

## VEGETABLES

South Carolina's harvested fresh market vegetable and melon acreage for 6 major crops totaled 15,900 for the 2006 crop year. Total acreage was up 7 percent from 2005's acreage of 14,900. Fresh market snap beans acreage for harvest was estimated at 1,200 acres, up 20 percent from a year ago. Harvested acreage for fresh market cucumbers was 1,800 acres, up 6 percent from the previous year. Harvested acreage of fresh market tomatoes at 3,000 acres was unchanged from the 2005 acreage. Harvested acreage for cantaloupes was 1,100 acres, also unchanged from the previous year. Squash harvested

acreage was 1,300 acres, up 18 percent from the previous year. Watermelon acreage for harvest was set at 7,500 acres, up 7 percent from the previous year. South Carolina's contracted cucumbers for pickles acreage for 2006 was set at 2,800 harvested acres, down 32 percent from 2005 and 30 percent below 2004. For the 2006 crop year, South Carolina was ranked in the top 10 in the total production of the following vegetables: 7<sup>th</sup> in watermelons, 8<sup>th</sup> in cantaloupes, 8<sup>th</sup> in cucumbers, 10<sup>th</sup> in snap beans and 10<sup>th</sup> in fresh market tomatoes.

**FRESH MARKET VEGETABLES: Acres Planted and Harvested, Yield, Production, and Value, South Carolina, 2004-2006**

Fresh Market Vegetables	2004	2005	2006	2004	2005	2006
	Acres Planted (000)			Acres Harvested (000)		
Snap Beans	1.4	1.3	1.4	1.0	1.0	1.2
Cucumbers	2.2	1.9	2.0	2.0	1.7	1.8
Tomatoes	3.6	3.2	3.1	3.5	3.0	3.0
Watermelons	8.0	7.5	8.0	7.0	7.0	7.5
Yield per Acre (Cwt.)			Production (Thou. Cwt.)			
Snap Beans	60	30	62	60	30	74
Cucumbers	120	70	110	240	119	198
Tomatoes	300	130	160	1,050	390	480
Watermelons	210	110	210	1,470	770	1,575
Value 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		



# FARM FACTS FOR SOUTH CAROLINA



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## EGG PRODUCTION

SOUTH CAROLINA'S laying flocks produced 109 million eggs during December, down 4 percent from last year. Production totaled 88 million table eggs and 21 million hatching eggs. The number of layers averaged 4,875,000 birds, down 2 percent from 4,999,000 a year ago. December egg production per 100 layers was 2,236 eggs, compared with 2,260 in 2005.

UNITED STATES egg production totaled 7.78 billion during December 2006. Production included 6.68 billion table eggs, and 1.09 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.03 billion were broiler-type and 66 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during December 2006 averaged 348 million, down slightly from last year. December egg production per 100 layers was 2,234 eggs, down slightly from December 2005.

### HENS AND PULLETS OF LAYING AGE, December, 2006

Selected States	Average No. of Layers	Eggs Produced	Eggs per 100 Layers
	Thousand	Million	Number
Alabama	8,823	173	1,961
Florida	11,262	256	2,273
Georgia	19,791	419	2,117
North Carolina	11,516	241	2,093
<b>South Carolina</b>	<b>4,875</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>2,236</b>
United States	348,108	7,777	2,234

## BROILER HATCHERY PRODUCTION

During the month of December, SOUTH CAROLINA'S broiler hatcheries produced 19.5 million chicks, up 5 percent from last year's 18.5 million chicks.

THE UNITED STATES broiler-type chicks hatched during December 2006 totaled 795 million, down 2 percent from December 2005. Eggs in incubators totaled 652 million on January 1, 2007, down 1 percent from a year earlier.

### CHICKS HATCHED by Commercial Hatcheries

Flock Type and Area	December 2006	Jan-Dec 2006
	Thousand	
Broiler Type:		
<b>SOUTH CAROLINA</b>	<b>19,514</b>	<b>225,856</b>
United States	795,445	9,417,911
Egg Type:		
United States	33,430	427,048

## FARM NUMBERS

The number of farms in South Carolina in 2006 is estimated at 24,600 and up 100 from the 24,500 in 2005. Total land in farms for 2006 is 4.85 million acres, unchanged from 2005. The average size of farms in 2006 was 197 acres, down 1 acre from 2005. Farms with \$100,000 or more in sales totaled 1,800 in 2006, accounting for 7.3 percent of all farms.

The number of farms in the UNITED STATES in 2006 is estimated at 2.09 million, 0.4 percent fewer than in 2005. Total land in farms, at 932.4 million acres, decreased 780 thousand acres, or 0.08 percent, from 2005. The average size farm during 2006 was 446 acres, an increase of one acre from the previous year. The decline in the number of farms and land in farms reflect a continuing consolidation in farming operations and diversion of agricultural land to nonagricultural uses.

### Number of Farms and Land in Farms, Average Size 2005-2006 1/

Year	Number of Farms	Land in Farms (1,000 Acres)	Average Farm Size
<b>South Carolina</b>			
2005	24,500	4,850	198
2006 2/	24,600	4,850	197
<b>United States</b>			
2005	2,098,690	933,210	445
2006 2/	2,089,790	932,430	446

1/ A farm is any establishment from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were sold or would normally be sold during the year. 2/ Preliminary.



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### SOUTH CAROLINA FRUIT PRODUCTION

Based on end of season data, SOUTH CAROLINA'S 14,000 bearing acres of **peach** trees produced 60,000 tons of fruit, down 15 thousand tons from last year's production. The state's utilized production of 50,000 tons sold for an average of \$749 a ton, resulting in a value of production of \$37,474,000. South Carolina had 600 bearing acres of **apple** trees which produced 3 million pounds of fruit, down

from 4 million pounds in 2005. The value of the 2.0 million pounds of utilized production was \$371,000 compared with \$430,000 the previous year.

SOUTH CAROLINA'S 2006 **pecan** crop had 1.50 million pounds of utilized production with a value of production of \$2,600,000 up from \$2,209,000 in 2005.

### FRUITS AND NUTS

#### APPLES AND PEACHES: Acreage, Production and Value, Selected States, 2005 and 2006

States	Bearing Acreage		Yield per Acre		Total Production		Utilized Production		Price per Pound		Value of Utilized Production	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	Acres		Pounds		Million Pounds				Dollars		Thou. Dollars	
<b>APPLES</b>												
GA	1,300	1,300	10,800	10,000	14.0	13.0	14.0	12.0	0.236	0.181	3,310	2,177
NY	45,000	45,000	22,900	28,400	1,030.0	1,280.0	1,020.0	1,260.0	0.164	0.210	167,400	264,900
NC	6,800	6,800	19,100	25,900	130.0	176.0	118.0	169.0	0.117	0.117	13,859	19,799
SC	700	600	5,710	5,000	4.0	3.0	2.5	2.0	0.172	0.186	430	371
WA	157,000	158,000	36,300	36,100	5,700.0	5,700.0	5,700.0	5,700.0	0.181	0.225	1,031,504	1,284,550
US	379,560	377,490	25,600	26,700	9,719.9	10,072.1	9,617.5	9,984.9	0.175	0.210	1,680,747	2,099,129
<b>PEACHES</b>												
	Acres		Tons		Tons				Dollars		Thou. Dollars	
CA	66,400	62,300	13.10	11.40	869,000	712,000	869,000	712,000	322.00	380.00	279,987	270,408
GA	11,500	11,500	3.48	3.57	40,000	41,000	37,000	37,000	743.00	892.00	27,476	33,020
NJ	7,400	7,200	4.73	4.72	35,000	34,000	33,700	34,000	916.00	1,050.00	30,869	35,700
NC	1,200	1,200	5.00	4.69	6,000	5,630	6,000	5,290	850.00	967.00	5,100	5,115
SC	14,000	14,000	5.36	4.29	75,000	60,000	45,000	50,000	703.00	749.00	31,641	37,474
US	139,630	134,460	8.48	7.51	1,184,550	1,010,120	1,145,100	987,080	447.00	520.00	511,520	513,438

#### ALL PECANS: Utilized Production, Price, and Value, Selected States, 2004-2006

Selected States	Utilized Production			Price per Pound			Value of Production		
	2004	2005	2006	2004	2005	2006	2004	2005	2006
	Thou. Lbs			Dollars			Thou. Dollars		
AL	1,100	4,000	6,000	1.180	1,100	1,470	1,294	4,384	8,817
GA	45,000	80,000	40,000	1.730	1,270	1,570	78,060	101,440	62,960
NC	100	2,000	600	1.850	0.965	1,250	185	1,930	750
SC	1,100	2,200	1,500	1.690	1.000	1,730	1,860	2,209	2,600
US	185,800	280,250	188,900	1.760	1.450	1,590	326,924	406,920	301,242

### Livestock Operations

The number of operations with cattle totaled 971,400 during 2006, down 1 percent from 2005 and 2 percent below 2004. Beef cow operations in 2006 were down 1 percent from 2005 and 2 percent below 2004. Milk cow operations were 4 percent below last year and 8 percent below two years ago. The three operation classes: cattle, beef cows, and milk cows, are classified into size groups independently. The number of operations with hogs totaled 65,540 during 2006, down 3 percent from 2005 and 6 percent from 2004. Places with 2,000 or more head accounted for 80 percent of the inventory.

The number of operations with sheep totaled 69,090 during 2006, up 1 percent from 2005 and up 2 percent from 2004. Of all sheep operations that include breeding sheep, 90.8 percent were comprised of 1-99 head, 7.6 percent had 100-499 head, and the remaining 1.6 percent were operations with 500 head or more. Operations with 1-99 head account for 28.7 percent of the inventory, 100-499 head account for 24.0 percent of the inventory, and 500+ head account for 47.3 percent of the inventory.

### ALL CATTLE AND CALVES

#### Number by Class and Calf Crop, Selected States, January 1, 2006 and 2007

Selected States	All Cattle and Calves		Beef Cows that Have calved		Milk Cows that Have Calved		Heifers 500 Pounds and Over		Calf Crop	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	1,000 Head									
Florida	1,680	1,730	916	950	134	130	200	205	880	910
Georgia	1,180	1,170	592	585	78	75	135	134	550	540
North Carolina	860	850	384	392	52	48	120	123	400	410
South Carolina	410	400	208	203	17	17	56	54	180	175
Texas	14,100	14,000	5,455	5,303	325	347	2,670	2,530	5,130	5,000
United States	96,701.5	97,002.9	32,993.5	32,894.2	9,062.9	9,129.0	19,983.9	20,086.1	37,575.1	37,566.7

### LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

#### COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION: Selected States, and United States, December 1/

Selected States	Dec 2005	Nov 2006	Dec 2006	December 2006 as % of 2/	
				Oct 2005	Sept 2006
	Million Pounds			Percent	
Florida	4.4	7.0	6.6	151	94
Georgia	10.6	14.9	13.7	129	92
Kansas	465.8	501.5	490.7	105	98
Nebraska	582.6	631.1	557.5	96	88
North Carolina	206.9	191.6	188.7	91	99
<b>SOUTH CAROLINA</b>	20.8	21.8	20.7	99	95
Texas	388.6	*398.1	353.1	91	89
UNITED STATES	3,953.6	4,137.2	3,863.0	98	93

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

#### COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION: United States, December 1/

Class	Dec 2005	Nov 2006	Dec 2006	December 06 % of	
				Dec 2005	Nov 2006
	Million Pounds			Percent	
Beef	2,057	2,217	2,040	99	92
Veal	13.5	14.3	14.4	107	101
Pork	1,866	1,890	1,793	96	95
Lamb and Mutton	16.5	15.3	15.3	92	100
Total Red Meat	3,954	4,137	3,863	98	93

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