

OHIO FARM REPORT



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OHIO EGG PRODUCTION

Egg production in Ohio during April, 2006, totaled 629 million eggs, down 4 percent from last month but up 1 percent compared with a year earlier when production for April, 2005 totaled 625 million eggs. During April, there were 28.4 million layers on Ohio farms. The rate of lay during the month was 2,213 eggs per 100 layers, or 73.8 percent. There were 4.0 percent of the layers in Ohio being force molted on May 1, 2006, compared with 3.0 percent on the same date a year earlier. Twenty-two percent of the layers in Ohio have completed a forced molt, unchanged from a year ago. In all egg-producing states on May 1, 2006, 5.4 percent of the layers on hand were in a molt and 23.7 percent had completed a molt.

U.S. egg production totaled 7.54 billion during April 2006, up 2 percent from last year. Production included 6.48 billion table eggs, and 1.07 billion hatching eggs, of which 998 million were broiler-type and 68 million were egg-type. The number of layers during April 2006 averaged 348 million, up 1 percent from last year. April egg production per 100 layers was 2,164 eggs, up slightly from April 2005.

All layers in the U.S. on May 1, 2006, totaled 347 million, up 1 percent from last year. The 347 million layers consisted of 289 million layers producing table-type eggs, 55.3 million layers

producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.86 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on May 1, 2006, averaged 71.5 eggs per 100 layers, down slightly from May 1, 2005.

Egg-type chicks hatched during April 2006 totaled 34.6 million, down 9 percent from April 2005. Eggs in incubators totaled 37.0 million on May 1, 2006, down 1 percent from a year ago.

Broiler-type chicks hatched during April 2006 totaled 787 million, down 1 percent from April 2005. Eggs in incubators totaled 658 million on May 1, 2006, down 1 percent from a year earlier.

Turkey eggs in incubators on May 1, 2006, in the United States totaled 30.9 million, up 5 percent from May 1 a year ago. Eggs in incubators were 2 percent above the April 1, 2006 total of 30.1 million eggs. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central up 3 percent, West North Central up 2 percent, North and South Atlantic up 17 percent, South Central and West combined down 6 percent. The 23.9 million poult placed during April 2006 in the United States were up 1 percent from the number placed during the same month a year ago.

APRIL 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	27,978	28,423	2,213	625	629	3,099	3,223
U.S.	343,574	248,454	2,164	7,407	7,541	37,420	37,867

^{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
April	38,049	34,613	91	792,173	787,064	99	23,587	23,904	101
Jan.-April	152,468	142,618	94	3,138,339	3,141,350	100	176,707	185,893	105

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

EGGS IN INCUBATORS - MAY 1, 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
E. North Central ^{1/}	7,489	6,687	89	8,998	10,557	117	4,506	4,630	103
United States	37,308	36,952	99	665,386	658,351	99	29,340	30,855	105

^{1/} Not available by States.

CATTLE AND CALF INVENTORY AND DISPOSITION, OHIO, 2003 TO 2005

Year	On hand January 1	Calves born	Inship- ments	Marketings		On farm slaughter	Deaths	
				Cattle	Calves		Cattle	Calves
Thousand Head								
2003	1,220	470	52	385	67	6.0	23.0	31.0
2004	1,230	470	67	329	75	5.0	25.0	33.0
2005	1,300	470	40	384	85	6.0	22.0	33.0

CATTLE AND CALF PRODUCTION AND INCOME, OHIO, 2003 TO 2005

Year	Production	Marketings	Average price per 100 lbs.		Cash receipts	Value of home consumption	Gross income
			Cattle	Calves			
Thousand Pounds	Thousand Pounds	Thousand Pounds	Dollars		Thousand Dollars		
2003	454,660	439,590	73.80	84.00	326,441	22,163	348,604
2004	402,673	380,160	77.70	103.00	301,578	19,554	321,132
2005	401,441	443,060	83.30	118.00	378,906	22,484	401,390

HOG INVENTORY NUMBERS, PIG CROP AND DISPOSITION, OHIO, 2001 TO 2005

Year	December 1 Inventory ¹	Pig Crop		Inshipments	Marketings ²	Farm ³ Slaughter	Deaths
		Dec-May	Jun-Nov				
Thousand Head							
2001	1,490	1,256	1,319	600	3,112	8	115
2002	1,430	1,333	1,340	490	3,027	8	118
2003	1,440	1,307	1,327	450	2,883	8	113
2004	1,520	1,301	1,361	570	3,186	8	108
2005	1,450	1,386	1,438	474	3,066	8	124

1/ December 1 previous year. 2/ Excludes interfarm sales. 3/ Excludes custom slaughter for farmers at commercial establishments.

HOG PRODUCTION AND INCOME, OHIO, 2001 TO 2005

Year	Production	Marketings	Price per cwt.	Cash Receipts	Value of Home Consumption	Gross Income
2001	773,625	800,120	43.70	350,103	2,882	352,985
2002	770,158	786,995	33.20	262,307	2,162	264,469
2003	725,762	723,240	38.10	276,864	2,517	279,381
2004	768,946	813,885	49.30	402,719	3,263	405,982
2005	805,625	811,860	49.40	402,548	3,230	405,778

APRIL MILK PRODUCTION

Total milk production in Ohio during April 2006 was 418 million pounds, 9 million pounds more than a year earlier. The average number of cows on Ohio farms during April 2006 was 273 thousand, 4 thousand more than a year earlier. Yield per cow, at 1,530 pounds, was 1 percent above a year earlier.

Milk production in the 23 major States during April totaled 14.2 billion pounds, up 3.7 percent from April 2005. March revised

production, at 14.6 billion pounds, was up 5.6 percent from March 2005. The March revision represented an increase of 25 million pounds or 0.2 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,727 pounds for April, 37 pounds above April 2005. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.24 million head, 124,000 head more than April 2005, and 13,000 head more than March 2006.

MARCH MANUFACTURED DAIRY PRODUCTS

	Ohio			United States		
	2005	2006	06/05	2005	2006	06/05
	1,000 gallons			Percent		
Ice Cream (Hard)	2,447	2,030	83	78,753	77,914	99

APRIL MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION ^{1/}

State	Milk cows on farm ^{2/}			Milk per cow			Milk Production ^{3/}			06/05
	Apr. 2005	Mar. 2006	Apr. 2006	Apr. 2005	Mar. 2006	Apr. 2006	Apr. 2005	Mar. 2006	Apr. 2006	
	Thousand			Pounds			Million Pounds			Percent
California	1,747	1,785	1,788	1,825	1,920	1,850	3,188	3,427	3,308	104
Ohio	269	273	273	1,520	1,550	1,530	409	423	418	102
Wisconsin	1,234	1,241	1,241	1,540	1,620	1,580	1,900	2,010	1,961	103
23 State Total	8,117	8,228	8,241	1,690	1,775	1,727	13,717	14,604	14,230	104

1/ March 2005 revised. 2/Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 3/ Excludes milk sucked by calves

OHIO RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Commercial red meat production in Ohio during April 2006 totaled 20.8 million pounds; was down 13 percent from a year earlier. Total live weight production in Ohio by species, compared with a year earlier was: cattle, 85 million pounds, down 15 percent from last year; calves, no reported slaughter; hogs, 22.7 million pounds, down 7 percent; sheep & lambs, 161 thousand pounds, up 68 percent. April 2006 included 20 weekdays and 5 Saturdays.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.61 billion pounds in April, down slightly from the 3.62 billion pounds produced in April 2005. Beef production, at 1.97 billion pounds, was 5 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.61 million head, up 2 percent from April 2005. The

average live weight was up 28 pounds from the previous year, at 1,246 pounds. Veal production totaled 10.9 million pounds, 16 percent below April a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 47,500 head, which was 23 percent below April 2005. The average live weight was 26 pounds above last year, at 379 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.61 billion pounds, was down 5 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 7.96 million head, 6 percent below April 2005. The average live weight was 1 pound above the previous year, at 272 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 17.0 million pounds, was up 9 percent from April 2005. Sheep slaughter totaled 248,500 head, 13 percent above last year. The average live weight was 136 pounds, down 5 pounds from April a year ago.

APRIL COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

Item	Ohio			United States		
	2005	2006	Pct. of prev. yr.	2005	2006	Pct. of prev. yr.
	Number of Head (000)					
Cattle	8.7	7.6	87	2,560.3	2,607.4	102
Calves	4.4	^{1/}	-	61.6	47.5	77
Hogs	89.3	82.6	92	8,445.0	7,995.6	95
Sheep & lambs	1.0	1.6	160	220.7	248.5	113
	Average live weight (lbs)					
Cattle	1,144	1,122	98	1,218	1,246	102
Calves	402	^{1/}	-	353	379	107
Hogs	273	274	100	271	272	100
Sheep & lambs	95	103	108	141	136	96
	Total live weight (000 lbs)					
Cattle	9,949	8,483	85	3,118,373	3,248,884	104
Calves	1,773	^{1/}	-	21,738	17,990	83
Hogs	24,361	22,676	93	2,285,822	2,167,521	95
Sheep & lambs	96	161	168	31,050	33,813	109

1/ No slaughter reported.

EASTERN CORN BELT HIRED WORKERS UP 10 PERCENT, COMBINED WAGE RATES UP

There were 45,000 hired agriculture workers in the eastern Corn Belt region during the survey week of April 9-15, 2006, up 4,000 workers from a year earlier. Hired workers working 150 days or more increased by 8,000 workers from last April, totaling 38,000. Those working 149 days or less dropped by 4,000 workers to 7,000 from last year.

Farm operators in the eastern Corn Belt paid their hired workers an average wage of \$10.49 per hour during the survey week. This represents an increase of 98 cents from April 2005, and a decrease in the wage rate of 84 cents from the January 2006 survey period. Field workers received an average wage of \$10.18 per hour, an hourly pay increase of \$1.34 from April 2005, and a decrease of \$1.61 from January 2006. Livestock workers earned an average of \$9.52 per hour, an increase of 35 cents per hour from last year. The combined field and livestock wage rate increased to \$10.00 per hour, an increase of \$1.09 per hour from last year. Hired workers worked an average of 42.4

hours per week, up from the April 2005 estimate of 37.7 hours per week.

There were 956,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of April 9-15, 2006, down 4 percent from a year ago. Of these hired workers, 718,000 workers were hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 238,000 workers. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$9.79 per hour during the April 2006 reference week, up 44 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$8.96 per hour, up 40 cents from last April, while livestock workers earned \$9.30 per hour compared with \$9.14 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$9.07 per hour, was up 35 cents from last year.

The number of hours worked averaged 40.8 hours for hired workers during the survey week, up 2 percent from a year ago.

FARM EMPLOYMENT AND WAGE RATES, EASTERN CORN BELT AND U.S., APRIL 9-15, 2006 WITH COMPARISONS

	Eastern Corn Belt ^{1/}			United States ^{2/}		
	April 10-16 2005	Jan. 8-14 2006	April 9-15 2006	April 10-16 2005	Jan. 8-14 2006	April 9-15 2006
Thousand of Workers						
Farm Employment						
Hired	41	37	45	753	614 ^{5/}	718
150 days or more	30	32	38	600	512 ^{5/}	580
149 days or less	11	5	7	153	102 ^{5/}	138
Ag. Service Workers	NA	NA	NA	247	180	238
Dollars per hour						
Wage Rates						
All hired farm workers ^{3/4/}	9.51	11.33	10.49	9.35	10.10 ^{5/}	9.79
Type of Worker						
Field & Livestock	8.91	10.55	10.00	8.72	9.17 ^{5/}	9.07
Field	8.84	11.79	10.18	8.56	9.11 ^{5/}	8.96
Livestock	9.17	9.51	9.52	9.14	9.26 ^{5/}	9.30
Hours Worked per week						
Hired	37.7	36.1	42.4	39.9	38.2	40.8

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

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