

OHIO FARM REPORT



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OHIO EGG PRODUCTION

Egg production in Ohio during January, 2006, totaled 672 million eggs; down slightly from last month but up 6 percent compared with a year earlier when production for January, 2005 totaled 631 million eggs. During January there were 29.7 million layers on Ohio farms. The rate of lay during the month was 2,252 eggs per 100 layers, or 73.1 percent. There were 4.5 percent of the layers in Ohio being force molted on February 1, 2006. Nineteen percent of the layers in Ohio have completed a forced molt, the same as a year ago. In all egg-producing states on February 1, 2006, 5.1 percent of the layers on hand were in a molt and 23.4 percent had completed a molt.

U.S. egg production totaled 7.72 billion during January 2006, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.62 billion table eggs, and 1.10 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.03 billion were broiler-type and 66 million were egg-type. The number of layers during January 2006 averaged 349 million, up slightly from a year earlier. January egg production per 100 layers was 2,211 eggs, up 1 percent from January 2005. All layers in the U.S. on February 1, 2006, totaled 349 million, up slightly from a year

ago. The 349 million layers consisted of 291 million layers producing table-type eggs, 55.6 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.90 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on February 1, 2006, averaged 70.8 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from February 1, 2005.

Egg-type chicks hatched during January 2006 totaled 35.4 million, down 7 percent from January 2005. Eggs in incubators totaled 33.5 million on February 1, 2006 down 2 percent from a year ago.

Broiler-type chicks hatched during January 2006 totaled 804 million, up 1 percent from January 2005. Eggs in incubators totaled 661 million on February 1, 2006, up 1 percent from a year earlier.

Turkey eggs in incubators on February 1, 2006, in the United States totaled 29.8 million, up 10 percent from February 1, 2005. Eggs in incubators were slightly above the January 1, 2006 total of 29.8 million.

JANUARY EGG PRODUCTION

	Layers on hand during month		Eggs per 100 layers	Total production			
				Monthly		Accumulated ^{1/}	
	2005	2006	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	Thousands		Number	Million			
Ohio	28,017	29,651	2,266	631	672	1,278	1,345
U.S.	347,864	349,253	2,211	7,626	7,721	15,347	15,512

^{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
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
Jan.	37,936	35,422	93	796,026	804,073	101	21,887	24,375	111
Jan-Dec.	37,936	35,422	93	796,026	804,073	101	108,423	114,045	105

^{1/} Accumulation period for turkeys begins September 1.

EGGS IN INCUBATORS - FEBRUARY 1, 2005 and 2006

	Egg-type eggs			Broiler-type eggs			Turkey eggs		
	2005	2006	2006/2005	2005	2006	2006/2005	2005	2006	2006/2005
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
East North Central ^{1/}	6,981	6,035	86	8,699	8,898	102	4,604	4,819	105
United States	34,202	33,497	98	654,044	660,973	101	27,015	29,847	110

^{1/} Not available by States.

JANUARY MILK PRODUCTION

The total milk production in Ohio during January 2006 was 399 million pounds; 9 million pounds more than a year earlier. The average number of cows on Ohio farms during January 2006 was 273 thousand, up 6,000 from a year earlier. The yield per cow, at 1,460 pounds, was unchanged from a year earlier.

Milk production in the 23 major States during January totaled 14.0 billion pounds, up 5.4 percent from January 2005. December production, at 13.6 billion pounds, was up 4.1 percent

from December 2004.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,711 pounds for January, 68 pounds above January.

The number of cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.19 million head, 103,000 head more than January 2005, and 11,000 head more than December 2005.

DECEMBER MANUFACTURED DAIRY PRODUCTS

	Ohio			United States		
	2004	2005	05/04	2004	2005	05/04
	1,000 Gallons			1,000 Gallons		
	Percent			Percent		
Ice Cream (Hard)	1,468	1,508	103	55,193	55,945	101

JANUARY MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION

State	Milk cow on farm ^{1/}			Milk per cow			Milk Production ^{2/}			06/05
	Jan. 2005	Dec. 2005	Jan. 2006	Jan. 2005	Dec. 2005	Jan. 2006	Jan. 2005	Dec. 2005	Jan. 2006	
	Thousand			Pounds			Million Pounds			Percent
California	1,739	1,771	1,772	1,770	1,795	1,825	3,078	3,179	3,234	105
Ohio	267	273	273	1,460	1,430	1,460	390	390	399	102
Wisconsin	1,235	1,239	1,240	1,515	1,550	1,585	1,871	1,920	1,965	105
23 State Total	8,087	8,179	8,190	1,643	1,663	1,711	13,287	13,599	14,011	105

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

OHIO HONEY PRODUCTION UP 12 PERCENT U.S. HONEY PRODUCTION DOWN 5 PERCENT

Total bee colonies in Ohio were down 6 percent from last year. Yield per colony averaged 69 pounds in 2005 and 58 pounds in 2004. Average price for Ohio honey was 141 cents per pound in 2005, down 11 cents per pound from 2004.

Honey production in 2005 from producers with 5 or more colonies totaled 175 million pounds, down 5 percent from 2004. There were 2.41 million colonies producing honey in 2005, down 6 percent from 2004. Yield per colony averaged 72.5 pounds, up 1 percent from the 71.8 pounds in 2004. Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each State where the honey was produced, therefore yields per colony may be understated. Colonies were not included if honey was not

harvested. Producer honey stocks were 62.4 million pounds on December 15, 2005, up 2 percent from a year earlier. Stocks held by producers exclude stocks held under the commodity loan program.

Honey prices decreased during 2005 to 90.4 cents, down 15 percent from 106.9 cents in 2004. Prices are based on retail sales by producers and sales to private processors and cooperatives. State level honey prices reflect the portions of honey sold through retail, co-op and private channels. Honey prices for each color class are derived by weighing quantities sold for each marketing channel. Honey prices for 2005 were lower than the previous year for all color class totals.

HONEY PRODUCTION 2004 AND 2005

State	Honey producing colonies		Yield per colony		Production		Average price per pound ^{1/}	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	1,000		Pounds		1,000 Pounds		Cents	
California	390	400	45	75	17,550	30,000	101	84
Florida	205	160	98	86	20,090	13,760	100	87
Minnesota	135	120	75	74	10,125	8,880	104	83
North Dakota	390	370	78	91	30,420	33,670	102	81
Ohio	16	15	58	69	928	1,035	152	141
South Dakota	215	220	105	79	22,575	17,380	100	76
Texas	116	84	76	71	8,816	5,964	95	85
United States ^{2/}	2,556	2,410	71.8	72.5	183,582	174,643	106.9	90.4

1/ Prices weighted by sales. 2/ Total colonies multiplied by total yield may not exactly equal production.

U.S. COLD STORAGE HIGHLIGHTS

Frozen food stocks in refrigerated warehouses on January 31, 2006 were greater than year earlier levels for cheese, beef, pork, chicken, and eggs.

Butter stocks were up 95 percent from last month and up 48 percent from a year ago.

Total red meat supplies in freezers were up 14 percent from last month and up 4 percent from last year. Frozen pork supplies were up 23 percent from last month and up 6 percent from the

previous year. Stocks of pork bellies were up 28 percent from last month, but down 3 percent from last year.

Total frozen poultry supplies on January 31, 2006 were up 7 percent from the previous month and up 24 percent from a year ago. Total stocks of chicken were up 2 percent from the previous month and up 46 percent from last year. Total pounds of turkey in freezers were up 28 percent from last month, but down 21 percent from January 31, 2005.

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

Commodity	Jan. 31, 2005	Dec. 31, 2005	Jan. 31, 2006	January 31, 2006 as percent of	
				01/31/05	12/31/05
	1,000 Pounds			Percent	
Butter	77,219	58,649	114,597	148	195
Cheese, Total Natural	713,799	758,160	743,737	104	98
Eggs, Frozen	18,577	21,018	22,751	122	108
Fruits, Frozen	984,882	1,067,127	973,559	99	91
Fruit Juices, Frozen	1,830,273	1,358,656	1,360,549	74	100
Meats, Total Red	966,846	884,373	1,005,542	104	114
Beef, Total Frozen	453,261	434,442	456,366	101	105
Pork, Total Frozen	498,681	428,529	528,464	106	123
Poultry, Total Frozen	980,549	1,134,544	1,213,883	124	107
Chicken	647,254	925,763	946,536	146	102
Turkeys	332,894	206,166	264,047	79	128
Vegetables, Total Frozen	2,101,612	2,250,852	2,084,279	99	93
Potatoes, Total Frozen	1,168,802	1,051,099	1,078,790	92	103

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.

OHIO RED MEAT PRODUCTION DOWN 6 PERCENT

Commercial red meat production in Ohio during January 2006 totaled 23.9 million pounds, down 6 percent from a year earlier. Total live weight production in Ohio by species, compared with a year earlier was: cattle, 9.6 million pounds, down 11 percent from last year; calves, 326 thousand pounds, down 82 percent from last year; hogs, 25.9 million pounds, up 1 percent; sheep & lambs, 110 thousand pounds, up 17 percent. January 2006 included 22 weekdays (including two holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.89 billion pounds in January, up 7 percent from the 3.65 billion pounds produced in January 2005. Beef production, at 2.04 billion pounds, was 7 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.64 million head, up 5 percent from January

2005. The average live weight was up 19 pounds from the previous year, at 1,281 pounds. Veal production totaled 12.5 million pounds, 6 percent below January a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 55,700 head, down 18 percent from January 2005. The average live weight was 39 pounds above last year, at 368 pounds. Pork production totaled 1.82 billion pounds, up 7 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.92 million head, 5 percent above January 2005. The average live weight was 3 pounds above the previous year, at 273 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 16.2 million pounds, was up 12 percent from January 2005. Sheep slaughter totaled 223,700 head, 7 percent above last year. The average live weight was 144 pounds, up 6 pounds from January a year ago.

JANUARY COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

Item	Ohio			United States		
	2005	2006	06/05	2005	2006	06/05
	Number of Head (000)					
Cattle	9.5	8.6	91	2,527.8	2,641.7	105
Calves	4.6	.8	17	68.0	55.7	82
Hogs	93.9	94.2	100	8,480.0	8,915.7	105
Sheep & Lambs	.9	1.0	111	208.5	223.7	107
	Average live weight (lbs)					
Cattle	1,140	1,120	98	1,262	1,281	102
Calves	399	397	99	329	368	112
Hogs	274	275	100	270	273	101
Sheep & lambs	105	110	105	138	144	104
	Total live weight (000 lbs)					
Cattle	10,880	9,646	89	3,189,651	3,385,304	106
Calves	1,844	326	18	22,342	20,463	92
Hogs	25,740	25,881	101	2,288,913	2,435,864	106
Sheep & Lambs	94	110	117	28,760	32,236	112

**CORN BELT I HIRED WORKERS UP 32 PERCENT,
ALL WAGE RATES CATEGORIES UP**

In the Corn Belt I region, there were 37,000 hired workers during the survey week of January 8-14, 2006, an increase of 9,000 workers from the previous year. The number of hours worked averaged 36.1 hours for hired workers compared to 33.2 last year. Of the 37,000 hired workers in the Corn Belt I region, there were 32,000 hired workers who worked 150 days or more, an increase of 8,000 from 24,000 for the year before. Workers who worked 149 days or less increased to 5,000 workers from 4,000 for 2005.

Corn Belt I region farm operators paid hired workers an average wage of \$11.33 per hour during the survey week, up \$1.27 from \$10.06 for the previous year. Field workers received an average of \$11.79 per hour, up \$2.39 from last year. Livestock workers earned \$9.51 per hour, up 56 cents from last year. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate at \$10.55 was up \$1.37 from last year's wage rate of \$9.18.

There were 796,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of January 8-14, 2006, up 3 percent from a year ago. Of these hired workers, 616,000 workers were hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 180,000 workers.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$10.11 per hour during the January 2006 reference week, up 33 cents from a year earlier.

Field workers received an average of \$9.15 per hour, up 44 cents from last January, while livestock workers earned \$9.25 per hour compared with \$9.20 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$9.19 per hour, was up 29 cents from last year.

The number of hours worked averaged 38.2 hours for hired workers during the survey week, up 3 percent from a year ago.

FARM EMPLOYMENT AND WAGE RATES, CORN BELT I AND U.S., JANUARY 8-14, 2006 WITH COMPARISONS

	Corn Belt I ^{1/}			United States ^{2/}		
	Jan. 9-15 2005	Oct. 9-15 2005	Jan. 8-14 2006	Jan. 9-15 2005	Oct. 9-15 2005	Jan. 8-14 2006
Thousand of Workers						
Farm Employment						
Hired	28	50	37	589	842 ^{3/}	616
150 days or more	24	33	32	494	621 ^{3/}	513
149 days or less	4	17	5	95	221 ^{3/}	103
Ag. Service Workers	na	na	na	185	294 ^{3/}	180
Dollars per hour						
Wage Rates						
All hired farm workers ^{4/ 5/}	10.06	10.10	11.33	9.78	9.61	10.11
Type of Worker						
Field & Livestock	9.18	9.57	10.55	8.90	8.96	9.19
Field	9.40	9.88	11.79	8.71	8.90	9.15
Livestock	8.95	8.68	9.51	9.20	9.15 ^{3/}	9.25
Hours Worked per week						
Hired	33.2	42.1	36.1	37.0	42.0	38.2

^{1/} Ohio, Indiana, Illinois. ^{2/} Excludes AK. ^{3/} Revised. ^{4/} Benefits, such as housing and meals are provided for some workers but the values are not included in the wages rates. ^{5/} Excludes Agricultural Service workers.

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