



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, 2007, totaled 629 million eggs; up 8 percent from last month but down 1 percent compared with a year earlier when production for December, 2006 totaled 635 million eggs. During December, there were 26.8 million layers on Ohio farms. The rate of lay during the month was 2,345 eggs per 100 layers, or 75.6 percent. There were 2.5 percent of the layers in Ohio being force molted on January 1, 2008, and 15.5 percent of the layers in Ohio having completed a forced molt as of January 1, 2008. In all egg-producing states on January 1, 2008, 2.8 percent of the layers on hand were in a molt and 22.6 percent had completed a molt.

U.S. egg production totaled 7.76 billion during December 2007, down slightly from last year. Production included 6.63 billion table eggs, and 1.13 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.06 billion were broiler-type and 67 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during December 2007 averaged 344 million, down 1 percent from last year. December egg production per 100 layers was 2,256 eggs, up 1 percent from December 2006.

All layers in the U.S. on January 1, 2008 totaled 345 million, down 1 percent from last year. The 345 million layers consisted

of 285 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 57.2 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.75 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on January 1, 2008, averaged 72.4 eggs per 100 layers, up 2 percent from January 1, 2007.

Egg-type chicks hatched during December 2007 totaled 35.5 million, up 7 percent from December 2006. Eggs in incubators totaled 35.8 million on January 1, 2008, up 4 percent from a year ago.

Broiler-type chicks hatched during December 2007 totaled 823 million, up 3 percent from December 2006. Eggs in incubators totaled 677 million on January 1, 2008, up 4 percent from a year earlier.

Turkey eggs in incubators on January 1, 2008, in the United States totaled 31.5 million, up 1 percent from January 1, 2007. Eggs in incubators were 4 percent above the December 1, 2007 total of 30.2 million.

DECEMBER EGG PRODUCTION

	Layers on hand during month		Eggs per 100 layers 2007	Total production			
	2006	2007		Monthly		Accumulated ^{1/}	
				2006	2007	2006	2007
	Thousands		Number	Million			
Ohio	27,544	26,825	2,345	635	629	635	629
U.S.	348,098	344,089	2,256	7,777	7,763	7,777	7,763

1/ Accumulation period began December of previous year.

CHICKS HATCHED BY COMMERCIAL HATCHERIES, UNITED STATES

	Egg-Type			Broiler-type			Turkeys placed ^{1/}		
	2006	2007	2007/2006	2006	2007	2007/2006	2006	2007	2007/2006
Dec.	33,183	35,543	107	796,523	823,327	103	23,879	24,096	101
Jan-Dec.	426,068	445,400	105	9,427,550	9,593,788	102	96,096	98,141	102

1/ Accumulation period for turkeys begins September 1.

EGGS IN INCUBATORS - JANUARY 1, 2007 and 2008

	Egg-type eggs			Broiler-type eggs			Turkey eggs		
	2007	2008	2008/2007	2007	2008	2008/2007	2007	2008	2008/2007
East North Central ^{1/}	7,146	7,567	106	9,801	11,159	114	5,015	4,541	91
United States	34,383	35,828	104	652,507	677,028	104	31,114	31,539	101

1/ Not available by States.

NUMBER OF FARMS AND LAND IN FARMS, OHIO AND U.S., 2005-2007 ^{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
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
	Number	Acres	1,000 Acres	Number	Acres	1,000 Acres
2006						
\$1,000-9,999	42,600	56	2,400	1,152,910	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	2,088,790	446	932,430
2007						
\$1,000-9,999	42,200	52	2,200	1,135,320	99	112,840
\$10,000-99,999	22,500	187	4,200	594,230	430	255,505
\$100,000 & over	11,000	709	7,800	345,960	1,626	562,575
Total	75,700	188	14,200	2,075,510	449	930,920

^{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 2007 UP 4 PERCENT FROM 2006

Turkeys raised in the United States during 2007 totaled 272 million birds, up 4 percent from the 262 million raised in 2006.

Minnesota ranked first in the number raised with 48.0 million, followed by North Carolina with 39.0 million, Arkansas with 31.0 million, Virginia with 22.0 million, Missouri with 20.0 million, California with 16.0 million, and Indiana with 15.3 million. These States accounted for 70 percent of the turkeys produced in the United States during 2007.

Turkey growers in 23 States intend to increase the number of birds raised by 2 percent in 2008. These States produced over 99

percent of the turkeys raised in 2007. Intentions for the top seven producing States, compared with 2007, are as follows: Minnesota up 2 percent, North Carolina unchanged, Arkansas up 3 percent, Virginia up 2 percent, Missouri up 5 percent, California up 4 percent, and Indiana up 6 percent.

The number of turkeys actually raised in 2008 may vary from growers' intentions shown in this report depending on feed costs, supply of hatching eggs, cost of poults, and prices growers receive for turkeys during the next few months.

TURKEYS RAISED 2006 AND 2007 AND INTENTIONS TO RAISE 2008 ^{1/}

State	Number Raised		2007 as % of 2006	Intentions to Raise	
	2006 ^{2/}	2007 ^{3/}		Number	2008 as % of 2007
			Thousand	Percent	Thousand
Arkansas	30,000	31,000	103	32,000	103
California	15,800	16,000	101	16,600	104
Indiana	13,800	15,300	111	16,200	106
Minnesota	45,000	48,000	107	49,000	102
Missouri	20,000	20,000	100	21,000	105
N. Carolina	37,500	39,000	104	39,000	100
Ohio	5,100	5,100	100	5,100	100
Virginia	21,500	22,000	102	22,500	102
U.S. Total ^{5/}	262,460	271,689	104	276,600	102

^{1/} Revised. ^{2/} Based on turkeys placed September 1, 2005 through August 31, 2006. Excludes young turkeys lost. ^{3/} Based on turkeys placed September 1, 2006 through August 31, 2007. Excludes young turkeys lost. ^{4/} 23 State total. ^{5/} 28 state total.

DECEMBER MILK PRODUCTION

The total milk production in Ohio during December 2007 was 417 million pounds, up 3 percent from a year earlier. The average number of cows on Ohio farms during December 2007 was 278 thousand, 4 thousand more than a year earlier. The yield per cow, at 1,500 pounds, was up 1 percent from a year earlier.

Milk production in the 23 major States during December totaled 14.4 billion pounds, up 3.1 percent from December 2006. November revised production, at 13.8 billion pounds, was up 3.9 percent from November 2006. 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 1,719 pounds for December, 29 pounds above December 2006.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.38 million head, 107,000 head more than December 2006, and 14,000 head more than November 2007.

NOVEMBER MANUFACTURED DAIRY PRODUCTS

	Ohio			United States		
	2006	2007	07/06	2006	2007	07/06
	1,000 Gallons			1,000 Gallons		
Ice Cream Hard	1,409	1,755	125	58,922	56,400	96

DECEMBER MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION

State	Milk cows on farm ^{1/}			Milk per cow ^{2/}			Milk Production ^{2/}			2007 as % of 2006
	Dec. 2006	Nov. 2007 *	Dec. 2007	Dec. 2006	Nov. 2007 *	Dec. 2007	Dec. 2006	Nov. 2007 *	Dec. 2007	
	Thousand			Pounds			Million Pounds			Percent
California	1,787	1,830	1,833	1,845	1,810	1,880	3,297	3,312	3,446	105
Ohio	274	277	278	1,485	1,450	1,500	407	402	417	103
Wisconsin	1,245	1,249	1,250	1,590	1,545	1,605	1,980	1,930	2,006	101
23 State Total	8,276	8,369	8,383	1,690	1,654	1,719	13,983	13,846	14,414	103

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

OHIO RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP 3 PERCENT U.S. RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP 1 PERCENT

Commercial red meat production in Ohio during December 2007 totaled 25.2 million pounds, up 3 percent from a year earlier. Total live weight production in Ohio by species, compared with a year earlier was: cattle, 10.9 million pounds, up 5 percent; calves, 24 thousand pounds, up 26 percent; hogs, 26.5 million pounds, up 3 percent; sheep & lambs, 122 thousand pounds, down 10 percent from last year. December 2007 contained 21 weekdays, including 1 holiday, and 5 Saturdays.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.06 billion pounds in December, up 5 percent from the 3.87 billion pounds produced in December 2006.

Beef production, at 2.06 billion pounds, was slightly above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.65 million head, up 1 percent from December 2006. The average live weight was up 2 pounds from the previous year, at 1,302 pounds.

Veal production totaled 10.4 million pounds, 21 percent below December a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 61,000 head, down 11 percent from December 2006. The average live weight was down 35 pounds from last year, at 289 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.97 billion pounds, up 10 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.69 million head, up 9 percent from December 2006. The average live weight was up 1 pound from the previous year, at 272 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 15.4 million pounds, was down 1 percent from December 2006. Sheep slaughter totaled 229,100 head, 1 percent above last year. The average live weight was 135 pounds, down 1 pound from December a year ago. December 2007 contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and 5 Saturdays.

DECEMBER COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

Item	Ohio			United States		
	2006	2007	07/06	2006	2007	07/06
	Number of Head (000)					
Cattle	8.8	9.2	105	2,612.5	2,645.3	101
Calves	0.1	0.1	100	68.4	61.0	89
Hogs	93.9	95.0	101	8,882.8	9,691.3	109
Sheep & Lambs	1.3	1.2	92	226.9	229.1	101
	Average live weight (lbs)					
Cattle	1,195	1,193	100	1,300	1,302	100
Calves	354	350	99	324	289	89
Hogs	275	280	102	271	272	100
Sheep & lambs	107	105	98	136	135	99
	Total live weight (000 lbs)					
Cattle	10,367	10,876	105	3,385,204	3,430,848	101
Calves	19	24	126	21,944	17,391	79
Hogs	25,774	26,492	103	2,402,254	2,633,077	110
Sheep & Lambs	136	122	90	30,762	30,826	100

U.S. COLD STORAGE

Frozen food stocks in refrigerated warehouses on December 31, 2007 were greater than year earlier levels for butter, turkey, pork, and beef.

Butter stocks were up 9 percent from last month and up 43 percent from a year ago.

Total red meat supplies in freezers were up slightly from the previous month and up 2 percent from last year. Frozen pork supplies were down 2 percent from the previous month but up 5

percent from last year. Stocks of pork bellies were up 62 percent from last month and up 32 percent from last year.

Total frozen poultry supplies on December 31, 2007 were up 9 percent from the previous month and up 1 percent from a year ago. Total stocks of chicken were up 7 percent from the previous month but down 1 percent from last year. Total pounds of turkey in freezers were up 15 percent from last month and up 9 percent from December 31, 2006.

U.S. STOCKS IN COLD STORAGE DECEMBER 31, 2007 WITH COMPARISONS

Commodity	Dec 31, 2006	Nov 30, 2007	Dec 31, 2007	December 31, 2007 as percent of	
				12/31/06	11/30/07
		1,000 Pounds		Percent	
Butter	108,605	143,244	155,597	143	109
Cheese, Total Natural	817,437	787,234	794,881	97	101
Eggs, Frozen	16,478	15,184	14,272	87	94
Fruits, Frozen	1,136,531	1,294,103	1,220,048	107	94
Fruit Juices, Frozen	989,237	935,857	1,076,043	109	115
Meats, Total Red	946,617	966,245	967,088	102	100
Beef, Total Frozen	482,079	473,477	482,802	100	102
Pork, Total Frozen	442,501	474,289	464,261	105	98
Poultry, Total Frozen	937,555	904,763	986,863	101	109
Chicken	750,371	691,934	742,785	99	107
Turkeys	218,356	206,784	238,552	109	115
Vegetables, Total Frozen	2,225,351	2,360,050	2,216,696	100	94
Potatoes, Total Frozen	954,820	1,077,165	1,000,940	105	93

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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