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FARM FACTS FOR SOUTH CAROLINA



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SMALL GRAINS

Based on the September 1 Agricultural Survey, **SOUTH CAROLINA'S** 2008 production of wheat and oats is up from last year. This year's **WHEAT** production is estimated at 11.1 million bushels, up 165 percent from last year's 4.19 million bushels. The 2008 acres harvested at 205,000, is 70,000 acres above a year ago; the average yield per acre of 54 bushels is up 23 bushels from 2007. The

planted acres are 220,000, up 60,000 acres from last year's 160,000. The 2008 production of **OATS**, at 1,216,000 bushels is up 80 percent from a year ago. This year's harvested acres, at 19,000, are up 46 percent from last year and the average yield of 64 bushels is up 12 bushels from 2007. The planted acres are 33,000, unchanged from a year ago.

Planted and Harvested Acreage, Yield and Production, South Carolina and United States, 2007 and September 1, 2008

Crop	Planted Acres (000) 1		Harvested Acres (000)		Yield per Harvested Acre		Production (000)	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
SOUTH CAROLINA								
Oats	33	33	13	19	52.0	64.0	676	1,216
Winter Wheat	160	220	135	205	31.0	54.0	4,185	11,070
UNITED STATES								
Oats	3,760	3,217	1,505	1,395	60.9	63.5	91,599	88,635
Winter Wheat	44,987	46,181	35,952	39,614	42.2	47.2	1,515,989	1,867,903

1/ Includes area planted the preceding fall.

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THIS ISSUE'S HIGHLIGHTS

- Broiler Hatchery Production
- Chickens and Egg Production
- Commercial Red Meat Production
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- Grain Stocks
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EGG PRODUCTION

SOUTH CAROLINA'S laying flocks produced 94 million eggs during August, down 2 percent from last year. Production totaled 72 million table eggs and 22 million hatching eggs. The number of layers averaged 4,185,000 birds, down 9 percent from 4,618,000 a year ago. August egg production per 100 layers was 2,246 eggs, compared with 2,079 in 2007.

UNITED STATES egg production totaled 7.55 billion during August 2008. Production included 6.45 billion table eggs, and 1.10 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.04 billion were broiler-type and 65 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during August 2008 averaged 335 million, down 2 percent from last year. August egg production per 100 layers was 2,252 eggs, up 1 percent from August 2007.

Average Layers and Egg Production, Selected States and U. S.

Selected States	Average No. of Layers	Eggs Produced	Eggs per 100 Layers
	Thousand	Million	Number
Alabama	9,361	180	1,923
Florida	9,927	218	2,196
Georgia	18,259	378	2,070
North Carolina	12,303	259	2,105
South Carolina	4,185	94	2,246
United States	335,060	7,547	2,252

BROILER HATCHERY PRODUCTION

During the month of August, SOUTH CAROLINA'S broiler hatcheries produced 19.7 million chicks, down 4 percent from last year's 20.4 million chicks.

THE UNITED STATES broiler-type chicks hatched during August 2008 totaled 800 million, down 3 percent from August 2007. Eggs in incubators totaled 639 million on September 1, 2008, down 5 percent from a year earlier.

CHICKS HATCHED by Type, SC and U. S.,

Flock Type and Area	August 2008	Cumulative 2008
	Thousand	
Broiler Type:		
SOUTH CAROLINA	19,703	157,078
United States	799,625	6,459,543
Egg Type:		
United States	36,301	317,806

COTTON GINNINGS

GINNINGS: As of September 15, 2006-2008, States and United States

State	Running Bales Ginned		
	2006	2007	2008
All Cotton			
Alabama 1/	3,650	4,300	0
Arizona 1/	13,550	12,900	
Arkansas 1/	39,550	12,050	
Georgia 1/	7,400		1,250
Louisiana	123,800	850	4,450
Mississippi	195,500	4,150	0
North Carolina 1/	0		0
South Carolina	0	0	0
Tennessee 1/		7,850	0
Texas	610,500	293,600	465,050
United States	995,650	374,650	475,550

1/ Not published to avoid disclosing individual gins.

GRAIN STOCKS

OAT stocks totaled 179 thousand bushels on September 1, 2008. **CORN** stocks stored in off-farm facilities totaled 896 thousand bushels, as of September 1, 2008, up 166 percent from the 337 thousand bushels stored off the farm on September 1, 2007. South Carolina **WHEAT** stocks stored off the farm totaled 2.27 million bushels on September 1, compared to 1.24 million bushels stored off the farm on September 1, 2007.

S.C. GRAIN STOCKS, September 1, 2007-2008

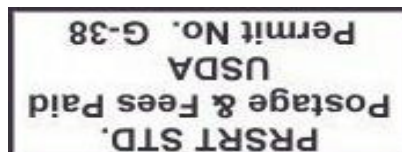
Grain	On-Farm	Off-Farm1/	Total Stocks
	-----Thousand Bushels-----		
Soybeans	*	*	*
All Wheat	*	2,269	*
Corn	*	896	*
Oats	*	179	*

U.S. GRAIN STOCKS, September 1, 2007- 2008

Grain	On-Farm	Off-Farm1/	Total Stocks
	-----Thousand Bushels-----		
Soybeans	47,000	158,034	205,034
All Wheat	635,000	1,221,576	1,856,576
Corn	499,950	1,124,200	1,624,150
Oats	52,800	66,275	119,075

* "Off farms unallocated" includes State data not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations; "on farms unallocated" includes minor producing States' data not published separately.

1/ Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals and processors.



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COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION

COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION: Selected States, and United States, August 2007 1/

Selected States	August 2007	July 2008	August 2008	August 2008 as % of 2/	
				August 2007	July 2008
	Million Pounds			Percent	
Florida	7.3	9.7	9.1	124	94
Georgia	14.5	13.4	13.7	94	102
Kansas	589.4	474.6	467.0	79	98
Nebraska	680.3	650.7	625.0	92	96
North Carolina	206.1	195.7	195.3	95	100
SOUTH CAROLINA	21.4	20.4	20.2	94	99
Texas	425.8	474.9	441.6	104	93
UNITED STATES	4,325.7	4,251.6	4,097.4	95	96

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

COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION: United States, August 2008 1/

Class	Aug 2007	Jul 2008	Aug 2008	August 2008 % of	
				August 2007	July 2008
	Million Pounds			Percent	
Beef	2,450.6	2,372.7	2,268.5	93	96
Veal	10.3	12.3	11.2	109	91
Pork	1,850.0	1,852.9	1,804.4	98	97
Lamb and Mutton	14.8	13.7	13.3	90	97
Total Red Meat	4,325.7	4,251.6	4,097.4	95	96

1/ Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter. 2/ Totals may not equal sum of the parts due to rounding.

POULTRY SLAUGHTER

The Preliminary total live weight of poultry inspected during August 2008 was 4.87 billion pounds, down 4 percent from 5.06 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.14 billion pounds, down 4 percent from August 2007.

Mature chickens, at 76.9 million pounds, were up 1 percent from the previous year. Young chickens slaughtered during August 2008 averaged 5.57 pounds per bird, up 3 percent from August 2007.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight, Pounds Certified, Post-Mortem Condemnations, Selected States and United States, August, 2008

Selected States	Number Slaughtered	Live Weight	Average Live Weight	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified 1/	Post-Mortem Condemnations	
					Carcass and Parts	Percent 2/
	Thou.	Thou. Lbs	Pounds	Thou. Lbs	Percent	
Alabama	90,156	485,381	5.38	366,214	2,847	0.77
Georgia	108,502	573,455	5.29	433,435	2,844	0.65
North Carolina	62,280	427,546	6.86	327,085	3,947	1.19
South Carolina	23,880	147,320	6.17	110,584	848	0.76
United States	743,511	4,142,855	5.57	3,080,543	28,019	0.90

1/ Ready-to-cook weights. 2/ Pounds condemned as percent of pounds certified plus post-mortem condemnations.

HOG INVENTORY

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on September 1, 2008 was 68.7 million head. This was up 2 percent from September 1, 2007, and up 1 percent from June 1, 2008.

Breeding inventory, at 6.05 million head, was down 3 percent from last year, and down 1 percent from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 62.6 million head, was up 3 percent from last year and up 2 percent from last quarter.

The June-August 2008 pig crop, at 29.3 million head, was up 1 percent from 2007 and up 10 percent from 2006. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 3.08 million head, down 2 percent from 2007 but up 6 percent from 2006. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 51 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 9.51 for the

June-August 2008 period, compared to 9.29 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.80 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 9.60 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

U.S. hog producers intend to have 3.01 million sows farrow during the September-November 2008 quarter, down 5 percent from the actual farrowings in 2007, but up 2 percent from 2006. Intended farrowings for December 2008-February 2009, at 2.98 million sows, are down 3 percent from 2008, but up 3 percent from 2007.

The total number of hogs under contract, owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 43 percent of the total U.S. hog inventory, up from 40 percent last year.

HOGS AND PIGS: Breeding, Market, and Total Inventory, by State and United States, September 1, 2007 and 2008 1/

State	Breeding		Percent of Previous Year	Market		Percent of Previous Year	Total		Percent of Previous Year
	2007	2008		2007	2008		2007	2008	
Arkansas	85	95	112	205	220	107	290	315	109
Colorado	160	145	91	700	605	86	860	750	87
Illinois	450	450	100	3,750	3,950	105	4,200	4,400	105
Indiana	310	300	97	3,190	3,400	107	3,500	3,700	106
Iowa	1,070	1,070	100	17,830	18,730	105	18,900	19,800	105
Kansas	180	170	94	1,790	1,660	93	1,970	1,830	93
Michigan	100	100	100	990	960	97	1,090	1,060	97
Minnesota	610	570	93	6,690	7,130	107	7,300	7,700	105
Missouri	385	365	95	2,765	2,835	103	3,150	3,200	102
Nebraska	365	355	97	2,985	2,995	100	3,350	3,350	100
North Carolina	1,030	1,000	97	9,370	9,300	99	10,400	10,300	99
Ohio	170	170	100	1,600	1,770	111	1,770	1,940	110
Oklahoma	400	400	100	2,050	2,060	100	2,450	2,460	100
Pennsylvania	100	85	85	1,090	1,055	97	1,190	1,140	96
South Dakota	155	150	97	1,225	1,290	105	1,380	1,440	104
Texas	100	110	110	1,020	1,030	101	1,120	1,140	102
Wisconsin	50	45	90	370	345	93	420	390	93
United States	6,209	6,049	97	61,069	62,607	103	67,279	68,657	102

1/ May not add due to rounding. 2/ Individual State estimates not available for the 33 Other States.

