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FARM FACTS FOR SOUTH CAROLINA



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U. S. PEANUT STOCKS

Peanut stocks reported in commercial storage on February 28, 2007 totaled 3.31 billion pounds of equivalent farmer stock, compared with 3.85 billion pounds last year. This total includes 2.42 billion pounds of actual farmer stock. Shelled peanuts on hand totaled 830 million pounds of farmer stock equivalent. Roasting stock totaled 52.8 million pounds. Shelled peanut stocks totaled 624 million pounds of which 591 million pounds were edible grades and 33.7

million pounds were oil stock. Edible grade stocks by type included 140 million pounds of Virginias and Valencias, 417 million pounds of Runners, and 34.1 million pounds of Spanish. February millings totaled 304 million pounds. Millings by type were 68.8 million pounds of Virginias and Valencias, 228 million pounds of Runners, and 6.71 million pounds of Spanish.

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Stocks of Peanuts (excludes stocks on farms) and Specific Products at Month's End, Crop of 2006-2007 1/

Month Ending	Farmer Stock	Shelled Peanuts 2/	Roasting Stock (In Shell)	Farmer Stock Equivalent	
				Shelled Peanuts	Total 3/
---1,000 Pounds---					
August 2006	1,085,188	539,669	51,081	717,760	1,854,029
September	994,432	567,942	40,933	755,363	1,790,728
October	2,383,334	587,268	37,470	781,066	3,201,870
November	3,268,444	608,582	39,927	809,414	4,117,785
December	3,108,416	593,593	42,148	789,479	3,940,043
January 2007	2,768,822	629,812	40,331	837,650	3,646,803
February	2,422,119	624,324	52,810	830,351	3,305,280
March					
April					
May					
June					
July					
February 2006	2,999,868	601,065	48,204	799,416	3,847,488

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, 2007 1/

Selected States	Feb 2006	Jan 2007	Feb 2007	February 2007 as % of 2/	
				Feb 2006	Jan 2007
Million Pounds					
Florida	4.7	6.7	6.2	131	92
Georgia	9.4	15.8	13.3	141	84
Kansas	414.0	502.0	452.9	109	90
Nebraska	527.2	604.2	536.9	102	89
North Carolina	178.9	205.6	181.0	101	88
SOUTH CAROLINA	19.3	21.4	19.5	101	91
Texas	316.8	354.6	331.9	105	94
UNITED STATES	3,489.9	4,092.3	3,615.6	104	88

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

COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION: United States, February, 2007 1/

Class	Feb 2006	Jan 2007	Feb 2007	February 2007 % of	
				Feb 2006	Jan 2007
Million Pounds					
Beef	1,826.9	2,164.4	1,952.8	107	90
Veal	11.3	14.3	12.2	107	85
Pork	1,637.0	1,898.4	1,636.2	100	86
Lamb and Mutton	14.7	15.1	14.4	98	95
Total Red Meat	3,489.9	4,092.3	3,615.6	104	88

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

POULTRY SLAUGHTER

The Preliminary total live weight of poultry inspected during February 2007 was 4.26 billion pounds, down 1 percent from 4.30 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 3.63 billion pounds, down 2 percent from February 2006.

Mature chickens, at 58.1 million pounds, were down 2 percent from the previous year. Young chickens slaughtered during February 2007 averaged 5.43 pounds per bird, down slightly from February 2006.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight, Pounds Certified, Post-Mortem Condemnations, Selected States and United States, February 2007

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	80,385	442,681	5.51	325,975	4,199	1.27
Georgia	100,056	516,524	5.16	381,833	4,410	1.14
North Carolina	52,759	356,817	6.76	273,307	3,874	1.40
South Carolina	21,881	136,175	6.22	100,069	945	0.94
United States	667,518	3,626,446	5.43	2,655,147	34,663	1.29

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

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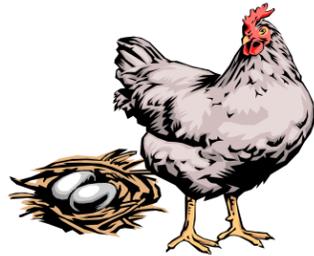
EGG PRODUCTION

SOUTH CAROLINA'S laying flocks produced 92 million eggs during February, down 9 percent from last year. Production totaled 73 million table eggs and 19 million hatching eggs. The number of layers averaged 4,807,000 birds, down 4 percent from 5,075,000 a year ago. February egg production per 100 layers was 1,914 eggs, compared with 1,990 in 2006.

UNITED STATES egg production totaled 6.91 billion during February 2007. Production included 5.92 billion table eggs, and 998 million hatching eggs, of which 937 million were broiler-type and 61 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during February 2007 averaged 347 million, down 1 percent from last year. February egg production per 100 layers was 1,992 eggs, down slightly from February 2006.

LAYERS ON HAND, EGG PRODUCTION, FEBRUARY, 2007

Selected States	Average No. of Layers	Eggs Produced	Eggs per 100 Layers
	Thousand	Million	Number
Alabama	8,604	149	1,732
Florida	11,216	232	2,068
Georgia	19,755	372	1,883
North Carolina	11,902	216	1,815
South Carolina	4,807	92	1,914
United States	347,005	6,914	1,992



BROILER HATCHERY PRODUCTION

During the month of February, SOUTH CAROLINA'S broiler hatcheries produced 17.7 million chicks, up 4 percent from last year's 17.0 million chicks.

THE UNITED STATES broiler-type chicks hatched during February 2007 totaled 724 million, down 1 percent from February 2006. Eggs in incubators totaled 664 million on March 1, 2007, down slightly from a year earlier.

CHICKS HATCHED by Commercial Hatcheries

Flock Type and Area	February 2007	Cumulative, 2007
	Thousand	
<i>Broiler Type:</i>		
SOUTH CAROLINA	17,680	37,509
United States	723,753	1,520,819
<i>Egg Type:</i>		
United States	36,766	73,692



GRAIN STOCKS

SOYBEAN stocks stored in off-farm position in SOUTH CAROLINA on March 1, 2007 totaled 4.59 million bushels, compared to 2.68 million bushels stored March 1, 2006.

CORN stocks stored in off-farm facilities totaled 3.73 million bushels, compared to 3.46 million bushels stored off-farm on March 1, 2006. South Carolina **WHEAT** stocks stored off the farm totaled 1.01 million bushels on March 1, 2007 compared to 1.63 million bushels stored off the farm a year earlier.

CORN stored in all positions in the UNITED STATES on March 1, 2007 totaled 6.07 billion bushels, down 13 percent from March 1, 2006. Off-farm stocks, at 2.74 billion bushels, are down 7 percent from a year ago. The December 2006 - February 2007 indicated disappearance is 2.86 billion bushels, compared with 2.83 billion bushels during the same period last year.

SOYBEANS stored in all positions on March 1, 2007 totaled 1.78 billion bushels, up 7 percent from March 2006. Off-farm stocks, at 874 million bushels, are up 10 percent from last March. Indicated disappearance for December 2006 – February 2007 totaled 917 million bushels, up 10 percent from the same period a year earlier.

ALL WHEAT stored in all positions on March 1, 2007 totaled 856 million bushels, down 12 percent from a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 663 million bushels, are down 7 percent from a year ago. The December 2006 – February 2007 indicated disappearance is 459 million bushels, up slightly from the same period a year earlier.

VEGETABLES

In SOUTH CAROLINA, the spring acreage of fresh market cucumbers is expected to total 800 acres, down 300 acres (27 percent) from last year. Spring acreage of fresh market tomatoes is estimated at 2,800 acres, down 200 acres (7 percent) from last year. South Carolina growers have contracted to grow 3,400 acres of cucumbers for pickles, down from 3,500 acres (3 percent) in 2006.

The UNITED STATES prospective area for harvest of 11 selected fresh market vegetables during the spring quarter is forecast at 200,700 acres, down 3 percent from last year. Acreage declines for snap beans,

cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, celery, head lettuce, bell peppers, sweet corn, and tomatoes more than offset acreage increases for broccoli and cucumbers. Melon acreage for spring harvest is forecast at 73,900, down 2 percent from last year. Watermelon acreage is down 1 percent from 2006 while cantaloupe acreage declined 4 percent from a year ago. Honeydew melon acreage increased 2 percent from 2006. Asparagus area for spring harvest is forecast at 42,000 acres, down 6 percent from last year. Strawberry area for harvest is forecast at 45,000 acres, virtually unchanged from a year ago.

FRESH MARKET VEGETABLES: Acres Planted and Harvested, Yield, Production, and Value, South Carolina, 2005-2006, and 2007

Fresh Market Vegetables	2005	2006	2007	2005	2006	2007
	Acres Planted (000)			Acres Harvested (000)		
Snap Beans	1.3	1.4	--	1.0	1.2	--
Cucumbers	1.9	2.0	--	1.7	1.8	0.8*
Tomatoes	3.2	3.1	--	3.0	3.0	2.8*
Watermelons	7.5	8.0	--	7.0	7.5	--
	Yield per Acre (Cwt.)			Production (Thou. Cwt.)		
Snap Beans	30	62	--	30	74	--
Cucumbers	70	110	--	119	198	--
Tomatoes	130	160	--	390	480	--
Watermelons	110	210	--	770	1,575	--
	Avg. Price per Cwt. (Dollars)			Total Value (Thou. Dollars)		
	2005	2006		2005	2006	
Snap Beans	40.00	45.00		1,200	3,330	
Cucumbers	21.00	25.00		2,499	4,950	
Tomatoes	36.10	37.70		14,079	18,096	
Watermelons	9.00	9.00		6,930	14,175	

*Spring season acreage only.

2007 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 2006.

CORN growers currently expect to plant 390,000 acres in 2007. This is up 26 percent from 2006 and 30 percent higher than 2005.

COTTON growers currently intend to plant 200,000 acres in 2007. This is down 33 percent from 2006, and 25 percent below 2005.

TOBACCO acreage for harvest in 2007 is expected to total 20,000 acres. This is down 13 percent from 2006, but 5 percent above 2005.

SOYBEAN average is expected to total 430,000 acres in 2007 - up 8 percent from 2006 and unchanged from 2005.

WHEAT acreage planted for the 2007 crop is set at 160,000 acres, up 23 percent from 2006 but down 6 percent from 2005.

SORGHUM acreage for this year is expected to total 11,000 acres, unchanged from 2006 and up 10 percent from 2005.

OATS including both fall and spring plantings, are expected to total 36,000 acres, up 9 percent from 2006 and up 3 percent from 2005.

PEANUT acreage for 2007 is expected to total 60,000 acres, up 2 percent from 2006, but down 5 percent from 2005.

HAY acres for harvest this year are expected to total 410,000 acres, up 14 percent from 2006 and up 41 percent from 2005.

SWEET POTATO planted acreage is expected to be 600 acres, down 25 percent from 2006 and down 33 percent from 2005.