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## OHIO EGG PRODUCTION

Egg production in Ohio during July, 2007, totaled 586 million eggs; up 2 percent from last month but down 5 percent compared with a year earlier when production for July, 2006, totaled 614 million eggs. During July, there were 25.8 million layers on Ohio farms. The rate of lay during July, 2007, was 2,270 eggs per 100 layers, or 73.2 percent. There were 4.0 percent of the layers in Ohio being force molted on August 1, 2007, compared with 5.5 percent on the same date a year earlier. There were 18.5 percent of the layers in Ohio have completed a forced molt compared with 25.0 percent a year ago. In the U.S. on August 1, 2007, 3.4 percent of the layers on hand were in a molt and 23.4 percent had completed a molt.

U.S. egg production totaled 7.57 billion during July 2007, down 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.44 billion table eggs, and 1.14 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.07 billion were broiler-type and 66 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during July 2007 averaged 339 million, down 1 percent from last year. July egg production per 100 layers was 2,234 eggs, down slightly from July 2006.

All layers in the U.S. on August 1, 2007 totaled 340 million, down slightly from last year. The 340 million layers consisted of 281 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 56.2 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.72 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on August 1, 2007, averaged 72.1 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from August 1, 2006.

Egg-type chicks hatched during July 2007 totaled 35.6 million, up 9 percent from July 2006. Eggs in incubators totaled 33.7 million on August 1, 2007, up 10 percent from a year ago.

Broiler-type chicks hatched during July 2007 totaled 821 million, up 2 percent from July 2006. Eggs in incubators totaled 676 million on August 1, 2007, up 2 percent from a year earlier.

Turkey eggs in incubators on August 1, 2007, in the United States totaled 33.5 million, up 9 percent from August 1 a year ago. Eggs in incubators were up 1 percent from the July 1, 2007 total of 33.3 million eggs.

### JULY EGG PRODUCTION

	Layers on hand during month		Eggs per 100 layers	Total Production			
				Monthly		Accumulated <sup>1/</sup>	
	2006	2007	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	Thousands		Number	Million			
Ohio	27,495	25,815	2,270	614	586	5,087	4,811
U.S.	341,252	338,975	2,234	7,645	7,574	60,569	60,054

<sup>1/</sup> Accumulation period began December of previous year.

### CHICKS HATCHED BY COMMERCIAL HATCHERIES, UNITED STATES

	Egg-Type			Broiler-type			Turkeys placed <sup>1/</sup>		
	2006	2007	07/06	2006	2007	07/06	2006	2007	07/06
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
July	32,727	35,560	109	801,537	820,865	102	26,058	27,158	104
Jan.-July	252,685	267,996	106	5,545,851	5,600,745	101	266,475	279,592	105

<sup>1/</sup> Accumulation period for turkeys begins September 1.

### EGGS IN INCUBATORS - AUGUST 1

	Egg-type eggs			Broiler-type eggs			Turkey eggs		
	2006	2007	07/06	2006	2007	07/06	2006	2007	07/06
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
East North Central <sup>1/</sup>	6,362	6,726	106	9,190	11,977	130	4,976	5,036	101
United States	30,776	33,713	110	661,365	675,750	102	30,843	33,539	109

<sup>1/</sup> Not available by States

## JULY MILK PRODUCTION

The total milk production in Ohio during July 2007 was 422 million pounds, 19 million pounds more than a year earlier. The average number of cows on Ohio farms during July 2007 was 276 thousand, 2 thousand more than a year earlier. The yield per cow, at 1,530 pounds, was up 4 percent from the year earlier yield of 1,470 pounds.

Milk production in the 23 major States during July totaled 14.5 billion pounds, up 3.9 percent from July 2006. June revised production at 14.2 billion pounds, was up 1.2 percent from June

2006. The June revision represented an increase of 6.0 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,743 pounds for July, 55 pounds above July 2006. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.31 million head, 50,000 head more than July 2006, and 14,000 head more than June 2007.

### JUNE MANUFACTURED DAIRY PRODUCTS

Item	Ohio			United States		
	2006	2007	07/06	2006	2007	07/06
	1,000 Gallons			1,000 Gallons		
Ice Cream	2,624	2,272	87	91,954	89,499	97

### JULY MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION

State	Milk cows on farms <sup>1/</sup>			Milk per cow <sup>2/</sup>			Milk production <sup>2/</sup>			07/06
	July 2006	June 2007	July 2007	July 2006	June 2007	July 2007	July 2006	June 2007	July 2007	
	Thousands			Pounds			Million Pounds			Percent
California	1,774	1,805	1,808	1,760	1,850	1,910	3,122	3,339	3,453	111
Ohio	274	276	276	1,470	1,520	1,530	403	420	422	105
Wisconsin	1,243	1,247	1,248	1,610	1,620	1,670	2,001	2,020	2,084	104
23 State Total	8,258	8,294	8,308	1,688	1,713	1,743	13,937	14,204	14,483	104

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 2007 totaled 23.4 million pounds, up 6 percent from a year earlier. Total live weight production in Ohio by species, compared with a year earlier was: cattle, 10.8 million pounds, up 27 percent; calves, very little reported slaughter; hogs, 23.9 million pounds, up 2 percent; sheep & lambs, 152 thousand pounds, up 39 percent from last year. July 2007 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.94 billion pounds in July, up 4 percent from the 3.79 billion pounds produced in July 2006.

Beef production, at 2.26 billion pounds, was 2 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.90 million head, up 2 percent from July 2006. The average live weight was down 4 pounds from the previous year, at 1,269 pounds.

Veal production totaled 10.7 million pounds, 5 percent below July a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 62,600 head, up 8 percent from July 2006. The average live weight was down 36 pounds from last year, at 289 pounds. Pork production totaled 1.66 billion pounds, up 7 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.40 million head, up 7 percent from July 2006. The average live weight was up 1 pound from the previous year, at 264 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 13.5 million pounds, was up 2 percent from July 2006. Sheep slaughter totaled 204,700 head, 1 percent above last year. The average live weight was 131 pounds, up 1 pound from July a year ago.

January to July 2007 commercial red meat production was 27.5 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 2006. Accumulated beef production was up 1 percent from last year, veal was up 4 percent, pork was up 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 3 percent.

### JULY COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

Item	Ohio			United States		
	2006	2007	Pct. of prev. yr.	2006	2007	Pct. of prev. yr.
	Number of Head (000)					
Cattle	7.4	9.2	124	2,834.0	2,901.6	102
Calves <sup>1/</sup>	.1	.1	-	57.9	62.6	108
Hogs	87.2	89.8	103	7,882.0	8,396.6	107
Sheep & Lambs	1.0	1.4	140	202.4	204.7	101
	Average Live Weight (lbs)					
Cattle	1,166	1,184	102	1,273	1,269	100
Calves	352	.1	-	325	289	89
Hogs	270	267	99	263	264	100
Sheep & Lambs	105	106	101	130	131	101
	Total Live Weight (000 lbs)					
Cattle	8,545	10,838	127	3,598,226	3,672,121	102
Calves <sup>1/</sup>	26	.1	-	18,674	17,910	96
Hogs	23,509	23,926	102	2,074,519	2,216,567	107
Sheep & Lambs	109	152	139	26,303	26,821	102

1/ Very little reported slaughter.

## EASTERN CORN BELT HIRED WORKERS DOWN 4 PERCENT FROM A YEAR AGO

In the eastern Corn Belt (Corn Belt I) region, there were 53,000 hired workers during the survey week of July 8-14, 2007. This number is down 2,000 hired workers from a year ago. There were 34,000 hired workers who worked 150 days or more, up 1,000 workers from the previous year. In the 149 days or less category, there was a decrease of 3,000 workers from 22,000 to 19,000 workers.

Farm operators in the eastern Corn Belt paid their hired workers an average wage of \$10.20 per hour during the survey week, up 6 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$9.22 per hour, down 24 cents from July 2006. Livestock workers earned \$10.32 per hour compared to \$9.28 a year ago. Field and livestock workers earned \$9.57 per hour, up 17 cents from last year's wage rate of \$9.40.

There were 1,205,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of July 8-14, 2007, up 1 percent from a year ago. Of these hired workers, 847,000 workers were hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 358,000 workers.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$10.04 per hour during the July 2007 reference week, up 32 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$9.31 per hour, up 38 cents from last July, while livestock workers earned \$9.80 per hour compared with \$9.49 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$9.44 per hour, was up 37 cents from last year.

The number of hours worked averaged 41.6 hours for hired workers during the survey week, up 1 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 <sup>1/</sup>			United States <sup>2/</sup>		
	July 9-15 2006	April 8-14 2007 <sup>5/</sup>	July 8-14 2007	July 9-15 2006	April 8-14 2007 <sup>5/</sup>	July 8-14 2007
Thousands of Workers						
Farm Employment						
Hired	55	47	53	876	736	847
150 days or more	33	38	34	630	593	600
149 days or less	22	9	19	246	143	247
Ag. Service Workers				320	253	358
Dollars per hour						
Wage Rates						
All hired farm workers <sup>3/4/</sup>	10.14	10.17	10.20	9.72	10.20	10.04
Type of Worker						
Field & livestock	9.40	9.45	9.57	9.07	9.42	9.44
Field	9.46	9.86	9.22	8.93	9.35	9.31
Livestock	9.28	9.16	10.32	9.49	9.59	9.80
Hours Worked per week						
Hired	34.7	42.2	36.0	41.0	40.7	41.6

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 <sup>1/2/3/</sup>

Type of Farm	July 9-15, 2006	April 8-14, 2007	July 8-14, 2007
Percent of Field and Livestock Workers			
Field Crops	11	11	13
Other Crops	58	54	56
Livestock, Dairy, & Poultry	31	35	31
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>

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, 2007 were greater than year earlier levels for pork and butter

Stocks of pork bellies were down 33 percent from last month but up 3 percent from last year.

Butter stocks were down slightly from last month but up 5 percent from a year ago.

Total frozen poultry supplies on July 31, 2007 were up 7 percent from the previous month but down 17 percent from a year ago. Total stocks of chicken were up 3 percent from the previous month but down 11 percent from last year. Total pounds of turkey in freezers were up 12 percent from last month but down 2 percent from July 31, 2006.

Total red meat supplies in freezers were up 3 percent from both last month and the previous year. Frozen pork supplies were down 2 percent from last month but up 10 percent from last year.

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

Commodity	July 31, 2006	June 30, 2007	July 31, 2007	July 31, 2007 as percent of	
				07/31/06	06/30/07
		1,000 Pounds			Percent
Butter	259,832	272,975	271,882	105	100
Cheese, Total Natural	898,917	873,056	867,278	96	99
Eggs, Frozen	23,596	17,411	17,475	74	100
Fruits, Frozen	1,057,400	921,052	1,183,706	112	129
Fruit Juices, Frozen	1,271,618	1,256,146	1,208,719	95	96
Meats, Total Red	915,539	918,438	947,242	103	103
Beef, Total Frozen	479,218	429,078	467,479	98	109
Pork, Total Frozen	417,769	467,949	459,795	110	98
Poultry, Total Frozen	1,247,584	1,085,851	1,157,743	93	107
Chicken	727,855	629,993	645,917	89	103
Turkeys	512,223	448,106	502,635	98	112
Vegetables, Total Frozen	1,654,362	1,237,075	1,503,247	91	122
Potatoes, Total Frozen	996,405	1,078,208	988,242	99	92

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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