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U. S. PEANUT STOCKS

Peanut stocks reported in commercial storage on February 29, 2008 totaled 2.62 billion pounds of equivalent farmer stock, compared with 3.32 billion pounds last year. This total includes 1.87 billion pounds of actual farmer stock. Shelled peanuts on hand totaled 683 million pounds of farmer stock equivalent. Roasting stock totaled 67.0 million pounds. Shelled peanut stocks totaled 514 million pounds of which 461 million pounds were edible grades and 52.4

million pounds were oil stock. Edible grade stocks by type included 88.7 million pounds of Virginias and Valencias, 340 million pounds of Runners, and 32.9 million pounds of Spanish. February millings totaled 378 million pounds. Millings by type were 61.9 million pounds of Virginias and Valencias, 300 million pounds of Runners, and 16.2 million pounds of Spanish.

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Stocks of Peanuts (excludes stocks on farms) and Specific Products at Month's End, Crop of 2007-2008 1/

Month Ending	Farmer Stock	Shelled Peanuts 2/	Roasting Stock (In Shell)	Farmer Stock Equivalent	
				Shelled Peanuts	Total 3/
---1,000 Pounds---					
August 2007	446,608	519,805	35,609	691,341	1,173,558
September	431,540	460,141	30,374	611,988	1,073,902
October	2,186,144	402,229	31,607	534,965	2,752,716
November	2,821,270	409,062	35,670	544,052	3,400,992
December	2,614,656	403,241	48,773	536,311	3,199,740
January 2008	2,236,846	447,972	65,553	595,803	2,898,202
February	1,872,378	513,778	66,982	683,325	2,622,685
March					
April					
May					
June					
July					
February 2007	2,436,406	622,790	54,203	828,311	3,318,920

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.

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

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

Selected States	Feb 2007	Jan 2008	Feb 2008	February 2008 as % of	
				Feb 2007	Jan 2008
Million Pounds					
Florida	6.2	8.2	6.7	109	82
Georgia	13.3	14.2	12.5	94	88
Kansas	453.0	484.1	406.9	90	84
Nebraska	537.0	618.1	568.0	106	92
North Carolina	181.0	221.7	212.8	118	96
SOUTH CAROLINA	19.5	23.5	21.9	113	93
Texas	331.9	*403.7	383.1	115	95
UNITED STATES	3,615.4	4,415.9	3,967.6	110	90

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

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

Class	Feb 2007	Jan 2008	Feb 2008	February 2008 % of	
				Feb 2007	Jan 2008
Million Pounds					
Beef	1,952.5	2,232.0	2,039.0	104	91
Veal	12.1	11.3	11.0	91	98
Pork	1,636.3	2,157.8	1,902.6	116	88
Lamb and Mutton	14.4	14.8	15.0	104	102
Total Red Meat 2/	3,615.4	4,415.9	3,967.6	110	90

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

POULTRY SLAUGHTER

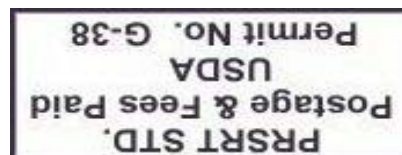
The Preliminary total live weight of poultry inspected during February 2008 was 4.65 billion pounds, up 9 percent from 4.27 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 3.92 billion pounds, up 8 percent from February 2007.

Mature chickens, at 69.6 million pounds, were up 20 percent from the previous year. Young chickens slaughtered during February 2008 averaged 5.54 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from February 2007.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight, Pounds Certified, Post-Mortem Condemnations, Selected States and United States, February 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	87,950	482,833	5.49	354,613	3,513	0.98
Georgia	105,034	546,921	5.21	403,778	5,623	1.37
North Carolina	56,407	394,528	6.99	301,097	4,381	1.43
South Carolina	23,803	151,376	6.36	113,553	1,374	1.20
United States	707,985	3,923,570	5.54	2,891,161	34,900	1.19

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



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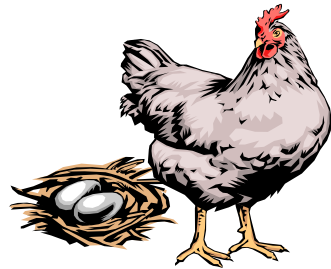
EGG PRODUCTION

SOUTH CAROLINA'S laying flocks produced 87 million eggs during February, down 5 percent from last year. Production totaled 67 million table eggs and 20 million hatching eggs. The number of layers averaged 4,583,000 birds, down 5 percent from 4,807,000 a year ago. February egg production per 100 layers was 1,898 eggs, compared with 1,914 in 2007.

UNITED STATES egg production totaled 7.13 billion during February 2008, up 3 percent from last year. Production included 6.05 billion table eggs, and 1.07 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.01 billion were broiler-type and 64 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during February 2008 averaged 343 million, down 2 percent from last year. February egg production per 100 layers was 2,075 eggs, up 4 percent from February 2007.

LAYERS ON HAND, EGG PRODUCTION, FEBRUARY, 2008

Selected States	Average No. of Layers	Eggs Produced	Eggs per 100 Layers
	Thousand	Million	Number
Alabama	9,535	172	1,804
Florida	10,876	235	2,161
Georgia	19,442	378	1,944
North Carolina	12,757	248	1,944
South Carolina	4,583	87	1,898
United States	343,366	7,125	2,075



BROILER HATCHERY PRODUCTION

During the month of February, SOUTH CAROLINA'S broiler hatcheries produced 18.4 million chicks, up 4 percent from last year's 17.7 million chicks.

THE UNITED STATES broiler-type chicks hatched during February 2008 totaled 777 million, up 7 percent from February 2007. Eggs in incubators totaled 679 million on March 1, 2008, up 2 percent from a year ago.

CHICKS HATCHED by Commercial Hatcheries

Flock Type and Area	February 2008	Cumulative, 2008
	Thousand	
<i>Broiler Type:</i>		
SOUTH CAROLINA	18,376	38,567
United States	771,197	1,593,063
<i>Egg Type:</i>		
United States	37,549	77,716

COTTON GINNINGS

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

State	Running Bales Ginned		
	2005	2006	2007
All Cotton			
Alabama	830,650	668,600	397,300
Arizona	562,950	516,600	478,500
Arkansas	2,099,700	2,419,500	1,807,150
Georgia	2,099,800	2,285,750	1,620,550
Louisiana	1,105,650	1,257,000	695,800
Mississippi	2,089,300	2,029,450	1,271,250
North Carolina	1,391,250	1,257,600	763,650
South Carolina	390,250	402,650	148,650
Tennessee	1,083,250	1,310,900	586,600
Texas	7,449,400	5,710,100	8,300,700
United States	22,255,400	20,260,450	18,086,150



GRAIN STOCKS

SOYBEAN stocks stored in off-farm positions on March 1, 2008 totaled 3.61 million bushels, compared to 4.59 million bushels stored March 1, 2007.

CORN stocks stored in off-farm facilities totaled 3.90 million bushels, compared to 3.73 million bushels stored off-farm on March 1, 2007. **WHEAT** stocks stored in off-farm facilities totaled 515 thousand bushels on March 1, 2008, compare to 1.01 million bushels on March 1, 2007. **OAT** stocks stored off-farm on March 1, 2008 totaled 34 thousand bushels, compared to 42 thousand bushels on March 1, 2007.

S.C. GRAIN STOCKS, March 1, 2008

Grain	On-Farm	Off-Farm1/	Total Stocks
	-----Thousand Bushels-----		
Soybeans	*	3,611	*
All Wheat	*	515	*
Corn	*	3,904	*
Oats	*	34	*

U.S. GRAIN STOCKS, March 1, 2008

Grain	On-Farm	Off-Farm1/	Total Stocks
	-----Thousand Bushels-----		
Soybeans	593,000	835,102	1,428,102
All Wheat	91,990	617,650	709,640
Corn	3,780,000	3,078,895	6,858,895
Oats	31,000	48,038	79,038

* "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.

VEGETABLES

In SOUTH CAROLINA, the spring acreage of fresh market cucumbers is expected to total 1000 acres, up 200 acres (25 percent) from last year. Spring acreage of fresh market tomatoes is estimated at 2,500 acres, down 300 acres (7 percent) from last year. South Carolina growers have contracted to grow 2,500 acres of cucumbers for pickles, down from 3,400 acres (26 percent) in 2007.

The UNITED STATES prospective area for harvest of 11 selected fresh market vegetables during the spring quarter is forecast at 203,300 acres, down 1 percent from last year. Acreage declines for snap beans, carrots, cauliflower, head lettuce, bell peppers, and

tomatoes more than offset acreage increases for broccoli and cabbage, celery, and sweet corn. Cucumber area remains unchanged. Melon acreage for spring harvest is forecast at 72,450, down 2 percent from last year. Watermelon acreage is down 1 percent from 2007 while cantaloupe acreage declined 4 percent from a year ago. Honeydew melon acreage remains unchanged from 2007. Asparagus area for spring harvest is forecast at 34,100 acres, down 11 percent from last year. Strawberry area for harvest is forecast at 46,500 acres, up 2 percent from a year ago.

FRESH MARKET VEGETABLES: Acres Planted and Harvested, Yield, Production, and Value, South Carolina, 2006-2007, and 2008

Fresh Market Vegetables	2006	2007	2008	2006	2007	2008
	Acres Planted (000)			Acres Harvested (000)		
Snap Beans	1.4	0.7	--	1.2	0.6	--
Cucumbers	2.0	2.2	--	1.8	2.0	--
Tomatoes	3.1	2.8	--	3.0	2.7	--
Watermelons	8.0	7.5	--	7.5	7.0	--
	Yield per Acre (Cwt.)			Production (Thou. Cwt.)		
Snap Beans	62	50	--	74	30	--
Cucumbers	110	90	--	198	180	--
Tomatoes	160	82	--	480	221	--
Watermelons	210	145	--	1,575	1,015	--
	Avg. Price per Cwt. (Dollars)			Total Value (Thou. Dollars)		
	2006	2007		2006	2007	
Snap Beans	45.00	57.00		3,330	1,710	
Cucumbers	25.00	25.00		4,950	4,500	
Tomatoes	37.70	48.50		18,096	10,719	
Watermelons	9.00	8.00		14,175	8,120	

*Spring season acreage only.

2008 PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS

The March Prospective Plantings Survey, recently completed by the USDA NASS South Carolina Field Office, indicated that SOUTH CAROLINA farmers intend to harvest less tobacco and cotton this year while, corn, hay, soybeans and small grain planting intentions are up from 2007.

CORN growers currently expect to plant 340,000 acres in 2008. This is down 15 percent from 2007 and up 10 percent from 2006.

COTTON growers currently intend to plant 120,000 acres in 2008. This is down 33 percent from 2007, and 60 percent below 2006.

TOBACCO acreage for harvest in 2008 is expected to total 20,000 acres. This is down 2 percent from 2007, and down 13 percent from 2006.

SOYBEAN average is expected to total 530,000 acres in 2008 – up 18 percent from 2007 and up 33 percent from 2006.

WHEAT acreage planted for the 2008 crop is set at 190,000 acres, up 19 percent from 2007 and up 46 percent from 2006.

SORGHUM acreage for this year is expected to total 13,000 acres, up 30 percent from 2007 and up 28 percent from 2006.

OATS including both fall and spring plantings, are expected to total 45,000 acres, up 36 percent from 2007 and 2006 and 2005.

PEANUT acreage for 2008 is expected to total 65,000 acres, up 10 percent from 2007 and 2006.

HAY acres for harvest this year are expected to total 350,000 acres, up 6 percent from 2007 but down 3 percent from 2006.

SWEET POTATO planted acreage is expected to be 600 acres, unchanged from 207, but down 14 percent from 2006.