

U. S. PEANUT STOCKS

Peanut stocks reported in commercial storage on February 28, 2009 totaled 3.74 billion pounds of equivalent farmer stock, compared with 2.62 billion pounds last year. This total includes 2.94 billion pounds of actual farmer stock. Shelled peanuts on hand totaled 734 million pounds of farmer stock equivalent. Roasting stock totaled 66.6 million pounds. Shelled peanut stocks totaled 552 million pounds of which 519 million pounds

were edible grades and 32.4 million pounds were oil stock. Edible grade stocks by type included 102 million pounds of Virginias and Valencias, 387 million pounds of Runners, and 30.7 million pounds of Spanish. February millings totaled 339 million pounds. Millings by type were 77.3 million pounds of Virginias and Valencias, 256 million pounds of Runners, and 5.39 million pounds of Spanish.

Stocks of Peanuts (excludes stocks on farms) and Specific Products at Month's End, Crop of 2008-2009 1/

Month Ending	Farmer Stock	Shelled Peanuts 2/	Roasting Stock (In Shell)	Farmer Stock Equivalent	
				Shelled Peanuts	Total 3/
---1,000 Pounds---					
August 2008	123,790	410,473	48,944	545,929	718,663
September	606,434	304,275	31,662	404,686	1,042,782
October	2,632,482	361,071	38,395	480,224	3,151,101
November	3,562,308	420,589	49,318	559,383	4,171,009
December	3,575,702	462,020	54,122	614,487	4,244,311
January 2009	3,251,152	509,783	51,188	678,011	3,980,351
February	2,942,346	551,596	66,555	733,623	3,742,524
March					
April					
May					
June					
July					
February 2008	1,872,378	513,830	66,980	683,394	2,622,752

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.



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LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

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

Selected States	Feb 2008	Jan 2009	Feb 2009	February 2009 as % of	
				Feb 2008	Jan 2009
----- Million Pounds ----- Percent -----					
Florida	6.7	8.3	7.4	110	89
Georgia	12.5	12.0	10.3	83	86
Kansas	406.9	417.2	396.4	97	95
Nebraska	568.4	584.8	541.3	95	93
North Carolina	212.9	220.2	206.2	97	94
SOUTH CAROLINA	21.9	20.1	19.2	87	95
Texas	383.2	414.8	396.0	103	95
UNITED STATES	3,967.4	4,169.6	3,825.1	96	92

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

COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION: United States, February, 2009 1/

Class	Feb 2008	Jan 2009	Feb 2009	February 2009 % of	
				Feb 2008	Jan 2009
----- Million Pounds ----- Percent -----					
Beef	2,038.6	2,118.4	1,985.2	97	94
Veal	11.0	12.0	11.0	100	92
Pork	1,902.7	2,026.0	1,816.1	95	90
Lamb and Mutton	15.0	13.3	12.8	85	96
Total Red Meat 2/	3,967.4	4,169.6	3,825.1	96	92

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

POULTRY SLAUGHTER

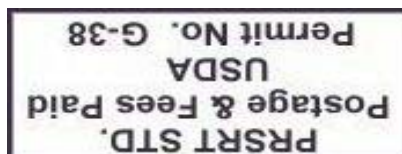
The Preliminary total live weight of poultry inspected during February 2009 was 4.27 billion pounds, down 9 percent from 4.68 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 3.64 billion pounds, down 8 percent from February 2008.

Mature chickens, at 59.4 million pounds, were down 15 percent from the previous year. Young chickens slaughtered during February 2009 averaged 5.54 pounds per bird, up slightly from February 2008.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations, Selected States and United States, February 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	79,493	434,674	5.47	322,986	2,802	0.86
Georgia	97,220	506,878	5.21	380,381	3,414	0.89
North Carolina	52,462	363,016	6.92	278,681	3,621	1.28
South Carolina	22,477	140,978	6.27	105,912	800	0.75
United States	657,218	3,642,562	5.54	2,703,865	28,276	1.03

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



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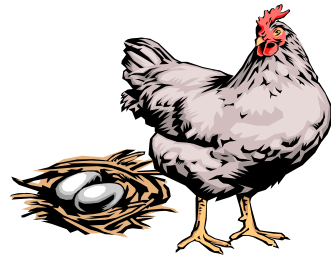
EGG PRODUCTION

SOUTH CAROLINA'S laying flocks produced 87 million eggs during February, down 2 percent from last year. Production totaled 66 million table eggs and 21 million hatching eggs. The number of layers averaged 4,389,000 birds, down 7 percent from 4,696,000 a year ago. February egg production per 100 layers was 1,982 eggs, compared with 1,895 in 2008.

UNITED STATES egg production totaled 6.89 billion during February 2009, down 3 percent from last year. Production included 5.91 billion table eggs, and 985 million hatching eggs, of which 917 million were broiler-type and 68 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during February 2009 averaged 341 million, down 1 percent from last year. February egg production per 100 layers was 2,023 eggs, down 2 percent from February 2008.

Average Layers and Egg Production, February 2009

Selected States	Average No. of Layers	Eggs Produced	Eggs per 100 Layers
	Thousand	Million	Number
Alabama	9,332	161	1,725
Florida	9,948	195	1,960
Georgia	18,214	347	1,905
North Carolina	12,454	243	1,951
South Carolina	4,389	87	1,982
United States	340,752	6,893	2,023



BROILER HATCHERY PRODUCTION

During the month of February, SOUTH CAROLINA'S broiler hatcheries produced 18.3 million chicks, down less than 1 percent from last year's 18.4 million chicks.

THE UNITED STATES broiler-type chicks hatched during February 2009 totaled 701 million, down 9 percent from February 2008. Eggs in incubators totaled 634 million on March 1, 2009, down 7 percent from a year earlier.

CHICKS HATCHED by Commercial Hatcheries

Flock Type and Area	February 2008	Cumulative, 2008
	Thousand	
<i>Broiler Type:</i>		
SOUTH CAROLINA	18,261	38,372
United States	700,913	1,479,314
<i>Egg Type:</i>		
United States	36,861	74,944



COTTON GINNINGS

GINNINGS: As of March 25, 2006-2008, States and United States

State	Running Bales Ginned		
	2006	2007	2008
All Cotton			
Alabama	668,600	397,300	451,400
Arizona	516,600	480,200	376,600
Arkansas	2,419,500	1,807,150	1,237,300
Georgia	2,285,750	1,620,550	1,568,800
Louisiana	1,257,000	695,800	279,600
Mississippi	2,029,450	1,271,250	656,850
North Carolina	1,257,600	763,650	755,950
South Carolina	402,650	148,650	232,150
Tennessee	1,310,900	586,600	520,950
Texas	5,710,100	8,102,750	4,378,550
United States	20,260,450	18,713,150	12,482,900

GOAT INVENTORY

Based on the January 1, 2009 estimates, SOUTH CAROLINA'S milk goat inventory is estimated at 3,000 head, unchanged from last year. Meat and other goats totaled 38,000 head down five percent from a year ago.

All goat inventory in the United States on January 1, 2009, totaled 3.07 million head, down 2 percent from 2008. Breeding goat inventory totaled 2.54 million head down 2 percent from 2008. All market goats and kids totaled 528,000 head, up 1 percent from a year ago. On January 1, 2009 meat and all other goats totaled 2.55 million head, down 2 percent from 2008. Milk goat inventory increased 4 percent to 335,000 head while angora goats were down 10 percent totaling 185,000 head. The 2008 kid crop totaled 1.96 million head for all goats, down 2 percent from 2007.

Mohair production in the United States during 2008 was 1.18 million pounds. Goats and kids clipped totaled 193,500 head. Average weight per clip was 6.10 pounds. Mohair price was \$3.31 per pound with a value of 3.91 million dollars.

VEGETABLES

In SOUTH CAROLINA, the spring acreage of fresh market cucumbers is expected to total 1000 acres, unchanged from last year. Spring acreage of fresh market tomatoes is estimated at 2,500 acres, unchanged from last year. South Carolina growers have contracted to grow 2,500 acres of cucumbers for pickles, unchanged from 2008.

The UNITED STATES prospective area for harvest of 11 selected fresh market vegetables during the spring quarter is forecast at 194,200 acres, down 4 percent from last year. Acreage

declines for snap beans, broccoli, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, sweet corn, cucumbers and head lettuce, more than offset acreage increases for bell peppers and tomatoes. Celery area remains unchanged. Melon acreage for spring harvest is forecast at 65,300 acres, down 3 percent from last year. Cantaloup, honeydew, and watermelon acreages are down 4 percent, 3 percent, and 1 percent, respectively, from 2008. Asparagus area for spring harvest is forecast at 31,000 acres, down 4 percent from last year. Strawberry area for harvest is forecast at 48,900 acres, up 6 percent from a year ago.

FRESH MARKET VEGETABLES: Acres Planted and Harvested, Yield, Production, and Value, South Carolina, 2007-2008, and 2009

Fresh Market Vegetables	2007	2008	Ind. 2009	2007	2008	Ind. 2009		
	Acres Planted (000)			Acres Harvested (000)				
Snap Beans	1.2	1.0	--	0.9	0.8	--		
Cucumbers	1.4	1.8	--	1.2	1.6	1.0		
Tomatoes	3.0	2.6	--	2.9	2.5	2.5		
Watermelons	7.5	7.5	--	6.5	6.5	--		
			Yield per Acre (Cwt.)			Production (Thou. Cwt.)		
Snap Beans	50	45	--	45	36	--		
Cucumbers	110	210	--	108	336	--		
Tomatoes	82	195	--	238	488	--		
Watermelons	145	215	--	943	1,398	--		
			Avg. Price per Cwt. (Dollars)		Total Value (Thou. Dollars)			
			2007	2008	2007	2008		
Snap Beans	57.00	55.00	2,565	1,980				
Cucumbers	25.00	20.00	2,700	6,720				
Tomatoes	48.50	65.00	11,543	31,720				
Watermelons	8.00	10.80	7,544	15,098				

2009 PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS

The March Prospective Plantings Survey indicated that SOUTH CAROLINA farmers intend to harvest less corn, soybeans, wheat, tobacco and peanuts this year while hay, cotton and oat planting intentions are up from 2008.

CORN growers currently expect to plant 305,000 acres in 2009. This is down 14 percent from the acreage planted in 2008, and down 24 percent from 2007.

COTTON growers currently intend to plant 140,000 acres in 2009. This is up 4 percent from 2008, and 22 percent below 2007.

TOBACCO acreage for harvest in 2009 is expected to total 18,500 acres. This is down 3 percent from 2008 and down 10 percent from 2007.

SOYBEAN average is expected to total 510,000 acres in 2009 – down 6 percent from 2008 and up 11 percent from 2007.

WHEAT acreage planted for the 2009 crop is set at 175,000 acres, down 20 percent from 2008 and up 9 percent from 2007.

OATS including both fall and spring plantings, are expected to total 35,000 acres, up 6 percent from 2008 and 2007.

PEANUT acreage for 2009 is expected to total 55,000 acres, down 23 percent from 2008 and down 7 percent from 2007.

HAY acres for harvest this year are expected to total 390,000 acres, up 18 percent from 2008 and 2007.