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FEATURING:	Chick & Eggs	Poultry PDI	Milk Prod.	Slaughter	Cold Storage
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OHIO EGG PRODUCTION

Egg production in Ohio during March, 2008, totaled 613 million eggs, up 12 percent from last month but down 4 percent compared with a year earlier when production for March, 2007 totaled 638 million eggs. During March there were 26.1 million layers on Ohio farms. The rate of lay during the month was 2,350 eggs per 100 layers, or 75.8 percent. There were 1.5 percent of the layers in Ohio being force molted on April 1, 2008. There were 15.0 percent of the layers in Ohio that have completed a forced molt compared with 25.0 percent a year ago. In all egg-producing states on April 1, 2008, 2.5 percent of the layers on hand were in a molt and 21.4 percent had completed a molt.

U.S. egg production totaled 7.68 billion during March 2008, down 2 percent from last year. Production included 6.53 billion table eggs, and 1.15 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.08 billion were broiler-type and 67 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during March 2008 averaged 342 million, down 2 percent from last year. March egg production per 100 layers was 2,244 eggs, up slightly from March 2007.

All layers in the U.S. on April 1, 2008 totaled 342 million, down 2 percent from last year. The 342 million layers consisted of 282 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 57.4 million

layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.84 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on April 1, 2008, averaged 72.4 eggs per 100 layers, down 1 percent from April 1, 2007.

Egg-type chicks hatched during March 2008 totaled 39.5 million, up 3 percent from March 2007. Eggs in incubators totaled 37.6 million on April 1, 2008, down 2 percent from a year ago.

Broiler-type chicks hatched during March 2008 totaled 833 million, up 3 percent from March 2007. Eggs in incubators totaled 674 million on April 1, 2008, up 1 percent from a year earlier

Turkey eggs in incubators on April 1, 2008, in the United States totaled 31.9 million, up 1 percent from April 1, 2007. Eggs in incubators were down slightly from the March 1, 2008 total of 32.0 million eggs. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central down 7 percent, West North Central down 4 percent, North and South Atlantic up 13 percent, and South Central and West down 7 percent.

MARCH EGG PRODUCTION

	Layers on hand during month		Eggs per 100 layers 2008 Number	Total production			
	2007 Thousands	2008		Monthly		Accumulated ^{1/}	
				2007	2008	2007	2008
Ohio	27,687	26,080	2,350	638	613	2,459	2,399
U.S.	348,201	342,040	2,244	7,806	7,675	30,247	30,219

^{1/} Accumulation period began December of previous year.

CHICKS HATCHED BY COMMERCIAL HATCHERIES, UNITED STATES

	Egg-Type			Broiler-type			Turkeys placed ^{1/}		
	2007 Thousands	2008	2008/2007 Percent	2007 Thousands	2008	2008/2007 Percent	2007 Thousands	2008	2008/2007 Percent
Jan.-Mar.	111,495	117,263	105	2,327,495	2,425,962	104	31,662	31,855	101

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

EGGS IN INCUBATORS - APRIL 1, 2008

	Egg-type eggs			Broiler-type eggs			Turkey eggs		
	2007 Thousands	2008	2008/2007 Percent	2007 Thousands	2008	2008/2007 Percent	2007 Thousands	2008	2008/2007 Percent
United States	38,226	37,624	98	668,290	673,687	101	172,846	175,440	102

^{1/} Not available by States.

EGG PRODUCTION, PRICE AND VALUE, OHIO AND UNITED STATES, 2006 AND 2007¹

	Ohio		United States	
	2006	2007	2006	2007
Eggs produced (million eggs)	7,507	7,151	91,328	90,581
Price per dozen (dollars) ²	.459	.811	.582	.885
Value of production (000 dollars)	287,198	483,441	4,431,745	6,678,147

1/ December 1, previous year through November 30. 2/ Includes hatching and market (table) eggs.

BROILER PRODUCTION, PRICE AND VALUE, OHIO AND UNITED STATES, 2006 AND 2007^{1 2}

	Ohio		United States ³	
	2006	2007	2006	2007
Number produced (000 head)	45,600	49,800	8,867,800	8,898,200
Pounds produced (000 pounds)	241,700	273,900	48,829,900	49,208,400
Price per pound (dollars) ⁴	.360	.430	.363	.436
Value production (000 dollars)	87,012	117,777	17,739,234	21,460,211

1/ Broiler production including other domestic meat-type strains. 2/ December 1, 2006, through November 30, 2007. 3/ Excludes states producing less than 500,000 broilers. 4/ Live-weight equivalent price.

TURKEY PRODUCTION, PRICE AND VALUE, OHIO AND UNITED STATES, 2006 AND 2007¹

	Ohio		United States	
	2006	2007	2006	2007
Number raised (000 head) ¹	5,100	5,100	262,460	271,689
Pounds produced (000 pounds)	190,740	193,800	7,463,885	7,869,224
Price per pound (dollars) ²	.460	.460	.479	.472
Value of production (000 dollars)	87,740	89,148	3,573,690	3,710,846

1/ Based on turkeys placed September 1, 2006 through August 31, 2007. Excludes young turkeys lost. 2/ Actual live weight prices for Ohio, U.S. combined actual live weight and live weight equivalent prices.

CHICKEN DISPOSITION, PRICE AND VALUE, OHIO AND UNITED STATES, 2006 AND 2007¹

Year	Lost ²	Sold for Slaughter	Pounds Sold	Price per Pound	Value of Sales
	Thousand head	Thousand head	Thousand lbs.	Dollars	Thousand dollars
Ohio					
2006	9,895	9,870	33,558	.004	134
2007	6,921	10,319	35,085	.004	140
United States					
2006	101,078	172,748	918,977	.058	53,754
2007	100,663	167,249	906,809	.056	50,783

1/ December 1, 2006, through November 30, 2007. Excludes broilers. 2/ Includes rendered, died, destroyed, composted or disappeared for any reason during the 12 month period.

U.S. MARCH MILK PRODUCTION UP 2.4 PERCENT

The total milk Production in Ohio during March 2008 was 434 million pounds; 5 million pounds more than a year earlier. The average number of cows on Ohio farms during March 2008 was 280 thousand; 5,000 head more than a year earlier. The yield per cow, at 1,550 pounds, was down 1 percent from last year's milk per cow.

from February 2007. The February revision represented an increase of 23 million pounds or 0.2 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,795 pounds for March, 12 pounds above March 2007.

Milk production in the 23 major States during March totaled 15.1 billion pounds, up 2.4 percent from March 2007. February revised production at 13.9 billion pounds, was up 6.2 percent

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.44 million head, 141,000 head more than March 2007, and 9,000 head more than February 2008.

FEBRUARY MANUFACTURED DAIRY PRODUCTS

	Ohio			United States		
	2007	2008	08/07	2007	2008	08/07
	1,000 Gallons		Percent	1,000 Gallons		Percent
Ice Cream (Hard)	1,963	1,665	85	65,530	65,987	101

MARCH MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION

State	Milk cow on farm ^{1/}			Milk per cow			Milk Production ^{2/}			08/07
	Mar. 2007	Feb. 2008	Mar. 2008	Mar. 2007	Feb. 2008	Mar. 2008	Mar. 2007	Feb. 2008	Mar. 2008	
	Thousand			Pounds			Million Pounds			Percent
California	1,799	1,843	1,846	1,975	1,805	1,970	3,553	3,327	3,637	102
Ohio	275	279	280	1,560	1,440	1,550	429	402	434	101
Wisconsin	1,246	1,250	1,251	1,640	1,540	1,660	2,043	1,925	2,077	102
23 State Total	8,295	8,427	8,436	1,783	1,654	1,795	14,787	13,942	15,144	102

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

LAMB AND MUTTON PRODUCTION AT RECORD LOW FOR MARCH

Commercial red meat production in Ohio during March 2008 totaled 24.0 million pounds; down 4 percent from a year earlier. Total live weight slaughtered in Ohio by species, compared with a year earlier was: cattle, 10.0 million pounds, down 12 percent; calves, 32,000 pounds, up 23 percent; hogs, 25.3 million pounds, down 2 percent; sheep & lambs, 102,000 pounds, down 7 percent from last year. March 2008 included 21 weekdays and 5 Saturdays.

pounds from the previous year, at 1,276 pounds. Veal production totaled 11.2 million pounds, 17 percent below March a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 70,800 head, up slightly from March 2007. The average live weight was down 48 pounds from last year, at 273 pounds.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.09 billion pounds in March, up 2 percent from the 4.01 billion pounds produced in March 2007.

Pork production totaled 1.96 billion pounds, up 5 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.66 million head, up 5 percent from March 2007. The average live weight was up 1 pound from the previous year, at 271 pounds.

Beef production, at 2.10 billion pounds, was 1 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.73 million head, down 2 percent from March 2007. The average live weight was up 16

Lamb and mutton production, at 16.0 million pounds, was down 18 percent from March 2007. Sheep slaughter totaled 230,900 head, 17 percent below last year. The average live weight was 139 pounds, down 1 pound from March a year ago.

MARCH COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

Item	Ohio			United States		
	2007	2008	Pct. of prev. yr.	2007	2008	Pct. of prev. yr.
	Number of Head (000)					
Cattle	9.6	8.5	89	2,793.0	2,730.9	98
Calves	0.1	0.1	100	70.7	70.8	100
Hogs	95.8	91.5	96	9,201.7	9,661.6	105
Sheep & Lambs	1.0	1.0	100	279.5	230.9	83
	Average live weight (lbs)					
Cattle	1,192	1,192	100	1,260	1,276	101
Calves	350	354	101	321	273	85
Hogs	270	278	103	270	271	100
Sheep & Lambs	107	104	97	140	139	99
	Total live weight (000 lbs)					
Cattle	11,298	9,962	88	3,505,279	3,473,012	99
Calves	26	32	123	22,560	19,075	85
Hogs	25,826	25,344	98	2,485,278	2,616,784	105
Sheep & Lambs	110	102	93	39,139	32,122	82

MARCH COLD STORAGE REPORT

Frozen food stocks in refrigerated warehouses on March 31, 2008 were greater than year earlier levels for pork, chicken, turkey, and butter.

Butter stocks were up 8 percent from last month and up 17 percent from a year ago.

Total red meat supplies in freezers were up 5 percent from the previous month and up 17 percent from last year. Frozen pork supplies were up 8 percent from the previous month and up 33

percent from last year. Stocks of pork bellies were up 25 percent from last month and up 79 percent from last year.

Total frozen poultry supplies on March 31, 2008 were up 3 percent from the previous month and up 28 percent from a year ago. Total stocks of chicken were up 4 percent from the previous month and up 31 percent from last year. Total pounds of turkey in freezers were up 3 percent from last month and up 24 percent from March 31, 2007.

STOCKS IN COLD STORAGE MARCH 31, 2008 WITH COMPARISONS

Commodity	Mar 31, 2007	Feb 29, 2008	Mar 31, 2008	March 31, 2008 as percent of	
				03/31/07	02/29/08
		1,000 Pounds			Percent
Butter	193,104	210,422	226,430	117	108
Cheese, Total Natural	892,932	800,992	822,871	92	103
Eggs, Frozen	14,632	16,732	15,502	106	93
Fruits, Frozen	853,647	1,068,889	932,126	109	87
Fruit Juices, Frozen	1,197,366	1,363,547	1,441,329	120	106
Meats, Total Red	943,521	1,054,106	1,103,897	117	105
Beef, Total Frozen	427,188	424,124	424,068	99	100
Pork, Total Frozen	494,761	605,718	657,106	133	108
Poultry, Total Frozen	953,310	1,182,753	1,224,075	128	103
Chicken	600,866	760,831	789,372	131	104
Turkeys	346,784	416,694	430,506	124	103
Vegetables, Total Frozen	1,533,934	1,769,625	1,568,637	102	89
Potatoes, Total Frozen	1,116,226	1,117,491	1,086,431	97	97

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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