

**VEGETABLES**

**FRESH MARKET VEGETABLES: Acres Planted and Harvested, Yield, Production, and Value  
South Carolina, 2006-07, and August 1, 2008**

Fresh Market Vegetables	2006	2007	Ind. 2008	2006	2007	Ind.2008
	Acres Planted (000)			Acres Harvested (000)		
Cantaloups	1.2	1.2	--	1.1	0.9	--
Cucumbers	2.0	2.2	--	1.8	2.0	1.0
Tomatoes	3.1	2.8	--	3.0	2.7	2.5
Watermelons	8.0	7.5	--	7.5	7.0	6.5
	Yield per Acre (Cwt.)			Production (Thou. Cwt.)		
Cantaloups	100	60	--	110	66	--
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) 1/		
	2006	2007		2006	2007	
Cantaloups	20.00	16.00		2,200	1,056	
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	

1/ Does not include allowance for CCC loans, outstanding purchases by the government, or deficiency payments.



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**FARM FACTS  
FOR  
SOUTH CAROLINA**



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**COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION**

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

Selected States	July 2007	June 2008	July 2008	July 2008 as % of 2/	
				July 2007	June 2008
	Million Pounds			Percent	
Florida	6.7	8.2	9.7	146	118
Georgia	12.9	12.5	13.4	104	108
Kansas	546.4	436.2	474.6	87	109
Nebraska	617.1	620.5	650.7	105	105
North Carolina	178.6	186.1	195.7	110	105
<b>SOUTH CAROLINA</b>	20.0	20.1	20.4	102	102
Texas	390.9	457.5	474.9	121	104
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	3,940.4	4,049.6	4,251.6	108	105

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

**COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION: United States, July, 2008 1/**

Class	July 2007	June 2008	July 2008	July 2008 % of	
				July 2007	June 2008
	Million Pounds			Percent	
Beef	2,256.7	* 2,262.7	2,372.7	105	105
Veal	10.7	11.7	12.3	116	105
Pork	1,659.5	1,762.1	1,852.9	112	105
Lamb and Mutton	13.5	13.1	13.7	101	104
<b>Total Red Meat 2/</b>	3,940.4	4,049.6	4,251.6	108	105

\* Revised. 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 July 2008 was 5.13 billion pounds, up 5 percent from 4.87 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.35 billion pounds, up 5 percent from July 2007.

Mature chickens, at 81.6 million pounds, were up 15 percent from the previous year. Young chickens slaughtered during July 2008 averaged 5.54 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from July 2007.

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight, Pounds Certified, Post-Mortem Condemnations, Selected States and United States, July, 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	97,671	527,389	5.40	396,243	3,139	0.79
Georgia	115,610	609,137	5.27	458,129	3,074	0.67
North Carolina	63,582	435,927	6.86	333,568	4,006	1.19
<b>South Carolina</b>	26,349	163,714	6.21	122,624	993	0.80
United States	785,338	4,350,435	5.54	3,224,942	30,491	0.94

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

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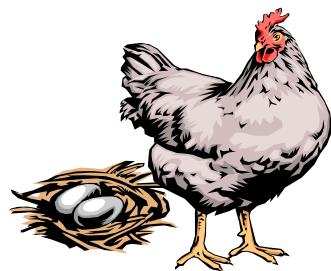
## EGG PRODUCTION

SOUTH CAROLINA'S laying flocks produced 96 million eggs during July, down 3 percent from last year. Production totaled 73 million table eggs and 23 million hatching eggs. The number of layers averaged 4,225,000 birds, down 9 percent from 4,644,000 a year ago. July egg production per 100 layers was 2,272 eggs, compared with 2,132 in 2007.

UNITED STATES egg production totaled 7.60 billion during July 2008. Production included 6.49 billion table eggs, and 1.12 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.05 billion were broiler-type and 64 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during July 2008 averaged 336 million, down 1 percent from last year. July egg production per 100 layers was 2,262 eggs, up 1 percent from July 2007.

### Average Layers and Egg Production Selected States and United States

Selected States	Average No. of Layers	Eggs Produced	Eggs per 100 Layers
	Thousand	Million	Number
Alabama	9,213	178	1,932
Florida	9,974	220	2,206
Georgia	18,493	382	2,066
North Carolina	12,253	253	2,065
<b>South Carolina</b>	<b>4,225</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>2,272</b>
United States	336,101	7,601	2,262



## BROILER HATCHERY PRODUCTION

During the month of July, SOUTH CAROLINA'S broiler hatcheries produced 19.5 million chicks, down 1 percent from last year's 19.7 million chicks.

THE UNITED STATES broiler-type chicks hatched during July 2008 totaled 807 million, down 2 percent from July 2007. Eggs in incubators totaled 651 million on August 1, 2008, down 3 percent from a year earlier.

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

Flock Type and Area	July 2008	January - July
	Thousand	
<i>Broiler Type:</i>		
<b>SOUTH CAROLINA</b>	<b>19,459</b>	<b>137,375</b>
United States	806,555	5,659,918
<i>Egg Type:</i>		
United States	37,929	281,505

## MUSHROOMS

Sales of the 2007-08 U.S. mushroom crop are 809 million pounds, down 2 percent from the 2006-07 season and 4 percent below two years ago. Value of sales for the 2007-08 U.S. mushroom crop is \$964 million, unchanged from the previous season but 8 percent above the 2005-06 season. The number of growers, at 286, is up 6 from last season. The average price is \$1.19 per pound, up 3 cents from 2006-07.

Sales reported by growers of Agaricus mushrooms for fresh market is 675 million pounds, down 3 percent from last season. Sales of Agaricus mushrooms for processing are 118 million pounds, unchanged from last season. Value of sales for all Agaricus mushrooms totaled 914 million, down slightly from the previous season but 8 percent above 2005-06.

Value of sales for commercially grown specialty mushrooms in 2007-08 is \$50 million, up 9 percent from the 2006-07 season. The average price per pound received by growers, at \$3.08, is down 16 cents from the previous season.

## COTTON GINNINGS

### GINNINGS: As of August 1, Crop Years 2006-2008 By Crop, State and United States

State	Running Bales Ginned		
	2006	2007 1/	2008
All Cotton			
Texas	23,250		13,050
United States	23,250		13,050

1/ Not published to avoid disclosing individual gins.

## TURKEY'S RAISED

SOUTH CAROLINA'S turkeys raised during 2008 are estimated at 10.5 million, no change from 2007.

The preliminary estimate of turkeys raised in the UNITED STATES during 2008 is 271 million, down less than one percent from the number raised during 2007.

### Number Raised by State and United States, 2007-2008

State	Number Raised		2008 As % of 2007
	2007	2008	
	1,000 Head		Percent
Arkansas	31,000	31,000	100
California	16,000	15,700	98
Minnesota	48,000	49,000	102
Missouri	20,000	20,000	100
North Carolina	39,000	39,000	100
<b>South Carolina</b>	<b>10,500</b>	<b>10,500</b>	<b>100</b>
Virginia	21,000	21,000	100
United States	271,685	271,084	100

## CROP PRODUCTION

### CROPS: Planted and Harvested Acreage, Yield and Production, SOUTH CAROLINA and UNITED STATES, as of September 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
<b>SOUTH CAROLINA</b>								
Corn for Grain .....Bu.	400	360	370	330	100.0	55.0	37,000	18,150
Cotton, Upland.....Lb. & Bales	180.0	135.0	158.0	134.0	486	688	160	192
Hay, All .....Ton	--	--	330	330	1.70	--	561	--
Oats .....Bu.	33	33	13	19	52.0	--	676	--
Peanuts for Nuts .....Lb.	59.0	71.0	56.0	67.0	3,100	3,400	173,600	227,800
Sorghum for Grain .....Bu.	10	8	7	5	34.0	--	238	--
Soybeans for Beans ..... Bu.	450	510	425	490	19.0	27.0	8,075	13,230
Sweetpotatoes .....Cwt.	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.5	140	--	70	--
Tobacco, Flue-Cured .....Lb.	--	--	20.5	20.0	2,250	2,200	46,125	44,000
Wheat, Winter ..... Bu.	160	220	135	195	31.0	54.0	4,185	10,530
<b>UNITED STATES</b>								
Corn for Grain .....Bu.	93,600	87,327	86,542	79,290	151.1	152.3	13,073,893	12,072,365
Cotton, Upland ..... Lb. & Bales	10,535.0	9,239.0	10,201.0	7,660.0	864	839	18,355.1	13,387.0
Hay, All .....Ton	--	--	61,625	60,439	2.44	--	150,304	147,955
Oats ..... Bu.	3,760	3,467	1,505	1,443	60.9	62.3	91,599	89,897
Peanuts for Nuts .....Lb.	1,230.0	1,533.0	1,195.0	1,494.0	3,130	3,188	3,740,650	4,762,450
Sorghum for Grain .....Bu.	7,718	7,271	6,805	6,442	74.2	66.1	504,993	425,572
Soybeans for Beans ..... Bu.	63,631	74,533	62,820	73,341	41.2	40.0	2,585,207	2,933,888
Sweetpotatoes .....Cwt.	100.6	104.1	97.5	100.8	189	--	18,452	--
Tobacco, Flue-Cured .....Lb.	--	--	223.0	226.5	2,259	2,295	503,760	519,775
Tobacco, All .....Lb.	--	--	356.0	356.0	2,191	2,289	779,899	814,907
Wheat, Winter .....Bu.	44,987	46,605	35,952	40,252	42.2	46.6	1,515,989	1,874,857

## FARM LABOR

There were 1,173,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of July 6-12, 2008, down from a year ago. Of these hired workers, 828,000 workers were hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural services employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 345,000 workers. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$10.34 per hour during the July 2008 reference week, up 35

cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$9.66 per hour, up 42 cents from last July, while livestock workers earned \$9.98 per hour compared with \$9.73 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$9.74 per hour, was up 37 cents from last year. The number of hours worked averaged 40.5 hours for hired workers during the survey week, down 2 percent from a year ago.

### Employment, Hours Worked and Wage Rates, Southeast, July 6-12, 2008 1/

Farm Employment	July 6-12, 2008 1/	April 6-12, 2008 1/	July 8-14, 2007
<b>FARM WORKERS</b>	Thousand		
Hired.....	41	25	31
Expected to be Employed:			
150 Days or More.....	29	19	22
149 Days or Less .....	12	6	9
<b>HOURS WORKED:</b>	Hours per Week		
Hired .....	36.6	37.2	36.3
<b>WAGE RATES FOR:</b>	Dollars per Hour		
All Hired Workers .....	9.00	9.66	9.12
Type of Worker:			
Field & Livestock Combined..	8.50	8.90	8.55
Field .....	8.56	8.93	8.57
Livestock .....	8.27	8.81	8.52

1/ Excludes Agricultural Service Workers.