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U.S. CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 4 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.0 million head on October 1, 2007. The inventory was 4 percent below October 1, 2006 but 5 percent above October 1, 2005. The inventory included 6.83 million steers and steer calves, down 5 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 62 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.07 million head, down 1 percent from 2006.

Placements in feedlots during September totaled 2.43 million, 9 percent above 2006 and 3 percent above 2005. Net placements were 2.37 million head. During September, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 610,000, 600-699 pounds were 505,000, 700-799 pounds were 570,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 740,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during September totaled 1.71 million, 3 percent below 2006 and 6 percent below 2005. This is the second lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of September since the series began in 1996.

Other disappearance totaled 54,000 during September, 21 percent below 2006 and 5 percent below 2005.

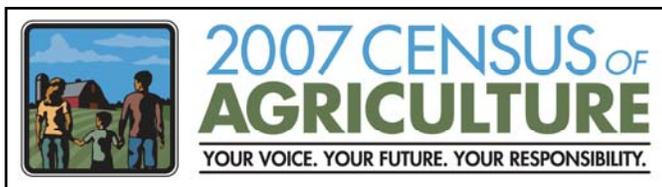
U.S. PARITY PRICES FOR FARM PRODUCTS ¹

Commodity	Unit	Oct 2006	Sep 2007	Oct 2007
<i>Dollars</i>				
Wheat.....	Bu.	10.40	11.00	11.00
Corn.....	Bu.	7.72	8.13	8.14
All Milk, Sold to Plants ²	Cwt.	38.20	40.60	40.70
Wool.....	Lb.	1.61	1.74	1.74
Barley.....	Bu.	7.21	7.66	7.67
Oats.....	Bu.	4.29	4.55	4.56
Potatoes.....	Cwt.	16.00	17.30	17.30
Rye.....	Bu.	6.88	8.76	8.77
Soybeans.....	Bu.	17.10	18.00	18.00
Apples, For Fresh Use ³ ...	Lb.	0.524	0.637	0.638
Beef Cattle.....	Cwt.	191.00	215.00	215.00
Calves.....	Cwt.	266.00	309.00	309.00
Hogs.....	Cwt.	116.00	123.00	124.00
Lambs.....	Cwt.	231.00	252.00	252.00
Sheep.....	Cwt.	94.80	104.00	104.00
Eggs.....	Doz.	1.76	1.86	1.86
Turkeys, Live.....	Lb.	1.090	1.180	1.190

¹ Parity prices are computed under the provisions of Title III, Subtitle a, Section 301 (a) of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 as amended by the Agricultural Acts of 1948, 1949, and 1956.

² Seasonally adjusted price as percentage of parity price.

³ Equivalent packinghouse-door returns for CA, NY (apples only). Price at point of first sale for other states.



PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS, SELECTED COMMODITIES, OCTOBER 2007

Commodity	Unit	Pennsylvania			United States		
		Oct 2006	Sep 2007	Oct 2007 ¹	Oct 2006	Sep 2007	Oct 2007 ¹
<i>Dollars</i>							
Corn.....	Bu.	2.99	4.02	3.89	2.55	3.29	3.29
Wheat, Winter ²	Bu.	-	-	-	4.63	6.89	7.98
Oats	Bu.	2.46	2.40	2.49	1.77	2.47	2.35
Barley ²	Bu.	-	-	-	2.76	4.04	5.18
Soybeans ²	Bu.	-	-	-	5.52	8.18	8.58
Hay, Dry All	Ton	133.00	170.00	172.00	109.00	132.00	133.00
Dry Alfalfa	Ton	159.00	191.00	195.00	113.00	135.00	137.00
Dry Other.....	Ton	129.00	167.00	169.00	101.00	124.00	122.00
Apples, Fresh Use.....	Lb.	.258	.403	.376	0.362	0.379	0.361
Cows, Slaughter	Cwt.	45.20	49.40	47.30	46.00	49.10	46.80
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	82.10	88.50	86.50	93.70	98.10	96.70
Calves	Cwt.	125.00	120.00	121.00	128.00	127.00	125.00
Barrows & Gilts.....	Cwt.	43.40	41.10	37.50	46.90	47.00	43.30
Sows.....	Cwt.	34.40	36.80	29.40	36.90	36.90	28.60
Sheep.....	Cwt.	43.00	46.90	-	31.40	26.20	-
Lambs.....	Cwt.	110.00	113.00	-	98.50	99.10	-
Eggs ³	Doz.	0.360	0.930	0.770	0.365	0.960	0.803
Milk, Fluid Grade	Cwt.	15.20	23.80	-	13.60	21.70	21.20
Manufactured Grade ⁴ ...	Cwt.	12.80	-	-	13.00	20.20	19.30
All	Cwt.	15.20	23.80	23.30	13.60	21.70	21.20
Milk Cows ⁵	Head	1,650.00	-	2,100.00	1,650.00	-	2,020.00

¹ Preliminary. ² Pennsylvania price not published on monthly basis, average price is published annually. ³ Market (table) eggs, including eggs sold retail by the producer. ⁴ PA is no longer published due to insufficient manufacturing grade milk volume. ⁵ Quarterly (Jan., Apr., Jul, Oct.). ⁶ Apples insufficient sales to establish a price.

OCTOBER FARM PRICES RECEIVED INDEX **ADVANCES 1 POINT FROM LAST MONTH**

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in October, at 142 percent, based on 1990-92=100, increased 1 point (0.7 percent) from September. The Crop Index is up 7 points (4.9 percent) but the Livestock Index decreased 7 points (5.0 percent). Producers received higher commodity prices for lettuce, wheat, soybeans, and tomatoes and lower prices were received for broilers, hogs, cattle, and eggs. The overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased average marketings of soybeans, corn, cotton, and grain sorghum offset decreased marketings of milk, wheat, grapes, and broilers.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 27 points (23 percent) from October 2006. The Food Commodities Index, at 145, increased 1 point (0.7 percent) from last month and increased 29 points (25 percent) from October 2006.

The October All Farm Products Index is 142 percent of its 1990-92 base, up 0.7 percent from the September index and 23 percent above the October 2006 index.

Food Grains: The October index, at 246, is 14 percent above the previous month and 62 percent above a year ago. The October all wheat price, at \$8.02 per bushel, is up \$1.27 from September and \$3.43 above October 2006.

Feed Grains & Hay: The October index is 149, down 1.3 percent from last month but 28 percent above a year ago. The corn price, at \$3.29 per bushel, is unchanged from last month but 74 cents above October 2006. The all hay price, at \$133 per ton, is up \$1.00 from September and up \$24.00 from last October.

Oil-Bearing Crops: The October index, at 147, is up 11 percent from September and 55 percent higher than October 2006. The soybean price, at \$8.58 per bushel, increased 40 cents from September and is \$3.06 above October 2006.

Fruits & Nuts: The October index, at 171, is up 4.9 percent from September but 1.2 percent lower than a year ago. Price increases for grapes, pears, strawberries, and lemons more than offset price decreases for oranges and apples.

Commercial Vegetables: The October index, at 192, is up 28 percent from last month and 56 percent above October 2006. Price increases during October for lettuce, tomatoes, broccoli, and cauliflower more than offset price declines for snap beans, onions, celery, and sweet corn.

LIVESTOCK & PRODUCTS: The October index, at 132, is 5.0 percent below last month but up 14 percent from October 2006. Compared with a year ago, prices are higher for milk, eggs, broilers, and cattle. Prices for hogs, calves, and turkeys are down from last year.

Meat Animals: The October index, at 118, is down 2.5 percent from last month but unchanged from last year. The October hog price, at \$42.60 per cwt, is down \$4.00 from September and \$3.90 lower than a year ago. The October beef cattle price of \$90.80 per cwt is down \$2.10 from last month but \$2.60 higher than October 2006.

Dairy Products: The October index, at 162, is down 2.4 percent from a month ago but 56 percent higher than October last year. The October all milk price of \$21.20 per cwt is down 50 cents from last month but up \$7.60 from October 2006. The fluid grade milk price is down 50 cents and the manufacturing grade milk price is down 90 cents from the previous month.

Poultry & Eggs: The October index, at 141, is down 9.0 percent from September but 15 percent above a year ago. The October market egg price, at 80.3 cents per dozen, decreased 15.7 cents from September but is 43.8 cents above October 2006. The October broiler price, at 43.0 cents per pound, is down 5.0 cents from September but 3.0 cents above a year ago. The October turkey price, at 61.5 cents per pound, is up 1.1 cents from the previous month but down 1.2 cents from a year earlier.

**COLD STORAGE HIGHLIGHTS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2007**

Apples in cold storage reported by cold storage warehouses for Pennsylvania totaled 2,615,000 bushels on September 30, 2007, compared to 2,355,000 bushels on September 30, 2006. The 3 largest varieties in storage were: Golden Delicious, 1,402,000 bushels; Rome, 331,000 bushels; and Gala, 192,000 bushels.

Total apple stocks in Pennsylvania totaled 109,830,000 pounds on September 30, 2007, compared to 98,910,000 pounds on September 30, 2006.

Frozen food stocks in refrigerated warehouses on September 30, 2007 were greater than year earlier levels for butter, turkey and pork. Butter stocks were down 7 percent from last month but up 27 percent from a year ago.

Total red meat supplies in freezers were up 3 percent from the previous month and up 1 percent from last year. Frozen pork supplies were up 4 percent from both the previous month and last year. Stocks of pork bellies were down 20 percent from last month but up 67 percent from last year.

Total frozen poultry supplies on September 30, 2007 were down 2 percent from the previous month and down 4 percent from a year ago. Total stocks of chicken were up 1 percent from the previous month but down 11 percent from last year. Total pounds of turkey in freezers were down 5 percent from last month but up 7 percent from September 30, 2006.

STOCKS IN COLD STORAGE, UNITED STATES

Commodity	Sep 30, 2006	Aug 31, 2007	Sep 30, 2007
	(000) Lbs.		
Butter	190,550	260,879	242,766
Cheese, Total Natural.....	843,135	830,086	820,720
Eggs, Frozen	19,038	18,485	17,689
Poultry, Total Frozen	1,180,841	1,156,253	1,135,418
Chicken	710,281	624,077	630,411
Turkeys.....	464,219	524,081	498,511
Fruits, Frozen	963,258	1,198,845	1,164,213
Fruit Juices, Frozen	1,007,806	1,069,278	931,414
Vegetables, Total Frozen	2,476,573	1,952,178	2,337,518
Potatoes, Total Frozen	1,009,609	999,029	1,083,825
Meats, Total Frozen.....	969,401	957,513	983,700
Beef, Total Frozen	491,916	479,724	486,888
Pork, Total Frozen	458,359	458,252	478,076

PENNSYLVANIA APPLES IN COLD STORAGE (BUSHELS), SEPTEMBER 2007

Variety	September 30, 2006					September 30, 2007				
	Fresh Market ¹		Processing		Total	Fresh Market ¹		Processing		Total
	Reg.	C.A.	Reg.	C.A.		Reg.	C.A.	Reg.	C.A.	
	<i>Bushels</i>									
Braeburn						0	0	0	0	0
Cortland						5,000	500	1,000	0	6,500
Empire						5,000	25,000	15,000	0	45,000
Fuji	0	0	0	0	0	500	500	0	0	1,000
Gala	240,000	50,000	88,500	17,500	156,000	105,000	80,000	7,000	0	192,000
Golden Delicious	39,200	215,000	590,000	422,000	1,266,000	107,000	170,000	625,000	500,000	1,402,000
Granny Smith						0	0	8,000	0	8,000
Idared						500	0	57,000	23,000	80,500
Jonagold						3,000	7,000	38,000	0	48,000
Jonathan						2,000	0	14,000	0	16,000
McIntosh	31,500	0	28,000	0	59,500	30,000	4,000	15,000	0	49,000
Mutsu/Crispin						8,000	0	5,000	0	13,000
Northern Spy						0	0	0	0	0
Pink Lady						0	0	0	0	0
Red Delicious	32,000	185,000	37,000	0	254,000	60,000	45,000	65,000	0	170,000
Rome	0	0	87,000	110,000	197,000	105,000	0	130,000	96,000	331,000
Rome Sport						2,000	0	10,000	0	12,000
Spartan						0	0	0	0	0
Stayman	500	0	29,000	0	29,500	1,000	0	1,000	0	2,000
Winesap						500	0	0	0	500
York	0	0	15,000	12,500	27,500	0	0	140,000	0	140,000
All Other Varieties						25,500	1,000	60,000	2,000	88,500
Not Segregated	31,800	40,500	251,500	41,500	365,300	0	0	10,000	0	10,000
All Varieties	185,000	529,000	1,055,000	586,000	2,355,000	460,000	333,000	1,201,000	621,000	2,615,000

¹ Includes total quantities on hand; graded and ungraded, packed or loose on the last day of the month specified.

APPLE STOCKS IN COLD STORAGE, PENNSYLVANIA & UNITED STATES

Commodity	All Warehouse Stocks		
	September 30, 2006	August 31, 2007	September 30, 2007
Pennsylvania			
Apples:			
Regular Storage	52,080,000	11,466,000	69,762,000
Controlled Atmosphere	46,830,000	357,000	40,068,000
TOTAL APPLES	98,910,000	11,823,000	109,830,000
United States			
Apples:			
Regular Storage	1,043,557,000	29,159,000	1,038,976,000
Controlled Atmosphere	2,045,622,000	70,207,000	1,936,993,000
TOTAL APPLES	3,089,179,000	99,366,000	2,975,969,000

MONTHLY POULTRY SUMMARY

Item	Unit	Pennsylvania			United States		
		Sep 2006	Aug 2007	Sep 2007	Sep 2006	Aug 2007	Sep 2007
Layers.....	Thous.	23,180	21,937	22,090	343,147	339,508	339,841
Eggs Per 100 Layers.....	Number	2,338	2,411	2,313	2,165	2,229	2,169
Eggs Produced.....	Million	542	529	511	7,430	7,569	7,370
Chick Hatch-Egg Type.....	Thous.	4,940	4,040	4,165	36,873	36,838	35,270
Chick Hatch-Broiler Type.....	Thous.	13,158	14,331	14,704	772,258	828,788	784,155
Poults Placed.....	Thous.	-	-	-	23,534	26,523	24,219

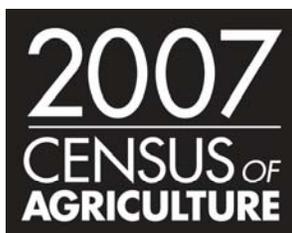
EGG PRODUCTION

Egg production in Pennsylvania during September 2007 totaled 511 million eggs, down 6 percent from the 542 million eggs produced in September 2006. The total number of layers averaged 22.0 million during September, a 5 percent drop from last year. Production per 100 layers was 2,313 eggs during the month, a decrease of 25 eggs from September 2006.

Egg-type chicks hatched during September 2007 totaled 4.1 million, down 16 percent from the 4.9 million hatched the previous September. Broiler-type chicks hatched totaled 14.7 million during September 2007, up 12 percent from the same month last year.

United States' egg production totaled 7.37 billion during September 2007, down 1 percent from last year's total during September. The total number of layers during September averaged 340 million, down 1 percent from last year. September egg production per 100 layers was 2,169 eggs, up slightly from September 2006.

Egg-type chicks hatched in the United States during September totaled 35.3 million, down 4 percent from September 2006. Broiler-type hatch totaled 784 million, a 2 percent increase from last year at this time. There were 24.3 million turkey poults placed in the United States during September 2007, up 1 percent from the placements during the same month a year ago.



COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER, SEP 2007

Specie	Unit	Pennsylvania	United States
Red Meat Prod	Million pounds	100.9	3,864.1
Cattle.....	1,000 Head	77.0	2,665.0
	1,000 pounds live	95,264	3,426,441
Calves	1,000 Head	12.0	56.0
	1,000 pounds live	4,925	15,728
Hogs.....	1,000 Head	225.9	8,774.4
	1,000 pounds live	57,194	2,334,741
Sheep & Lambs.....	1,000 Head	4.7	210.6
	1,000 pounds live	469	27,045

RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Commercial red meat production, dressed weight basis, in **Pennsylvania** during September 2007 totaled 100.9 million pounds, down 1 percent from September 2006. Beef production, at 95.3 million pounds live weight, was up 8 percent from September 2006. Total head slaughtered was 77,000, up 6 percent from the same month last year. Live weight averaged 1,247 pounds, up 19 pounds from last year. Veal production was 4.9 million pounds live weight, down 16 percent from last year. Calf slaughter of 12,000 head was down 19 percent from last year. Average live weight increased 13 pounds to 412 pounds. Pork production was 57.2 million pounds live weight, down 7 percent from last year. Total head slaughtered was 225,900, down 7 percent from September 2006. Average live weight decreased 1 pound from last year to 254 pounds. Lamb and mutton production during September 2007 was 469,000 pounds live weight, up 14 percent from September 2006. The number slaughtered was 4,700, up 9 percent from last year. Average live weight increased 4 pounds to 99 pounds.

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