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FARM FACTS FOR SOUTH CAROLINA



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MILK PRODUCTION

There were an estimated 70 million pounds of milk produced in SOUTH CAROLINA during the July-September quarter of 2008. This is down twenty percent from the April-June quarter, and down one percent from July-September 2007 quarter. There were 18,000 milk cows on SOUTH CAROLINA farms during July-September 2008, no change from the previous quarter or the previous year.

Milk production in the UNITED STATES during the July-September quarter totaled 46.8 billion pounds, up 1.6 percent from the July-September quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the U.S. during the quarter was 9.28 million head, 118,000 head more than the same period last year.

MILK COWS AND PRODUCTION: Selected States and United States, July-September, 2007-2008

Selected States	July-September Milk Cows 1/		July-September Milk Production 2/		Percent Change From 2006
	2007	2008	2007	2008	
	Thou. Head		Million Pounds		Percent
California	1,819	1,843	10,158	10,092	-0.6
Florida	126	120	472	455	-3.6
Georgia	77	75	312	305	-2.2
North Carolina	47	46	216	207	-4.2
South Carolina	18.0	18.0	71	70	-1.4
Wisconsin	1,248	1,252	6,109	6,143	0.6
United States 3/	9,159	9,277	46,110	46,841	1.6

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves. 3/ May not add due to rounding.

THIS ISSUE'S HIGHLIGHTS

- Broiler Hatchery Production
- Chickens and Egg Production
- Commercial Red Meat Production
- Poultry Slaughter
- Crop Production
- Dairy Production
- Milk Production
- Peanut Stocks
- Cotton Ginnings

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COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION

COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION: Selected States, and United States September, 2008 1/

Selected States	September 2007	August 2008	September 2008	September 08 as % of 2/	
				September 2007	August 2008
	Million Pounds			Percent	
Florida	7.2	9.1	8.6	120	95
Georgia	12.8	13.7	14.3	112	105
Kansas	477.5	467.0	452.8	95	97
Nebraska	586.4	625.0	641.2	109	103
North Carolina	183.8	195.3	210.0	114	107
SOUTH CAROLINA	19.9	20.2	21.2	106	105
Texas	369.9	441.6	433.2	117	98
UNITED STATES	3,863.6	4,097.4	4,270.4	111	104

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

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

Class	September 2007	August 2008	September 2008	September 08 % of	
				September 2007	August 2008
	Million Pounds			Percent	
Beef	2,094.7	2,268.5	2,269.8	108	100
Veal	9.4	11.2	12.8	137	114
Pork	1,746.0	1,804.4	1,973.5	113	109
Lamb and Mutton	13.6	13.3	14.4	106	108
Total Red Meat 2/	3,863.6	4,097.4	4,270.4	111	104

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 September 2008 was 4.97 billion pounds, up 9 percent from 4.57 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.23 billion pounds, up 8 percent from September 2007.

Mature chickens, at 76.9 million pounds, were up 34 percent from the previous year. Young chickens slaughtered during September 2008 averaged 5.62 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from September 2007.

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

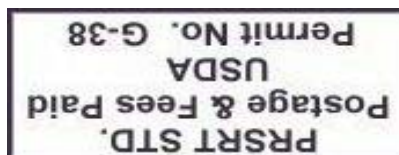
Selected States	Number Slaughtered	Live Weight	Average Live Weight	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified 1/	Post-Mortem Condemnations	
					Carcass and Parts	Percent 2/
	Thou.	Thou. Lbs	Pounds	Thou. Lbs	Percent	
Alabama	94,162	514,752	5.47	388,443	2,937	0.75
Georgia	111,465	594,527	5.33	448,849	2,904	0.64
North Carolina	59,952	413,628	6.90	316,755	3,983	1.24
South Carolina	25,744	166,477	6.47	124,769	1,006	0.80
United States	752,894	4,233,367	5.62	3,145,998	28,313	0.89

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

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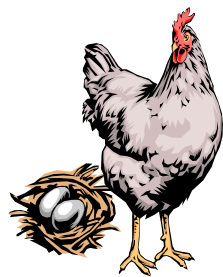
EGG PRODUCTION

SOUTH CAROLINA'S laying flocks produced 89 million eggs during September, down 7 percent from last year. Production totaled 68 million table eggs and 21 million hatching eggs. The number of layers averaged 4,342,000 birds, down 8 percent from 4,696,000 a year ago. September egg production per 100 layers was 2,050 eggs, compared with 2,044 in 2007.

UNITED STATES egg production totaled 7.34 billion during September 2008. Production included 6.28 billion table eggs, and 1.06 billion hatching eggs, of which 990 million were broiler-type and 65 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during September 2008 averaged 334 million, down 2 percent from last year. September egg production per 100 layers was 2,194 eggs, up 1 percent from September 2007.

Average Layers and Egg Production Selected States, and U.S., September, 2008

Selected States	Average No. of Layers	Eggs Produced	Eggs per 100 Layers
	Thousand	Million	Number
Alabama	9,332	176	1,886
Florida	9,930	209	2,105
Georgia	18,178	364	2,002
North Carolina	12,060	243	2,015
South Carolina	4,342	89	2,050
United States	334,374	7,336	2,194



BROILER HATCHERY PRODUCTION

During the month of September, SOUTH CAROLINA'S broiler hatcheries produced 19.4 million chicks, up 2 percent from last year's 19.0 million chicks.

THE UNITED STATES broiler-type chicks hatched during September 2008 totaled 757 million, down 3 percent from September 2007. Eggs in incubators totaled 606 million on October 1, 2008, down 6 percent from a year earlier.

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

Flock Type and Area	Sept. 2008	January - September
	Thousand	
<i>Broiler Type:</i>		
SOUTH CAROLINA	19,424	176,502
United States	756,565	7,216,108
<i>Egg Type:</i>		
United States	36,428	354,234

NOVEMBER DAIRY PRODUCTION

Total cheese output (excluding cottage cheese) was 795 million pounds, 2.3 percent above September 2007 but 3.1 percent below August 2008.

Italian type cheese production totaled 333 million pounds, 0.3 percent above September 2007 and 0.5 percent above August 2008.

American type cheese production totaled 317 million pounds, 5.7 percent above September 2007 but 6.4 percent below August 2008.

Butter production was 121 million pounds, 7.4 percent above September 2007 and 4.8 percent above August 2008.

Dry Milk Powders: (comparisons with September 2007) Nonfat dry milk, human – 86.3 million pounds, down 4.0 percent. Skim milk powders – 38.9 million pounds, up 161.1 percent.

Whey products: (comparisons with September 2007) Dry whey, total – 83.2 million pounds, down 5.7 percent. Lactose, human and animal – 58.8 million pounds, down 3.7 percent. Whey protein concentrate, total – 33.5 million pounds, up 6.7 percent.

Frozen products: (comparisons with September 2007) Ice cream, Regular (hard) – 76.0 million gallons, up 8.4 percent. Ice cream, Low fat (total) – 30.6 million gallons, up 1.3 percent. Sherbet (hard) – 4.72 million gallons, up 6.8 percent. Frozen Yogurt (total) – 4.81 million gallons, down 4.6 percent.

COTTON GINNINGS

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

State	Running Bales Ginned		
	2006	2007	2008
All Cotton			
Alabama	177,100	113,650	76,300
Arizona	47,850	57,300	45,950
Arkansas	824,750	750,600	354,900
Georgia	339,650	91,950	163,450
Louisiana	689,100	258,950	210,250
Mississippi	1,251,100	554,250	149,450
North Carolina	130,150	160,200	56,450
South Carolina	41,150	30,200	28,700
Tennessee	282,350	338,350	152,650
Texas	1,070,700	844,200	641,500
United States	5,039,000	3,793,250	2,073,450

CROP PRODUCTION

CROPS: Planted and Harvested Acreage, Yield and Production, SOUTH CAROLINA and UNITED STATES, as of November 1, 2008

Crop	Planted Acres (000)		Harvested Acres (000)		Yield per Harvested Acres		Total Production (000)	
	2007	Indicated 2008	2007	Indicated 2008	2007	Indicated 2008	2007	Indicated 2008
SOUTH CAROLINA								
Corn for Grain	400	360	370	325	100.0	54.0	37,000	17,550
Cotton, Upland.....	180.0	135.0	158.0	134.0	486	860	160	240
Hay, All	--	--	330	330	1.70	--	561	--
Oats	33	33	13	19	52.0	--	676	--
Peanuts for Nuts	59.0	71.0	56.0	67.0	3,100	3,500	173,600	234,500
Sorghum for Grain	10	8	7	5	34.0	--	238	--
Soybeans for Beans	450	510	440	520	18.5	27.0	8,140	14,040
Sweetpotatoes	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.5	140	--	70	--
Tobacco, Flue-Cured	--	--	20.5	20.0	2,250	2,100	46,125	42,000
Wheat, Winter	160	220	135	195	31.0	54.0	4,185	10,530
UNITED STATES								
Corn for Grain	93,600	87,327	86,542	78,177	151.1	153.8	13,073,893	12,019,894
Cotton, Upland	10,535.0	9,239.0	10,201.0	7,585.0	864	827	18,355.1	13,069.0
Hay, All	--	--	61,625	60,439	2.44	--	150,304	147,955
Oats	3,760	3,467	1,505	1,443	60.9	62.3	91,599	89,897
Peanuts for Nuts	1,230.0	1,533.0	1,195.0	1,494.0	3,076	3,342	3,675,250	4,993,300
Sorghum for Grain	7,718	7,271	6,805	7,385	74.2	63.0	504,993	465,271
Soybeans for Beans	63,631	74,533	64,141	73,374	41.7	39.3	2,675,822	2,920,589
Sweetpotatoes	100.6	104.1	97.5	100.8	189	--	18,452	--
Tobacco, Flue-Cured 1/.....	--	--	223.0	226.5	2,259	2,245	503,760	508,500
Tobacco, All	--	--	356.0	356.0	2,191	2,261	779,899	804,927
Wheat, Winter	44,987	46,605	35,952	40,252	42.2	46.6	1,515,989	1,874,857

1/ Estimates for current year carried forward from a earlier forecast.

PEANUT STOCKS

Peanut stocks reported in commercial storage on September 30, 2008 totaled 1.04 billion pounds of equivalent farmer stock, compared with 1.07 billion pounds a year ago. This total includes 606 million pounds of actual farmer stock. Shelled peanuts on hand totaled 405 million pounds of farmer stock equivalent. Roasting stock totaled 31.7 million pounds. Shelled peanut stocks totaled 304 million pounds of which 274 million pounds were edible

grades and 29.9 million pounds were oil stock. Edible grade stocks by type included 58.0 million pounds of Virginias and Valencias, 188 million pounds of Runners, and 28.7 million pounds of Spanish. September millings totaled 161 million pounds. Millings by type were 17.7 million pounds of Virginias and Valencias, 143 million pounds of Runners.

Stocks of Peanuts (excludes stocks on farms) and Specific Products at Month's End, Crop of 2008-2009 1/

Month Ending	Farmer Stock	Shelled Peanuts 2/	Roasting Stock (In Shell)	Farmer Stock Equivalent	
				Shelled Peanuts	Total 3/
---1,000 Pounds---					
August 2008	123,790	410,618	48,976	546,122	718,888
September	606,434	304,242	31,663	404,642	1,042,739
October					
November					
December					
January 2009					
February					
March					
April					
May					
June					
July					
September 2007	431,540	460,141	30,374	611,988	1,073,902

1/ Excludes stocks on farms. 2/ Includes shelled edible grades, shelled oil stock, and shelled seed (untreated). 3/ Actual farmer stock, plus roasting stock, plus shelled peanuts X 1.33.