

## VEGETABLES

South Carolina's harvested fresh market vegetable and melon acreage for 6 major crops totaled 14,400 for the 2007 crop year. Total acreage was down 9 percent from 2006's acreage of 15,900. Fresh market snap beans acreage for harvest was estimated at 600 acres, down 50 percent from a year ago. Harvested acreage for fresh market cucumbers was 2,000 acres, up 11 percent from the previous year. Harvested acreage of fresh market tomatoes at 2,700 acres, down 10 percent from the 2006 acreage. Harvested acreage for cantaloups was 1,100

acres, unchanged from the previous year. Squash harvested acreage was 1,000 acres, down 23 percent from the previous year. Watermelon acreage for harvest was set at 7,000 acres, down 7 percent from the previous year. South Carolina's contracted cucumbers for pickles acreage for 2007 was set at 2,400 harvested acres, down 14 percent from 2006 and 41 percent below 2005. For the 2007 crop year, South Carolina was ranked in the top 10 in the total production of the following vegetables: 8<sup>th</sup> in cantaloups, 8<sup>th</sup> in cucumbers, and 9<sup>th</sup> in watermelons.

**FRESH MARKET VEGETABLES: Acres Planted and Harvested, Yield, Production, and Value, South Carolina, 2005-2007**

Fresh Market Vegetables	2005	2006	2007	2005	2006	2007
	Acres Planted (000)			Acres Harvested (000)		
Snap Beans	1.3	1.4	0.7	1.0	1.2	0.6
Cucumbers	1.9	2.0	2.2	1.7	1.8	2.0
Tomatoes	3.2	3.1	2.8	3.0	3.0	2.7
Watermelons	7.5	8.0	7.5	7.0	7.5	7.0
Yield per Acre (Cwt.)			Production (Thou. Cwt.)			
Snap Beans	30	62	50	30	74	30
Cucumbers	70	110	90	119	198	180
Tomatoes	130	160	82	390	480	221
Watermelons	110	210	145	770	1,575	1,015
Value per Cwt. (Dollars)			Total Value (Thou. Dollars)			
	2005	2006	2007	2005	2006	2007
Snap Beans	40.00	45.00	57.00	1,200	3,330	1,710
Cucumbers	21.00	25.00	25.00	2,499	4,950	4,500
Tomatoes	36.10	37.70	48.50	14,079	18,096	10,719
Watermelons	9.00	9.00	8.00	6,930	14,175	8,120



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# FARM FACTS FOR SOUTH CAROLINA



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### THIS ISSUE'S HIGHLIGHTS

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### CHICKEN AND EGG PRODUCTION

SOUTH CAROLINA'S laying flocks produced 99 million eggs during December, down 10 percent from last year. Production totaled 77 million table eggs and 22million hatching eggs. The number of layers averaged 4,487,000 birds, down 8 percent from 4,883,000 a year ago. December egg production per 100 layers was 2,206 eggs, compared with 2,253 in 2006.

UNITED STATES egg production totaled 7.76 billion during December 2007. Production included 6.63 billion table eggs, and 1.13 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.06 billion were broiler-type and 67 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during December 2007 averaged 344 million, down 1 percent from last year. December egg production per 100 layers was 2,256 eggs, up 1 percent from December 2006.

**Average Layers and Egg Production  
Selected States, and U.S., December 2007**

Selected States	Average No. of Layers	Eggs Produced	Eggs per 100 Layers
	Thousand	Million	Number
Alabama	9,518	185	1,944
Florida	10,938	248	2,267
Georgia	19,312	412	2,133
North Carolina	12,577	265	2,107
<b>South Carolina</b>	<b>4,487</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>2,206</b>
United States	344,089	7,763	2,256

### BROILER HATCHERY PRODUCTION

During the month of December, SOUTH CAROLINA'S broiler hatcheries produced 19.5 million chicks.

THE UNITED STATES broiler-type chicks hatched during December 2007 totaled 823 million, up 3 percent from December 2006. Eggs in incubators totaled 677 million on January 1, 2008, up 4 percent from a year ago.

**CHICKS HATCHED by Type  
South Carolina and U.S., December 2007**

Flock Type and Area	December 2006	Cumulative, 2007
	Thousand	
<i>Broiler Type:</i>		
<b>SOUTH CAROLINA</b>	<b>19,468</b>	<b>233,081</b>
United States	823,327	9,593,788
<i>Egg Type:</i>		
United States	35,543	445,400

### FARM NUMBERS

The number of farms in **South Carolina** in 2007 is estimated at 24,700, up 100 from 2006. Total land in farms for 2007 is 4.85 million acres, unchanged from 2006. The average size of farms in 2007 was 196 acres, down 1 acre from 2006. Farms with \$100,000 or more in sales totaled 1,800 in 2007, accounting for 7.3 percent of all farms.

The number of farms in the United States in 2007 is estimated at 2.08 million, 0.6 percent fewer than in 2006. Total land in farms, at 930.9 million acres, decreased 1.5 million acres, or 0.16 percent, from 2006. The average size farm during 2006 was 449 acres during 2007, an increase of three acre from the previous year. The decline in the number of farms and land in farms reflect a continuing consolidation in farming operations and diversion of agricultural land to nonagricultural uses.

**Number of Farms and Land in Farms,  
Average Farm Size, By State, and United States 2006-2007**

Year	Number of Farms	Land in Farms (1,000 Acres)	Average Farm Size
<b>South Carolina</b>			
2006	24,600	4,850	197
2007	24,700	4,850	196
<b>United States</b>			
2006	2,088,790	932,430	446
2007	2,075,510	930,920	449

1/ A farm is any establishment from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were sold or would normally be sold during the year. 2/ Preliminary.



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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 12,500 tons of fruit, down 47.5 thousand tons from last year's production. The state's utilized production of 12,000 tons sold for an average of \$1,130 a ton, resulting in a value of production of \$13,616,000. South Carolina had 500 bearing acres of **apple** trees which produced 300,000 pounds of fruit, down from 3 million pounds in 2006. The value of the

300,000 pounds of utilized production was \$142,000 compared with \$375,000 the previous year.

SOUTH CAROLINA'S 2007 **pecan** crop is expected to total 2,000,000 pounds, up from 1,100,000 pounds last year. Growers expect to harvest 1,500,000 pounds of improved varieties and 500,000 pounds of the Native and Seeding varieties, unchanged from October forecast.

### FRUITS AND NUTS

#### APPLES AND PEACHES: Acreage, Production and Value, Selected States, 2006-2007

States	Bearing Acreage		Yield per Acre		Total Production		Utilized Production		Price per Pound		Value of Utilized Production	
	2006	2007	2006	2007			2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	Acres		Pounds		Million Pounds		Dollars		Thou. Dollars			
<b>APPLES</b>												
GA	1,300	1,300	10,000	1,540	13.0	2.0	12.0	2.0	0.202	0.500	2,419	1,000
NY	45,000	42,000	27,800	30,200	1,250.0	1,270.0	1,240.0	1,260.0	0.200	0.213	248,235	268,840
NC	6,800	6,800	25,400	8,820	173.0	60.0	170.0	60.0	0.144	0.190	24,560	11,420
SC	600	500	5,000	600	3.0	0.3	2.4	0.3	0.156	0.473	375	142
WA	158,000	158,000	35,100	34,200	5,550.0	5,400.0	5,550.0	5,400.0	0.254	0.293	1,407,632	1,583,025
US	369,990	363,440	26,600	25,700	9,851.7	9,342.6	9,755.5	9,300.6	0.229	0.258	2,237,547	2,397,849
<b>PEACHES</b>												
	Acres		Tons		Tons		Dollars		Thou. Dollars			
CA	63,000	62,500	4.30	14.90	712,000	933,000	712,000	933,000	380.00	347.00	220,408	323,872
GA	11,500	12,000	3.57	1.08	41,000	13,000	37,000	12,000	892.00	819.00	33,020	9,830
NJ	7,200	7,100	4.72	4.51	34,000	32,000	34,000	28,800	1,050.00	1,140.00	35,700	32,832
NC	1,200	1,200	4.69	0.54	5,630	650	5,290	650	967.00	1,130.00	5,115	735
SC	14,000	14,000	4.29	0.89	60,000	12,500	50,000	12,000	749.00	1,130.00	37,474	13,616
US	134,860	134,140	7.49	8.30	1,010,120	1,112,740	987,080	1,101,185	520.00	453.00	512,867	498,623

#### ALL PECANS: Utilized Production, Price, and Value, Selected States, 2005-2007

Selected States	Utilized Production			Price per Pound			Value of Production		
	2005	2006	2007	2005	2006	2007	2005	2006	2007
	Thou. Lbs			Dollars			Thou. Dollars		
AL	4,000	6,000	15,000	1.100	1.230	0.855	4,384	7,386	12,820
GA	80,000	42,000	125,000	1.270	1.580	1.030	101,440	66,300	128,500
NC	2,000	500	500	0.965	1.290	1.360	1,930	647	680
SC	2,200	1,100	2,000	1.000	1.660	1.340	2,209	1,821	2,685
US	280,250	206,300	349,155	1.450	1.550	1.080	406,920	320,643	376,063

### Livestock Operations

The number of operations with **cattle** totaled 967,440 during 2007, down slightly from 2006 and 2 percent below 2005. Beef cow operations in 2007 were down 1 percent from 2006 and 2 percent below 2005. Milk cow operations were 5 percent below last year and 9 percent below two years ago. The three operation classes: cattle, beef cows, and milk cows, are classified into size groups independently. The number of operations with **hogs** totaled 65,640 during 2007, down slightly from 2006 and down 2 percent from 2005. Places with 2,000 or more head

accounted for 82 percent of the inventory. The number of operations with **sheep** totaled 70,590 during 2007, up 2 percent from 2006 and up 3 percent from 2005. Of all sheep operations that include breeding sheep, 91.1 percent were comprised of 1-99 head, 7.4 percent had 100-499 head, and the remaining 1.5 percent were operations with 500 head or more. Operations with 1-99 head account for 30.8 percent of the inventory, 100-499 head account for 23.1 percent of the inventory, and 500+ head account for 46.1 percent of the inventory.

### ALL CATTLE AND CALVES

#### Number by Class and Calf Crop, Selected States, January 1, 2007 and 2008

Selected States	All Cattle and Calves		Beef Cows that Have calved		Milk Cows that Have Calved		Heifers 500 Pounds and Over		Calf Crop	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	1,000 Head									
Florida	1,730	1,710	950	936	130	124	205	200	910	900
Georgia	1,170	1,130	585	553	75	77	134	130	540	530
North Carolina	850	830	392	372	48	48	123	118	410	390
South Carolina	400	400	203	197	17	18	54	55	175	175
Texas	14,000	13,800	5,303	5,240	347	360	2,530	2,520	5,000	4,900
United States	97,002.9	99,668.6	32,891.2	32,552.5	9,132.0	9,224.0	20,086.1	20,002.7	37,518.7	37,360.7

### LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

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

Selected States	Dec 2006	Nov 2007	Dec 2007	December 2007 as % of 2/	
	Million Pounds			Dec 2006	Nov 2007
	-----			----- Percent -----	
Florida	6.6	8.2	7.2	109	88
Georgia	13.6	13.5	12.5	92	93
Kansas	492.3	505.6	456.3	93	90
Nebraska	558.3	626.3	579.5	104	93
North Carolina	192.5	217.0	204.1	106	94
<b>SOUTH CAROLINA</b>	20.6	22.1	21.1	102	95
Texas	357.7	404.7	372.0	104	92
UNITED STATES	3,874.5	4,300.6	4,058.1	105	94

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 2006	Nov 2007	Dec 2007	December 07 % of	
	Million Pounds			Dec 2006	Nov 2007
	-----			----- Percent -----	
Beef	2,049.5	2,229.1	2,059.4	100	92
Veal	13.1	10.1	10.4	79	104
Pork	1,796.4	2,045.4	1,972.9	110	96
Lamb and Mutton	15.4	16.1	15.4	99	95
Total Red Meat	3,874.5	4,300.6	4,058.1	105	94

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