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# FARM FACTS FOR SOUTH CAROLINA



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Land in Farms: By Selected State, and United States, 2006-2008

State	2006	2007	2008
	-----1,000 Acres -----		
Alabama	8,900	9,000	8,950
Florida	9,460	9,300	9,250
Georgia	11,000	10,300	10,400
Louisiana	8,000	8,100	8,050
North Carolina	8,800	8,600	8,600
<b>South Carolina</b>	<b>4,890</b>	<b>4,900</b>	<b>4,900</b>
Tennessee	11,100	11,000	10,900
Texas	129,700	130,400	130,400
United States	925,790	921,460	919,900

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### CHICKEN AND EGG PRODUCTION

SOUTH CAROLINA'S laying flocks produced 96 million eggs during January, down 1 percent from last year. Production totaled 72 million table eggs and 24 million hatching eggs. The number of layers averaged 4,486,000 birds, down 3 percent from 4,606,000 a year ago. January egg production per 100 layers was 2,140 eggs, compared with 2,106 in 2008.

UNITED STATES egg production totaled 7.67 billion during January 2009. Production included 6.59 billion table eggs, and 1.08 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.00 billion were broiler-type and 72 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during January 2009 averaged 341 million, down 1 percent from last year. January egg production per 100 layers was 2,249 eggs, up 1 percent from January 2008.

Average Layers and Egg Production  
Selected States, and U.S., January 2009

Selected States	Average No. of Layers	Eggs Produced	Eggs per 100 Layers
	Thousand	Million	Number
Alabama	9,405	180	1,914
Florida	10,173	230	2,261
Georgia	18,303	384	2,098
North Carolina	12,638	264	2,089
<b>South Carolina</b>	<b>4,486</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>2,140</b>
United States	340,946	7,667	2,249

### GRAIN STOCKS

SOYBEAN stocks stored in off-farm position in SOUTH CAROLINA on December 1, 2008 totaled 5.09 million bushels, compared to 5.10 million bushels stored December 1, 2007. CORN stocks stored in off-farm facilities totaled 2.80 million bushels as of December 1, 2008, compared to 4.20 million bushels stored off-farm on December 1, 2007. South Carolina WHEAT stocks stored off the farm totaled 1.38 million bushels on December 1, 2008 compared to 1.04 million bushels stored off the farm a year earlier.



### BROILER HATCHERY PRODUCTION

During the month of January, SOUTH CAROLINA'S broiler hatcheries produced 20.1 million chicks, down less than 1 percent from last year's 20.2 million chicks.

THE UNITED STATES broiler-type chicks hatched during January 2009 totaled 778 million, down 5 percent from January 2008. Eggs in incubators totaled 624 million on February 1, 2009, down 8 percent from a year earlier.

CHICKS HATCHED by Type  
South Carolina, and U.S., January 2009

Flock Type and Area	January 2009	Cumulative, 2009
	Thousand	
<i>Broiler Type:</i>		
<b>SOUTH CAROLINA</b>	<b>20,111</b>	<b>20,111</b>
United States	778,401	778,401
<i>Egg Type:</i>		
United States	38,083	38,083

### COTTON GINNINGS

GINNINGS: As of January 1, 2006-2008,  
States and United States

State	Running Bales Ginned		
	2006	2007	2008
All Cotton			
Alabama	667,850	394,800	450,500
Arizona	500,800	461,500	371,350
Arkansas	2,418,900	1,807,150	1,237,350
Georgia	2,267,000	1,617,000	1,568,100
Louisiana	1,257,000	695,800	279,600
Mississippi	2,029,400	1,271,150	656,850
North Carolina	1,256,900	763,100	735,400
<b>South Carolina</b>	<b>399,150</b>	<b>148,350</b>	<b>231,350</b>
Tennessee	1,306,550	586,600	520,950
Texas	5,474,700	7,101,300	4,325,500
United States	20,558,950	17,584,650	12,375,400

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**LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER**

**FARM LABOR**

**COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION: Selected States, and United States January, 2007 1\**

Selected States	Jan 2008	Dec 2008	Jan 2009	January 2009 as % of 2/	
				Jan 2008	Dec 2008
	Million Pounds			Percent	
Florida	8.2	7.7	8.3	102	108
Georgia	14.2	11.2	12.0	85	108
Kansas	484.1	421.0	417.2	86	99
Nebraska	618.1	592.1	584.8	95	99
North Carolina	221.7	221.8	220.2	99	99
<b>South Carolina</b>	<b>23.5</b>	<b>20.5</b>	<b>20.1</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>98</b>
Texas	403.7	399.3	414.8	103	104
United States	4,415.9	4,162.7	4,169.6	94	100

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

There were 785,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of January 11-17, 2009, up 2 percent from a year ago. Of these hired workers, 595,000 workers were hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 190,000 workers. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$10.93 per hour during the January 2009 reference

week, up 12 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$9.96 per hour, up 29 cents from last January, while livestock workers earned \$10.27 per hour compared with \$10.18 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$10.08 per hour, was up 20 cents from last year. The number of hours worked averaged 38.3 hours for hired workers during the survey week, down fractionally from last year.

**Farm Labor: Employment and Wage Rates, United States, January 11-17, 2009, with Comparisons 1/**

Farm Employment	January 6-12, 2008	October 12-18, 2008	January 11-17, 2009
<b>FARM WORKERS</b>	-----1,000-----		
Hired.....	594	*804	595
Expected to be Employed:			
150 Days or More.....	506	*577	497
149 Days or Less .....	88	*227	98
<b>HOURS WORKED:</b>	<b>Hours per Week</b>		
Hired .....	38.4	*41.4	38.3
<b>WAGE RATES FOR:</b>	<b>Dollars per Hour</b>		
All Hired Workers 2/ 3/.....	10.81	10.70	10.93
Type of Worker:			
Field & Livestock Combined..	9.88	*10.09	10.08
Field .....	9.67	10.05	9.96
Livestock .....	10.18	*10.21	10.27

\* Revised. 1/ Excludes AK. 2/ Benefits, such as housing and meals, are provided some workers but the values are not included in the wage rates. 3/ Excludes Agricultural Service Workers.

**COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION: United States, January, 2009 1\**

Class	Jan 2008	Dec 2008	Jan 2009	January 2009 % of	
				Jan 2008	Dec 2008
	Million Pounds			Percent	
Beef	2,232.0	2,082.0	2,118.4	95	102
Veal	11.3	13.3	12.0	106	90
Pork	2,157.8	2,052.0	2,026.0	94	99
Lamb and Mutton	14.8	15.4	13.3	90	86
Total Red Meat	4,415.9	4,162.7	4,169.6	94	100

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

**POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

**FARM NUMBERS**

The preliminary total live weight of poultry inspected during January 2009 was 4.53 billion pounds, down 12 percent from 5.16 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 3.86 billion pounds, down 12 percent from January 2008.

Mature chickens, at 62.1 million pounds, were down 15 percent from the previous year. Young chickens slaughtered during January 2009 averaged 5.56 pounds per bird, down slightly from January 2008.

The number of farms in SOUTH CAROLINA in 2008 is estimated at 26,900, up 1,000 from 2007. Total land in farms for 2008 is 4.90 million acres, unchanged from 2007. The average size of farms in 2008 was 182 acres, down 7 acres from 2007. Farms with \$100,000 or more in sales totaled 2,000 in 2008, accounting for 7.4 percent of all farms. The number of farms in the UNITED STATES in 2008 is

estimated at 2.2 million, 0.2 percent fewer than in 2007. Total land in farms, at 919.9 million acres, decreased 1.56 million acres, or 0.2 percent, from 2007. The average farm size was 418 acres, unchanged from the previous year. The decline in the number of farms and land in farms reflects a continuing consolidation in farming operations and diversion of agricultural land to nonagricultural uses.

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight, Pounds Certified, Post-Mortem Condemnations, Selected States and United States, January 2009**

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	83,338	450,675	5.41	339,309	2,980	0.87
Georgia	101,296	524,589	5.18	393,098	3,568	0.90
North Carolina	61,361	425,699	6.94	327,225	4,150	1.25
<b>South Carolina</b>	<b>23,440</b>	<b>150,170</b>	<b>6.41</b>	<b>112,931</b>	<b>809</b>	<b>0.71</b>
United States	694,679	3,863,528	5.56	2,870,625	29,913	1.03

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

**Number of Farms: By Selected State, and United States, 2006-2008**

State	2006	2007	2008
Alabama	43,000	48,800	48,500
Florida	41,000	47,500	47,500
Georgia	49,000	47,900	47,800
Louisiana	26,800	30,000	30,000
North Carolina	48,000	52,900	52,500
<b>South Carolina</b>	<b>24,600</b>	<b>25,900</b>	<b>26,900</b>
Tennessee	81,000	79,500	79,000
Texas	230,000	247,500	247,500
United States	2,088,790	2,204,950	2,200,000