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FARM FACTS FOR SOUTH CAROLINA



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VEGETABLES

South Carolina's harvested fresh market vegetable and melon acreage for 6 major crops totaled 13,600 for the 2008 crop year. Total acreage was down 4 percent from 2007's acreage of 14,100. Fresh market snap beans acreage for harvest was estimated at 800 acres, down 20 percent from a year ago. Harvested acreage for fresh market cucumbers was 1,600 acres, up 33 percent from the previous year. Harvested acreage of fresh market tomatoes at 2,500 acres, down 14 percent from the 2007 acreage. Harvested acreage for cantaloups was 1,100 acres, down 31

percent from the 2007 acreage. Squash harvested acreage was 1,100 acres, up 10 percent from the previous year. Watermelon acreage for harvest was set at 6,500 acres, unchanged from the previous year. South Carolina's contracted cucumbers for pickles acreage for 2008 was set at 2,100 harvested acres, down 12 percent from 2007 and 25 percent below 2006. For the 2008 crop year, South Carolina was ranked in the top 10 in the total production of the following vegetables: 6th in cantaloups, 8th in cucumbers, and 7th in watermelons.

FRESH MARKET VEGETABLES: Acres Planted and Harvested, Yield, Production, and Value, South Carolina, 2006-2008

Fresh Market Vegetables	2006	2007	2008	2006	2007	2008
	Acres Planted (000)			Acres Harvested (000)		
Snap Beans	1.4	1.2	1.0	1.2	0.9	0.8
Cucumbers	1.8	1.4	1.8	1.6	1.2	1.6
Tomatoes	3.1	3.0	2.6	3.0	2.9	2.5
Watermelons	8.0	7.5	7.5	7.5	6.5	6.5
	Yield per Acre (Cwt.)			Production (Thou. Cwt.)		
Snap Beans	62	50	45	74	45	36
Cucumbers	110	90	210	176	108	336
Tomatoes	160	82	195	480	238	488
Watermelons	210	145	215	1,575	943	1,398
	Value per Cwt. (Dollars)			Total Value (Thou. Dollars)		
Snap Beans	45.00	57.00	55.00	3,330	2,565	1,980
Cucumbers	25.00	25.00	20.00	4,400	2,700	6,720
Tomatoes	37.70	48.50	65.00	18,096	11,543	31,720
Watermelons	9.00	8.00	10.80	14,175	7,544	15,098

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THIS ISSUE'S HIGHLIGHTS

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CHICKEN AND EGG PRODUCTION

SOUTH CAROLINA'S laying flocks produced 97 million eggs during December, down 2 percent from last year. Production totaled 74 million table eggs and 23 million hatching eggs. The number of layers averaged 4,420,000 birds, down 2 percent from 4,492,000 a year ago. December egg production per 100 layers was 2,195 eggs, compared with 2,204 in 2007.

UNITED STATES egg production totaled 7.78 billion during December 2008. Production included 6.71 billion table eggs, and 1.07 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.00 billion were broiler-type and 67 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during December 2008 averaged 341 million, down 1 percent from last year. December egg production per 100 layers was 2,281 eggs, up 1 percent from December 2007.

Average Layers and Egg Production, DECEMBER 2008

Selected States	Average No. of Layers	Eggs Produced	Eggs per 100 Layers
	Thousand	Million	Number
Alabama	9,392	183	1,948
Florida	10,330	241	2,333
Georgia	18,439	393	2,131
North Carolina	12,540	265	2,113
South Carolina	4,420	97	2,195
United States	340,957	7,778	2,281

SHEEP AND GOATS

Based on January 1, 2009 estimates, SOUTH CAROLINA'S **milk goat inventory** is estimated at 3,000 head, unchanged from the same date in 2008, announced the USDA NASS South Carolina Field Office today. **Meat and other goats** totaled 38,000 head, down five percent from a year ago.

All goat inventory in the United States on January 1, 2009, totaled 3.07 million head, down 2 percent from 2008. **Breeding goat inventory** totaled 2.54 million head down 2 percent from 2008. **All market goats and kids** totaled 528,000 head, up 1 percent from a year ago. On January 1, 2009 **meat and all other goats** totaled 2.55 million head, down 2 percent from 2008. **Milk goat inventory** increased 4 percent to 335,000 head while **angora goats** were down 10 percent totaling 185,000 head. The 2008 **kid crop** totaled 1.96 million head for all goats, down 2 percent from 2007.

Mohair production in the United States during 2008 was 1.18 million pounds. **Goats and kids clipped** totaled 193,500 head. Average weight per clip was 6.10 pounds. **Mohair price** was \$3.31 per pound with a value of 3.91 million dollars.

BROILER HATCHERY PRODUCTION

During the month of December, SOUTH CAROLINA'S broiler hatcheries produced 20.1 million chicks, up 3 percent from last year's 19.5 million chicks.

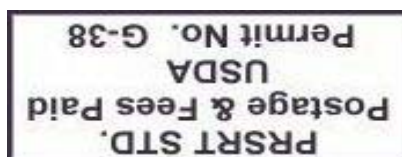
THE UNITED STATES broiler-type chicks hatched during December 2008 totaled 779 million, down 5 percent from December 2007. Eggs in incubators totaled 630 million on January 1, 2009, down 7 percent from a year ago.

CHICKS HATCHED by Type, South Carolina and U.S., December 2008

Flock Type and Area	December 2008	Cumulative, 2008
	Thousand	
<i>Broiler Type:</i>		
SOUTH CAROLINA	20,096	234,239
United States	779,160	9,442,976
<i>Egg Type:</i>		
United States	36,393	467,232

Milk Goats: Number by State and United States, 2008-2009

States	2008 Head	2009 Head
Alabama	4,000	4,500
Florida	6,000	6,000
Georgia	4,000	4,500
North Carolina	8,000	9,500
South Carolina	3,000	3,000
United States	323,000	335,000



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SOUTH CAROLINA FRUIT PRODUCTION

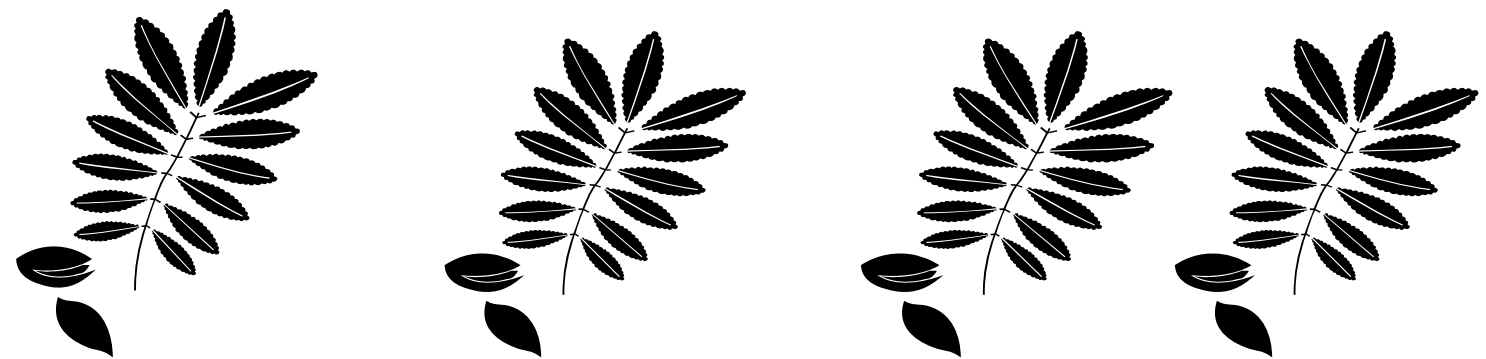
Based on end of season data, **SOUTH CAROLINA'S** 14,000 bearing acres of **peach** trees produced 60,000 tons of fruit, up 12,500 tons from last year's production. The state's utilized production of 57,000 tons sold for an average of \$874 a ton, resulting in a value of production of \$49,831,000. South Carolina had 500 bearing acres of **apple** trees which produced 7,000,000 pounds of fruit, up from 300,000 pounds in 2007. The value of the 6.3 million pounds of utilized production

was \$1,119,000 compared with \$142,000 the previous year. **SOUTH CAROLINA'S** 2007 **pecan** crop totaled 2,500,000 pounds, up from 2,000,000 pounds last year. Growers expect to harvest 1,800,000 pounds of improved varieties and 700,000 pounds of the Native and Seeding varieties, unchanged from October forecast. Value of production for improved and native/seeding varieties was \$1.9 million and \$504,000 respectively.

FRUITS AND NUTS

APPLES AND PEACHES: Acreage, Production and Value, Selected States, 2007- 2008

States	Bearing Acreage		Yield per Acre		Total Production		Utilized Production		Price per Pound		Value of Utilized Production	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	Acres		Pounds		Million Pounds		Dollars		Thou. Dollars			
APPLES												
GA	600	600	3,330	20,000	2.0	12.0	2.0	12.0	0.500	0.373	1,000	4,470
NY	42,000	42,000	31,200	29,300	1,310.0	1,230.0	1,300.0	1,180.0	0.222	0.221	288,260	260,525
NC	6,800	6,800	8,820	25,700	60.0	175.0	60.0	175.0	0.098	0.161	5,864	28,247
SC	500	500	600	14,000	0.3	7.0	0.3	6.3	0.473	0.178	142	1,119
WA	153,000	153,000	34,000	39,900	5,200.0	6,100.0	5,200.0	6,100.0	0.342	0.274	1,780,420	1,669,200
US	350,890	349,890	25,900	28,700	9,089.4	10,035.2	9,045.4	9,939.5	0.288	0.262	2,608,220	2,599,499
PEACHES												
	Acres		Tons		Tons		Dollars		Thou. Dollars		Dollars	
CA	31,000	31,000	14.40	13.70	446,000	426,000	446,000	426,000	402.00	338.00	179,175	143,927
GA	9,500	9,500	1.37	2.95	13,000	28,000	12,000	25,000	819.00	773.00	9,830	19,326
NJ	6,300	6,200	5.08	5.48	32,000	34,000	28,800	26,000	1,140.00	920.00	32,832	23,920
NC	1,200	1,200	0.54	4.67	650	5,600	650	5,250	1,130.00	1,010.00	735	5,303
SC	14,000	14,000	0.89	4.29	12,500	60,000	12,000	57,000	1,130.00	874.00	13,616	49,831
US	125,310	124,000	8.99	9.05	1,127,150	1,121,910	1,115,895	1,100,130	450.00	490.00	502,087	539,491



ALL PECANS: Utilized Production, Price, and Value, Selected States, 2006- 2008

Selected States	Utilized Production			Price per Pound			Value of Production		
	2006	2007	2008	2006	2007	2008	2006	2007	2008
	Thou. Lbs			Dollars			Thou. Dollars		
AL	6,000	12,000	7,000	1.230	0.852	1.300	7.386	10,220	9,128
GA	42,000	150,000	67,000	1.580	1.060	1.500	66,300	159,300	100,750
NC	500	200	700	1.290	1.370	1.370	647	274	959
SC	1,100	2,000	2,500	1.660	1.100	0.958	1,821	2,190	2,394
US	207,300	387,305	191,080	1.560	1.120	1.410	322,493	433,644	269,985

CATTLE

All cattle and calves on **SOUTH CAROLINA** farms on January 1, 2009 were estimated at 380,000 head, the USDA, NASS South Carolina Field Office announced today. This number is down 4 percent from January 1, 2008 estimate of 395,000. South Carolina ranks 38th among all states while Texas ranks first at 13.6 million head with Nebraska and Kansas coming in second and third at 6.40 and 6.35 million head, respectively.

The total inventory of 380,000 head includes 188,000 beef cows and 17,000 milk cows. Also included are 17,000 bulls, 32,000 beef replacement heifers, 7,000 milk replacement heifers, 11,000 other heifers, and 15,000 steers, all weighing 500 pounds or more. Calves weighing less than 500 pounds totaled 93,000. The South Carolina calf crop for 2008 totaled 165,000 head, down 6 percent from 2007.

ALL CATTLE AND CALVES

Number by Class and Calf Crop, Selected States, January 1, 2008 and 2009

Selected States	All Cattle and Calves		All Cows That Have calved		Beef Cows That Have Calved		Beef Cow Replacement		Milk Cow Replacement	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
	1,000 Head									
Florida	1,710	1,700	1,060	1,060	940	942	135	140	35	35
Georgia	1,130	1,110	630	610	553	536	75	73	22	23
North Carolina	830	850	420	430	372	385	69	69	23	20
South Carolina	395	380	210	205	192	188	36	32	7.0	7.0
Texas	13,600	13,600	5,550	5,600	5,150	5,170	750	790	180	220
United States	96,034.5	94,491.0	41,691.5	41,004.6	32,434.5	31,671.3	5,646.6	5,526.2	4,415.0	4,409.5

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION: Selected States, and United States, December 1/

Selected States	Dec 2007	Nov 2008	Dec 2008	December 2008 as % of 2/	
	Million Pounds			Dec 2007	Nov 2008
Florida	7.2	7.6	7.7	107	101
Georgia	12.5	12.2	11.2	89	92
Kansas	456.3	377.0	421.0	92	112
Nebraska	581.5	575.1	592.1	102	103
North Carolina	204.1	207.5	221.8	109	107
SOUTH CAROLINA	21.1	19.0	20.5	97	108
Texas	372.0	361.3	399.3	107	111
UNITED STATES	4,059.9	*3,871.7	4,162.7	103	108

* Revised. 1/ Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb, and mutton. 2/ Percentages based on unrounded data.

COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION: United States, December 1/

Class	Dec 2007	Nov 2008	Dec 2008	December 08 % of	
	Million Pounds			Dec 2007	Nov 2008
Beef	2,061.4	1,960.9	2,082.0	101	106
Veal	10.4	11.3	13.3	128	117
Pork	1,972.7	1,886.5	2,052.0	104	109
Lamb and Mutton	15.4	12.9	15.4	100	120
Total Red Meat	4,059.9	*3,871.7	4,162.7	103	108

*Revised. 1/ Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter.