell)	Farmer Stock Equivalent	
				Shelled Peanuts	Total 3/
--Thousand Pounds--					
Feb	1,321,872	553,824	52,668	736,586	2,111,126

[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 storages. 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.

**2004 GEORGIA AND UNITED STATES PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS**

Crop	Planted Acreage					
	Georgia			United States		
	2003	Intended 2004 1/	2004 as % of 2003	2003	Intended 2004 1/	2004 as % of 2003
	--Thousands--		--Percent--	--Thousands--		--Percent--
Corn, All	340	330	97	78,736	79,004	100
Cotton	1,300	1,350	104	13,483.1	14,401.6	107
Hay, All 2/	600	650	108	63,342	63,731	101
Oats 3/	100	80	80	4,601	4,312	94
Peanuts	545	565	104	1,344	1,366	102
Sorghum, All	55	50	91	9,420	8,600	91
Soybeans	190	230	121	73,404	75,411	103
Tobacco 2/	27.0	24.0	89	416.2	414.6	100
Wheat 3/	380	330	87	61,700	59,462	96

[Results from the March 1 Agricultural Survey]. 1/ Intended plantings in 2004 as indicated by reports from farmers. 2/ Area harvested 2003; intended for harvest 2004. 3/ Includes acreage planted preceding fall.

**SELECTED FRESH MARKET VEGETABLES AND MELONS, AREA HARVESTED  
BY CROP, STATE AND TOTAL, SPRING SEASON, 2003 AND PROSPECTIVE AREA, 2004**

Crop and State	Usual Harvest Period	Area Harvested 2003	Area for Harvest 2004	2004 as % of 2003	Crop and State	Usual Harvest Period	Area Harvested 2003	Area for Harvest 2004	2004 as % of 2003
<b>SNAP BEANS</b>					<b>CANTALOUPS</b>				
FL	Apr-Jun	11,000	12,600	115	AZ	Apr-Jun	10,200	13,500	132
<b>GA</b>	<b>Apr-Jun</b>	<b>8,500</b>	<b>9,500</b>	<b>112</b>	CA	Apr-Jun	10,900	11,500	106
NJ	Jun-Jul	1,400	1,500	107	<b>GA</b>	<b>Apr-Jun</b>	<b>4,500</b>	<b>4,800</b>	<b>107</b>
TOTAL		20,900	23,600	113	TX	Apr-Jun	3,800	3,500	92
					TOTAL		29,400	33,300	113
<b>CABBAGE</b>					<b>WATERMELONS</b>				
FL	Apr-Jun	1,800	1,800	100	CA	Apr-Jun	3,100	3,100	100
<b>GA</b>	<b>Apr-Jun</b>	<b>3,600</b>	<b>3,600</b>	<b>100</b>	FL	Apr-Jul	24,000	25,000	104
NJ	May-Aug	1,000	1,000	100	TX	Apr-Jun	16,000	17,000	106
TX	Apr-Jun	700	1,500	214	TOTAL		43,100	45,100	105
TOTAL		7,100	7,900	111					

[Results from the Fresh Market Vegetable Acreage Inquiry].

**ONIONS--SPRING SEASON, BY STATE, 2003 AND FORECAST 2004 1/**

State	Harvested 2003	For Harvest 2004	Yield for Acre		Production	
			2003	2004	2003	2004
	--Acres--		--Cwt--		--1,000 Cwt--	
<b>GA</b>	<b>12,500</b>	<b>16,000</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>2,188</b>	<b>2,960</b>
Total	31,700	37,100	307	2/	9,741	2/

[Results from the Georgia Onions, Acreage and Yield Inquiry]. 1/ Primarily fresh market. 2/ Published July 9, 2004.

**GEORGIA GRAIN STOCKS--MARCH 1, 2003-2004**

Grain	On Farms	2003		All Positions	On Farms	2004	
		Off Farms 1/				Off Farms 1/	All Positions
--1,000 Bushels--							
Corn	*	5,692	*	*	*	6,287	*
Oats	*	68	*	*	*	85	*
Wheat	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

[Results from the Grain Stocks Report]. 1/ Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals and processors. \* Data not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

**U.S. GRAIN STOCKS--MARCH 1, 2003-2004**

Grain	On Farms	2003		All Positions	On Farms	2004	
		Off Farms 1/				Off Farms 1/	All Positions
--1,000 Bushels--							
Barley	36,730	86,710	123,440	51,700	99,784	151,484	
Corn	2,940,000	2,191,873	5,131,873	3,030,000	2,240,641	5,270,641	
Oats	35,000	47,879	82,879	45,600	49,469	95,069	
Sorghum	27,500	135,423	162,923	21,000	137,652	158,652	
Soybeans	636,500	565,528	1,202,028	355,900	549,623	905,523	
Wheat	236,300	670,333	906,633	257,890	761,141	1,019,031	

[Results from the Grain Stocks Report]. 1/ Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals and processors.

**MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION--JANUARY-MARCH 2003-2004**

Item	Unit	Georgia			United States 1/		
		2003	2004	2004 as % of 2003	2003	2004	2004 as % of 2003
Milk Cows 2/	Thous Head	85	84	99	9,144	8,991	98
Milk per Cow 3/	Pounds	4,695	4,525	96	4,710	4,748	101
Milk Production	Mil Lbs	399	380	95	43,069	42,688	99

[Results from the Milk Production Report]. 1/ May not add due to rounding. 2/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 3/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.