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OHIO EGG PRODUCTION

Egg production in Ohio during July, 2008, totaled 622 million eggs; up 7 percent from last month and up 6 percent compared with a year earlier when production for July, 2007, totaled 586 million eggs. During July, there were 26.6 million layers on Ohio farms. The rate of lay during July, 2008, was 2,340 eggs per 100 layers, or 75.5 percent. There were 2.5 percent of the layers in Ohio being force molted on August 1, 2008, compared with 4.0 percent on the same date a year earlier. There were 19.0 percent of the layers in Ohio have completed a forced molt compared with 18.5 percent a year ago. In the U.S. on August 1, 2008, 3.6 percent of the layers on hand were in a molt and 21.1 percent had completed a molt.

U.S. egg production totaled 7.60 billion during July 2008, up slightly from last year. Production included 6.49 billion table eggs, and 1.12 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.05 billion were broiler-type and 64 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during July 2008 averaged 336 million, down 1 percent from last year. July egg production per 100 layers was 2,262 eggs, up 1 percent from July 2007.

All layers in the U.S. on August 1, 2008 totaled 335 million, down 2 percent from last year. The 335 million layers consisted of 277 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 55.2 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.69 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on August 1, 2008, averaged 72.5 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from August 1, 2007.

Egg-type chicks hatched during July 2008 totaled 37.9 million, up 5 percent from July 2007. Eggs in incubators totaled 33.0 million on August 1, 2008, up 2 percent from a year ago.

Broiler-type chicks hatched during July 2008 totaled 807 million, down 2 percent from July 2007. Eggs in incubators totaled 651 million on August 1, 2008, down 3 percent from a year earlier.

Turkey eggs in incubators on August 1, 2008 in the United States totaled 31.9 million, down 5 percent from August 1 a year ago. Eggs in incubators were down 3 percent from the July 1, 2008 total of 32.8 million eggs.

JULY EGG PRODUCTION

	Layers on hand during month		Eggs per 100 layers	Total Production			
				Monthly		Accumulated ^{1/}	
	2007	2008	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	Thousands		Number	Million			
Ohio	25,815	26,586	2,340	586	622	4,811	4,783
U.S.	340,035	336,101	2,262	7,599	7,601	60,320	60,140

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

CHICKS HATCHED BY COMMERCIAL HATCHERIES, UNITED STATES

	Egg-Type			Broiler-type			Turkeys placed ^{1/}		
	2007	2008	08/07	2007	2008	08/07	2007	2008	08/07
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
July	35,952	37,929	105	818,983	806,555	98	27,258	26,793	98
Jan.-July	265,422	281,505	106	5,589,873	5,659,918	101	279,686	280,885	100

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

EGGS IN INCUBATORS - AUGUST 1

	Egg-type eggs			Broiler-type eggs			Turkey eggs		
	2007	2008	08/07	2007	2008	08/07	2007	2008	08/07
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
East North Central ^{1/}	6,522	6,643	102	11,977	12,191	102	4,954	4,599	93
United States	32,441	33,040	102	674,016	650,798	97	33,457	31,883	95

^{1/} Not available by States

JULY MILK PRODUCTION

The total milk production in Ohio during July 2008 was 434 million pounds, 12 million pounds more than a year earlier. The average number of cows on Ohio farms during July 2008 was 282 thousand, 6 thousand more than a year earlier. The yield per cow, at 1,540 pounds, was up 1 percent from the year earlier yield of 1,530 pounds.

Milk production in the 23 major States during July totaled 14.8 billion pounds, up 1.7 percent from July 2007. June revised production at 14.7 billion pounds, was up 3.2 percent from

June 2007. The June revision represented a decrease of 19 million pounds or -0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,742 pounds for July, unchanged from July 2007. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.47 million head, 143,000 head more than July 2007, and 5,000 head more than June 2008.

JUNE MANUFACTURED DAIRY PRODUCTS

Item	Ohio			United States		
	2007	2008	08/07	2007	2008	08/07
	1,000 Gallons			1,000 Gallons		
Ice Cream	2,330	2,325	100	87,058	89,993	103

JULY MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION

State	Milk cows on farms ^{1/}			Milk per cow ^{2/}			Milk production ^{2/}			08/07
	July 2007	June 2008	July 2008	July 2007	June 2008	July 2008	July 2007	June 2008	July 2008	
	Thousands			Pounds			Million Pounds			Percent
California	1,816	1,848	1,846	1,900	1,850	1,850	3,450	3,419	3,415	99
Ohio	276	282	282	1,530	1,550	1,540	422	437	434	103
Wisconsin	1,248	1,252	1,252	1,675	1,650	1,675	2,090	2,066	2,097	100
23 State Total	8,322	8,460	8,465	1,742	1,735	1,742	14,500	14,678	14,750	103

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

OHIO RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Commercial red meat production in Ohio during July 2008 totaled 27.4 million pounds, up 17 percent from a year earlier. Total live weight production in Ohio by species, compared with a year earlier was: cattle, 12.5 million pounds, up 15 percent; calves, very little reported slaughter in 2007; hogs, 26.4 million pounds, up 10 percent; sheep & lambs, 144 thousand pounds, down 5 percent from last year. July 2008 contained 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.25 billion pounds in July, up 8 percent from the 3.94 billion pounds produced in July 2007.

Beef production, at 2.37 billion pounds, was 5 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.06 million head, up 6 percent from July 2007. The average live weight was up 4 pounds from the previous year, at 1,273 pounds.

Veal production totaled 12.3 million pounds, 16 percent above July a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 87,900 head, up 41 percent from July 2007. The average live weight was down 46 pounds from last year, at 243 pounds. Pork production totaled 1.85 billion pounds, up 12 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.47 million head, up 13 percent from July 2007. The average live weight was down 2 pounds from the previous year, at 262 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 13.7 million pounds, was up 1 percent from July 2007. Sheep slaughter totaled 207,800 head, 1 percent above last year. The average live weight was 132 pounds, up 1 pound from July a year ago.

January to July 2008 commercial red meat production was 29.3 billion pounds, up 6 percent from 2007. Accumulated beef production was up 3 percent from last year, veal was down 6 percent, pork was up 11 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 4 percent.

JULY COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

Item	Ohio			United States		
	2007	2008	Pct. of prev. yr.	2007	2008	Pct. of prev. yr.
	Number of Head (000)					
Cattle	9.2	10.6	115	2,903.1	3,064.0	106
Calves ^{1/}	^{1/}	4.8	-	62.5	87.9	141
Hogs	89.8	98.0	109	8,399.0	9,465.2	113
Sheep & Lambs	1.4	1.4	100	206.0	207.8	101
	Average Live Weight (lbs)					
Cattle	1,184	1,184	100	1,269	1,273	100
Calves ^{1/}	^{1/}	448	-	289	243	84
Hogs	267	270	101	264	262	99
Sheep & Lambs	106	103	97	131	132	101
	Total Live Weight (000 lbs)					
Cattle	10,838	12,504	115	3,673,852	3,888,150	106
Calves ^{1/}	^{1/}	2,147	-	17,883	21,052	118
Hogs	23,926	26,430	110	2,217,224	2,480,080	112
Sheep & Lambs	152	144	95	26,985	27,411	102

^{1/} Very little reported slaughter.

EASTERN CORN BELT HIRED WORKERS DOWN FROM A YEAR AGO

In the eastern Corn Belt (Corn Belt I) region, there were 44,000 hired workers during the survey week of July 6-12, 2008. This number was unchanged from last quarter, but down 9,000 workers from last year. There were 33,000 hired workers who worked 150 days or more, down 1,000 workers from the previous year. In the 149 days or less category, there was a decrease of 8,000 workers from July 2007.

Farm operators in the eastern Corn Belt paid their hired workers an average wage of \$10.90 per hour during the survey week, up 70 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$10.27 per hour, up over a dollar from July 2007. Livestock workers earned \$10.87 per hour compared to \$10.32 a year ago. Field and livestock workers combined earned \$10.43 per hour, up 86 cents from last year's wage rate of \$9.57.

There were 1,173,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of July 6-12, 2008, down 3 percent from a year ago. Of these hired workers, 828,000 workers were hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 345,000 workers.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$10.34 per hour during the July 2008 reference week, up 35 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$9.66 per hour, up 42 cents from last July, while livestock workers earned \$9.98 per hour compared with \$9.73 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$9.74 per hour, was up 37 cents from last year.

The number of hours worked averaged 40.5 hours for hired workers during the survey week, down 2 percent from a year ago.

FARM EMPLOYMENT AND WAGE RATES, EASTERN CORN BELT AND U.S., JULY 8-14, 2007 WITH COMPARISONS

	Eastern Corn Belt ^{1/}			United States ^{2/}		
	July 8-14 2007	April 6-12 2008 ^{5/}	July 6-12 2008	July 8-14 2007	April 6-12 2008 ^{5/}	July 6-12 2008
Thousands of Workers						
Farm Employment						
Hired	53	44	44	843	700	828
150 days or more	34	34	33	596	563	585
149 days or less	19	10	11	247	137	243
Ag. Service Workers				363	219	345
Dollars per hour						
Wage Rates						
All hired farm workers ^{3/ 4/}	10.20	11.43	10.90	9.99	10.57	10.34
Type of Worker						
Field & livestock	9.57	10.45	10.43	9.37	9.84	9.74
Field	9.22	10.32	10.27	9.24	9.65	9.66
Livestock	10.32	10.73	10.87	9.73	10.24	9.98
Hours Worked per week						
Hired	36.0	37.5	35.0	41.4	40.8	40.5

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 wage rates. 4/ Excludes Agricultural Service workers. 5/ Revised

FIELD AND LIVESTOCK WORKERS: DISTRIBUTION BY TYPE OF FARM, 48 STATES ^{1/ 2/ 3/}

Type of Farm	July 8-14, 2007	April 6-12, 2008	July 6-12, 2008
Percent of Field and Livestock Workers			
Field Crops	13	10	13
Other Crops	56	55	56
Livestock, Dairy, & Poultry	31	35	31
Total	100	100	100

1/ 48 States, excluding AK and HI. 2/ Field and Livestock workers combined. 3/ Excludes Agricultural service workers.

JULY COLD STORAGE SUMMARY

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

Butter stocks were down 4 percent from last month and down 9 percent from a year ago.

Total red meat supplies in freezers were down 2 percent from the previous month and down slightly from last year. Frozen pork supplies were down 5 percent from the previous month but up 8

percent from last year. Stocks of pork bellies were down 20 percent from last month but up 87 percent from last year.

Total frozen poultry supplies on July 31, 2008 were up 3 percent from the previous month and up 16 percent from a year ago. Total stocks of chicken were down 3 percent from the previous month but up 12 percent from last year. Total pounds of turkey in freezers were up 10 percent from last month and up 23 percent from July 31, 2007.

U.S. STOCKS IN COLD STORAGE JULY 31, 2008 WITH COMPARISONS

Commodity	July 31, 2007	June 30, 2008	July 31, 2008	July 31, 2008 as percent of	
				07/31/07	06/30/08
		1,000 Pounds		Percent	
Butter	271,508	258,360	248,159	91	96
Cheese, Total Natural	885,988	902,471	901,088	102	100
Eggs, Frozen	17,495	16,139	19,886	114	123
Fruits, Frozen	1,218,375	864,126	1,022,165	84	118
Fruit Juices, Frozen	1,210,411	1,861,280	1,798,934	144	94
Meats, Total Red	943,491	963,948	940,722	100	98
Beef, Total Frozen	467,733	421,222	424,064	91	101
Pork, Total Frozen	455,854	517,189	492,227	108	95
Poultry, Total Frozen	1,178,316	1,333,153	1,368,160	116	103
Chicken	665,583	768,776	747,227	112	97
Turkeys	503,547	562,693	618,448	123	110
Vegetables, Total Frozen	1,516,542	1,366,986	1,634,876	108	120
Potatoes, Total Frozen	991,767	1,190,031	1,107,268	112	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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