

## WINTER SEEDINGS

**WINTER WHEAT** seeded in SOUTH CAROLINA during the fall of 2007 for the 2008 crop is estimated at 170,000 acres. This is 6 percent above the crop of 2007, planted during the fall of 2006, and up 31 percent from the 2006 crop year.

**WINTER WHEAT:** Planted area for harvest in the UNITED STATES in 2008 is estimated at 46.6 million acres, up 4 percent from 2007. Seeding began last August behind the 5-year average pace and remained behind until mid-

November due to a lack of moisture in the Great Plains during much of the seeding period. Nearly all of the U.S. acreage was seeded by December 1 with the exception of some intended acres in the Southeast and California. Seeding was completed by the end of December in California. The winter wheat crop condition at the end of November was rated at 44 percent good to excellent compared with 53 percent the previous year.



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# FARM FACTS FOR SOUTH CAROLINA



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## CHICKEN AND EGG PRODUCTION

SOUTH CAROLINA'S laying flocks produced 97 million eggs during November, down 9 percent from last year. Production totaled 76 million table eggs and 21 million hatching eggs. The number of layers averaged 4,563,000 birds, down 6 percent from 4,865,000 a year ago. November egg production per 100 layers was 2,126 eggs, compared with 2,199 in 2006.

UNITED STATES egg production totaled 7.51 billion during November 2007. Production included 6.42 billion table eggs, and 1.09 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.02 billion were broiler-type and 66 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during November 2007 averaged 343 million, down 1 percent from last year. November egg production per 100 layers was 2,190 eggs, up 1 percent from November 2006.

### Average Layers and Egg Production, NOVEMBER, 2007

Selected States	Average No. of Layers	Eggs Produced	Eggs per 100 Layers
	Thousand	Million	Number
Alabama	9,476	179	1,889
Florida	10,864	238	2,191
Georgia	19,310	402	2,082
North Carolina	12,462	254	2,038
<b>South Carolina</b>	<b>4,563</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>2,126</b>
United States	342,905	7,511	2,190

## BROILER HATCHERY PRODUCTION

During the month of November, SOUTH CAROLINA'S broiler hatcheries produced 18.4 million chicks, up 2 percent from last year's 18.0 million chicks.

THE UNITED STATES broiler-type chicks hatched during November 2007 totaled 761 million, up 4 percent from November 2006. Eggs in incubators totaled 678 million on December 1, 2007, up 4 percent from a year earlier.

### CHICKS HATCHED by Commercial Hatcheries

Flock Type and Area	November 2007	Cumulative 2007
	Thousand	
<i>Broiler Type:</i>		
<b>SOUTH CAROLINA</b>	<b>18,363</b>	<b>213,613</b>
United States	761,402	8,770,461
<i>Egg Type:</i>		
United States	33,986	409,857

## COTTON GINNINGS

### GINNINGS: As of December 15, 2005-2007, States and United States

State	Running Bales Ginned		
	2005	2006	2007
All Cotton			
Alabama	754,950	590,850	369,950
Arizona	386,200	321,600	304,450
Arkansas	2,073,600	2,373,150	1,808,750
Georgia	1,760,050	1,813,250	1,386,500
Louisiana	1,105,650	1,249,000	695,900
Mississippi	2,088,550	2,028,100	1,282,450
North Carolina	1,208,100	1,152,750	761,500
<b>South Carolina</b>	<b>324,400</b>	<b>320,700</b>	<b>143,200</b>
Tennessee	1,062,650	1,176,950	586,400
Texas	4,927,150	4,198,400	4,839,300
United States	18,401,200	17,657,200	14,467,300

## GRAIN STOCKS

**SOYBEAN** stocks stored in off-farm positions on December 1, 2007 totaled 5.10 million bushels, compared to 4.36 million bushels stored December 1, 2006.

**CORN** stocks stored in off-farm facilities totaled 4.20 million bushels, as of December 1, 2007, compared to 4.09 million bushels stored off-farm on December 1, 2006. South Carolina **WHEAT** stocks stored off the farm totaled 1.04 million bushels on December 1, 2007 compared to 2.04 million bushels stored off the farm a year earlier.

### S.C. GRAIN STOCKS, December 1, 2007

Grain	On-Farm	Off-Farm <sup>1/</sup>	Total Stocks
-----Thousand Bushels-----			
Soybeans	*	5,103	*
All Wheat	*	1,040	*
Corn	*	4,199	*
Oats	*	54	*

### U.S. GRAIN STOCKS, December 1, 2007

Grain	On-Farm	Off-Farm <sup>1/</sup>	Total Stocks
-----Thousand Bushels-----			
Soybeans	1,100,000	1,229,405	2,329,405
All Wheat	289,540	838,371	1,127,911
Corn	6,530,000	3,738,599	10,268,599
Oats	43,100	51,370	94,470

\* "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.

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

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**COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION**

**HOG INVENTORY**

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

Selected States	November 2006	October 2007	November 2007	November 2007 as % of 2/	
				November 2006	October 2007
	Million Pounds			Percent	
Florida	6.9	8.2	8.2	118	100
Georgia	15.0	14.2	13.5	90	95
Kansas	503.6	555.1	505.6	100	91
Nebraska	632.4	*679.8	626.3	99	92
North Carolina	195.4	229.8	217.0	111	94
<b>SOUTH CAROLINA</b>	21.8	23.2	22.1	102	95
Texas	404.4	*452.6	404.7	100	89
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	4,151.4	*4,614.0	4,300.6	104	93

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

**COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION: United States, November, 2007 1/**

Class	Nov 2006	Oct 2007	Nov 2007	November 2007 % of	
				November 2006	October 2007
	Million Pounds			Percent	
Beef	2,226.6	*2,441.8	2,229.1	100	91
Veal	12.9	11.1	10.1	78	91
Pork	1,896.4	*2,144.8	2,045.4	108	95
Lamb and Mutton	15.4	16.4	16.1	105	99
<b>Total Red Meat</b>	4,151.4	*4,614.0	4,300.6	104	93

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

**CROP PRODUCTION**

**CROPS: Planted and Harvested Acreage, Yield and Production, SOUTH CAROLINA and UNITED STATES, as of December 1, 2007**

Crop	Planted Acres (000)		Harvested Acres (000)		Yield per Harvested Acres		Total Production (000)	
	2006	Indicated 2007	2006	Indicated 2007	2006	Indicated 2007	2006	Indicated 2007
	<b>SOUTH CAROLINA</b>							
Corn for Grain .....Bu.	310	400	290	375	110.0	95.0	31,900	35,625
Cotton, Upland.....Lb. & Bales	300.0	180.0	298.0	178.0	697	418	433	155
Hay, All .....Ton	--	--	360	360	1.90	--	684	--
Oats .....Bu.	33	33	18	13	55.0	52.0	990	676
Peanuts for Nuts .....Lb.	59.0	59.0	56.0	56.0	3,000	2,900	168,000	162,400
Sorghum for Grain .....Bu.	11	10	7	7	51.0	--	357	--
Soybeans for Beans ..... Bu.	400	450	390	435	29.0	17.0	11,310	7,395
Sweetpotatoes .....Cwt.	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.5	140	--	84	--
Tobacco, Flue-Cured .....Lb.	--	--	23.0	22.0	2,100	2,250	48,300	49,500
Wheat, Winter ..... Bu.	130	160	123	135	50.0	31.0	6,150	4,185
<b>UNITED STATES</b>								
Corn for Grain .....Bu.	78,327	92,888	70,648	86,071	149.1	153.0	10,534,868	13,167,741
Cotton, Upland ..... Lb. & Bales	14,948.0	10,554.0	12,408.0	10,254.0	806	850	20,822.4	18,155.0
Hay, All .....Ton	--	--	60,807	61,789	2.33	--	141,666	--
Oats ..... Bu.	4,168	3,760	1,566	1,505	59.8	60.9	93,638	91,599
Peanuts for Nuts .....Lb.	1,243.0	1,225.0	1,210.0	1,190.0	2,863	2,913	3,464,250	3,466,400
Sorghum for Grain .....Bu.	6,522	7,704	4,937	6,702	56.2	74.8	277,538	501,457
Soybeans for Beans ..... Bu.	75,522	63,669	74,602	62,818	42.7	41.3	3,188,247	2,594,275
Sweetpotatoes .....Cwt.	95.2	96.5	86.8	93.2	187	--	16,248	--
Tobacco, Flue-Cured .....Lb.	--	--	213.1	225.0	2,095	2,024	446,510	455,500
Tobacco, All .....Lb.	--	--	338.9	355.1	2,144	2,000	726,644	709,965
Wheat, Winter .....Bu.	40,575	44,987	31,117	35,952	41.7	42.2	1,298,081	1,515,989

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2007 was 65.1 million head. This was up 4 percent from December 1, 2006, but down 1 percent from September 1, 2007.

Breeding inventory, at 6.16 million head, was up 1 percent from last year, and up slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 59.0 million head, was up 5 percent from both last year, but down 1 percent from last quarter.

The September-November 2007 pig crop, at 28.0 million head, was up 4 percent from 2006 and up 7 percent from 2005. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 3.03 million head, up 3 percent from 2006 and up 4 percent from 2005. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 49 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 9.24 for the September-November 2007 period, compared to 9.11 last year.

Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.40 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 9.30 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

U.S. hog producers intend to have 2.98 million sows farrow during the December 2007 – February 2008 quarter, up 2 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2007, and up 5 percent from 2006. Intended farrowings for March-May 2008, at 3.04 million sows, are up slightly from 2007 and up 4 percent from 2006.

Hogs and pigs on SOUTH CAROLINA farms as of December 1, 2007, are estimated at 295,000 head, unchanged from December 1, 2006. Of the total hog inventory December 1, 29,000 were breeding hogs, down 1,000 from 2006 and 266,000 were market hogs, up 1,000 from a year earlier.

**HOGS AND PIGS: Breeding, Market, and Total Inventory by State and United States, December 1, 2006 and 2007 1/**

State	Breeding		Percent of Previous Year	Market		Percent of Previous Year	Total		Percent of Previous Year
	2006	2007		2006	2007		2006	2007	
Arkansas	85	85	100	175	200	114	260	285	110
Colorado	155	150	97	685	700	102	840	850	101
Illinois	440	440	100	3,760	3,710	99	4,200	4,150	99
Indiana	330	330	100	3,020	3,170	105	3,350	3,500	104
Iowa	1,080	1,100	102	16,220	17,100	105	17,300	18,200	105
Kansas	170	170	100	1,670	1,680	101	1,840	1,850	101
Michigan	110	100	91	890	920	103	1,000	1,020	102
Minnesota	590	600	102	6,310	6,600	105	6,900	7,200	104
Missouri	360	370	103	2,440	2,680	110	2,800	3,050	109
Nebraska	365	355	97	2,685	2,795	104	3,050	3,150	103
North Carolina	1,010	1,030	102	8,490	8,870	104	9,500	9,900	104
Ohio	170	165	97	1,520	1,595	105	1,690	1,760	104
Oklahoma	350	360	103	1,980	1,970	99	2,330	2,330	100
Pennsylvania	105	100	95	975	1,030	106	1,080	1,130	105
South Carolina	30	29	97	265	266	100	295	295	100
South Dakota	140	165	118	1,130	1,205	107	1,270	1,370	108
Texas	95	110	116	845	1,010	120	940	1,120	119
Wisconsin	55	50	91	395	380	96	450	430	96
<b>United States</b>	<b>6,087</b>	<b>6,157</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>56,402</b>	<b>58,953</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>62,490</b>	<b>65,110</b>	<b>104</b>

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

