



Farm Report

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FEATURING: Chicken & Eggs Number of Farms Turkeys Milk Production Lvstk. Slaughter Cold Storage

EGG PRODUCTION

Egg production in Ohio during December, 2006, totaled 635 million eggs; down 6 percent from last month but up 9 percent compared with a year earlier when production for December, 2005 totaled 673 million eggs. During December, there were 27.5 million layers on Ohio farms. The rate of lay during the month was 2,305 eggs per 100 layers, or 74.4 percent. There were 3.5 percent of the layers in Ohio being force molted on January 1, 2007, and 25.5 percent of the layers in Ohio having completed a forced molt as of January 1, 2007. In all egg-producing states on January 1, 2007, 4.4 percent of the layers on hand were in a molt and 24.4 percent had completed a molt.

U.S. egg production totaled 7.78 billion during December 2006, down slightly from last year. Production included 6.68 billion table eggs, and 1.09 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.03 billion were broiler-type and 66 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during December 2006 averaged 348 million, down slightly from last year. December egg production per 100 layers was 2,234 eggs, down slightly from December 2005.

All layers in the U.S. on January 1, 2007 totaled 348 million, down slightly from last year. The 348 million layers consisted of 290 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 55.1 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.86 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on January 1, 2007, averaged 71.1 eggs per 100 layers, down 1 percent from January 1, 2006. Egg-type chicks hatched during December 2006 totaled 33.4 million, down 7 percent from December 2005. Eggs in incubators totaled 34.4 million on January 1, 2007, down 3 percent from a year ago.

Broiler-type chicks hatched during December 2006 totaled 795 million, down 2 percent from December 2005. Eggs in incubators totaled 652 million on January 1, 2007, down 1 percent from a year earlier.

Turkey eggs in incubators on January 1, 2007, in the United States totaled 31.2 million, up 5 percent from January 1, 2006. Eggs in incubators were 7 percent above the December 1, 2006 total of 29.2 million.

DECEMBER EGG PRODUCTION

	Layers on hand during month		Eggs per 100 layers	Total production			
	2005	2006		Monthly		Accumulated ^{1/}	
			2005	2006	2005	2006	
	Thousands		Number	Million			
Ohio	29,217	27,544	2,305	673	635	673	635
U.S.	348,545	348,108	2,234	7,791	7,777	7,791	7,777

1/ Accumulation period began December of previous year.

CHICKS HATCHED BY COMMERCIAL HATCHERIES, UNITED STATES

	Egg-Type			Broiler-type			Turkeys placed ^{1/}		
	2005	2006	2006/2005	2005	2006	2006/2005	2005	2006	2006/2005
Dec.	35,917	33,430	93	808,525	795,445	98	23,673	23,615	100
Jan-Dec.	437,177	427,048	98	9,484,119	9,417,911	99	89,670	95,119	106

1/ Accumulation period for turkeys begins September 1.

EGGS IN INCUBATORS - JANUARY 1, 2006 and 2007

	Egg-type eggs			Broiler-type eggs			Turkey eggs		
	2006	2007	2007/2006	2006	2007	2007/2006	2006	2007	2007/2006
East North Central ^{1/}	7,036	7,146	102	9,413	9,799	104	4,616	5,015	109
United States	35,547	34,383	97	660,613	652,471	99	29,773	31,177	103

1/ Not available by States.

NUMBER OF FARMS AND LAND IN FARMS, OHIO AND U.S., 2004-2006 ^{1/}

Year & Economic Class ^{2/}	Ohio			United States		
	Number of farms	Average size of farms	Land in farms	Number of farms	Average size of farm	Land in farms
	Number	Acres	1,000 Acres	Number	Acres	1,000 Acres
2004						
\$1,000-9,999	44,000	59	2,600	1,181,190	102	120,890
\$10,000-99,999	23,700	190	4,500	599,280	445	266,600
\$100,000 & over	9,500	779	7,400	332,500	1,651	548,805
Total	77,200	188	14,500	2,112,970	443	936,295
2005						
\$1,000-9,999	43,200	58	2,500	1,166,320	101	118,200
\$10,000-99,999	23,400	190	4,450	596,040	437	260,665
\$100,000 & over	9,900	742	7,350	336,330	1,648	554,345
Total	76,500	187	14,300	2,098,690	445	933,210
2006						
\$1,000-9,999	42,600	56	2,400	1,153,910	99	114,685
\$10,000-99,999	23,200	190	4,400	597,350	433	258,890
\$100,000 & over	10,400	721	7,500	338,530	1,651	558,855
Total	76,200	188	14,300	2,089,790	446	932,430

^{1/} A farm is an establishment that, as of June 1, sold or would normally have sold \$1,000 or more of agricultural products during the year. ^{2/} Based on gross sales.

TURKEYS RAISED IN 2006 UP 4 PERCENT FROM 2005

Turkeys raised in the United States during 2006 totaled 262 million birds, up 4 percent from the 252 million raised in 2005.

Minnesota ranked first in the number raised with 45.0 million, followed by North Carolina with 37.5 million, Arkansas with 30.0 million, Virginia with 21.5 million, Missouri with 20.0 million, California with 15.8 million, and Indiana with 13.8 million. These States accounted for 70 percent of the turkeys produced in the United States during 2006.

Turkey growers in 23 States intend to increase the number of birds raised by 4 percent in 2007. These 23 States produced over 99 percent of the turkeys raised in 2006. Intentions for the top seven producing States, compared with 2006, are as follows: Minnesota up 2 percent, North Carolina up 5 percent, Arkansas unchanged, Virginia up 2 percent, Missouri unchanged, California up 6 percent, and Indiana up 15 percent.

TURKEYS RAISED 2005 AND 2006 AND INTENTIONS TO RAISE 2007 ^{1/}

State	Number Raised		2006 as % of 2005	Intentions to Raise	
	2005 ^{2/}	2006 ^{3/}		Number	2007 as % of 2006
				2007	
	Thousand		Percent	Thousand	Percent
Arkansas	28,500	30,000	105	30,000	100
California	14,500	15,800	109	16,800	106
Indiana	13,400	13,800	103	15,900	115
Minnesota	44,500	45,000	101	46,000	102
Missouri	20,000	20,000	100	20,000	100
N. Carolina	35,500	37,500	106	39,500	105
Ohio	6,000	5,100	85	5,100	100
Virginia	20,000	21,500	108	22,000	102
U.S. Total	252,053	261,960	104	269,800	104

^{1/} Revised. ^{2/} Based on turkeys placed September 1, 2004 through August 31, 2005. Excludes young turkeys lost. ^{3/} Based on turkeys placed September 1, 2005 through August 31, 2006. Excludes young turkeys lost.

DECEMBER MILK PRODUCTION

The total milk production in Ohio during December 2006 was 407 million pounds, up 4 percent from a year earlier. The average number of cows on Ohio farms during December 2006 was 274 thousand, 1 thousand more than a year earlier. The yield per cow, at 1,485 pounds, was up 4 percent from a year earlier.

Milk production in the 23 major States during December totaled 14.0 billion pounds, up 2.7 percent from December 2005. November revised production, at 13.3 billion pounds, was up 2.6 percent from November 2005. The November revision

represented an increase of 13 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,689 pounds for December, 26 pounds above December 2005.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.27 million head, 86,000 head more than December 2005, and 14,000 head more than November 2006.

NOVEMBER MANUFACTURED DAIRY PRODUCTS

	Ohio			United States		
	2005	2006	06/05	2005	2006	06/05
	1,000 Gallons			1,000 Gallons		
	Percent			Percent		
Ice Cream Hard	1,508	1,462	97	61,133	57,943	95

DECEMBER MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION

State	Milk cows on farm ^{1/}			Milk per cow ^{2/}			Milk Production ^{2/}			2006 as % of 2005
	Dec. 2005	Nov. 2006 *	Dec. 2006	Dec. 2005	Nov. 2006 *	Dec. 2006	Dec. 2005	Nov. 2006 *	Dec. 2006	
	Thousand			Pounds			Million Pounds			Percent
California	1,711	1,781	1,785	1,795	1,760	1,850	3,179	3,135	3,302	104
Ohio	273	274	274	1,430	1,440	1,485	390	395	407	104
Wisconsin	1,239	1,247	1,247	1,550	1,495	1,570	1,920	1,864	1,958	102
23 State Total	8,179	8,251	8,265	1,663	1,617	1,689	13,599	13,341	13,963	103

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves. *Revised.

OHIO RED MEAT PRODUCTION DOWN 5 PERCENT U.S. RED MEAT PRODUCTION DOWN 2 PERCENT

Commercial red meat production in Ohio during December 2006 totaled 23.8 million pounds, down 5 percent from a year earlier. Total liveweight production in Ohio by species, compared with a year earlier was: cattle, 10.0 million pounds, up 10 percent; calves, 19 thousand pounds, down 97 percent; hogs, 25.9 million pounds, down 4 percent; sheep & lambs, 136 thousand pounds, up 53 percent from last year. December 2006 contained 21 weekdays, including 1 holiday, and 5 Saturdays.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.86 billion pounds in December, down 2 percent from the 3.95 billion pounds produced in December 2005.

Beef production, at 2.04 billion pounds, was 1 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.61 million head, down

2 percent from December 2005. The average live weight was up 17 pounds from the previous year, at 1,297 pounds. Veal production totaled 14.4 million pounds, 7 percent above December a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 68,100 head, up 13 percent from December 2005. The average live weight was 25 pounds below last year, at 346 pounds. Pork production totaled 1.79 billion pounds, down 4 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.88 million head, 4 percent below December 2005. The average live weight was unchanged the previous year, at 272 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 15.3 million pounds, was down 8 percent from December 2005. Sheep slaughter totaled 223,700 head, 3 percent below last year. The average live weight was 136 pounds, down 7 pounds from December a year ago.

DECEMBER COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

Item	Ohio			United States		
	2005	2006	06/05	2005	2006	06/05
	Number of Head (000)					
Cattle	8.1	8.8	109	2,667.1	2,609.1	98
Calves	3.7	0.1	3	60.0	68.1	114
Hogs	96.5	93.9	97	9,234.5	8,883.1	96
Sheep & Lambs	.8	1.3	163	230.8	223.7	97
	Average live weight (lbs)					
Cattle	1,115	1,141	102	1,280	1,297	101
Calves	399	352	88	371	346	93
Hogs	280	276	99	272	272	100
Sheep & lambs	105	107	102	143	136	95
	Total live weight (000 lbs)					
Cattle	9,080	10,020	110	3,415,148	3,382,844	99
Calves	1,477	19	1	22,259	23,557	106
Hogs	27,036	25,940	96	2,510,536	2,418,256	96
Sheep & Lambs	89	136	153	32,899	30,456	93

U.S. COLD STORAGE

Frozen food stocks in refrigerated warehouses on December 31, 2006 were greater than year earlier levels for butter, beef, cheese and pork. Butter stocks were down 2 percent from last month, but up 58 percent from a year ago.

Total red meat supplies in freezers were down 6 percent from last month, but up 5 percent from the previous year. Frozen pork supplies were down 5 percent from last month, but up 3 percent from last year. Stocks of pork bellies were up 31 percent from

last month, but down 17 percent from last year.

Total frozen poultry supplies on December 31, 2006 were up 8 percent from the previous month, but down 13 percent from a year ago. Total stocks of chicken were up 10 percent from the previous month, but down 18 percent from last year. Total pounds of turkey in freezers were up 3 percent from last month and up 7 percent from December 31, 2005.

U.S. STOCKS IN COLD STORAGE DECEMBER 31, 2006 WITH COMPARISONS

Commodity	Dec 31, 2005	Nov 30, 2006	Dec 31, 2006	December 31, 2006 as percent of	
				12/31/05	11/30/06
		1,000 Pounds		Percent	
Butter	58,649	94,342	92,725	158	98
Cheese, Total Natural	758,160	764,514	789,687	104	103
Eggs, Frozen	21,018	17,057	16,807	80	99
Fruits, Frozen	1,067,127	1,192,442	1,110,908	104	93
Fruit Juices, Frozen	1,358,656	947,395	993,386	73	105
Meats, Total Red	884,373	989,693	930,355	105	94
Beef, Total Frozen	434,442	507,892	469,517	108	92
Pork, Total Frozen	428,529	462,077	440,006	103	95
Poultry, Total Frozen	1,134,544	911,936	985,955	87	108
Chicken	925,763	692,276	760,005	82	110
Turkeys	1,134,544	911,936	985,955	87	108
Vegetables, Total Frozen	2,250,852	2,483,682	2,222,656	99	89
Potatoes, Total Frozen	1,051,099	1,052,146	953,955	91	91

Data for this report are collected from public and private refrigerated warehouses storing commodities for 30 days or more. Stocks in space owned or leased by the armed forces are excluded. Food stocks held under bond are included in the storage data.

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