

**PEANUT PRICES**

**Peanuts: Prices and Marketings by Type and Week, United States**

Item and Type	Week Ending				
	May 2, 2009	Apr 25, 2009	Apr 18, 2009	Apr 11, 2009	Apr 4, 2009
Average Price	<i>Dollars per Pound</i>	<i>Dollars per Pound</i>	<i>Dollars per Pound</i>	<i>Dollars per Pound</i>	<i>Dollars per Pound</i>
Runners	0.237	0.242	0.236	0.242	0.241
Spanish	*	*	*	*	*
Valencias	*	*	*	*	*
Virginias	0.292	0.277	0.289	0.296	0.303
All	0.250	0.251	0.250	0.266	0.249
Marketings 1/	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>
Runners	57,073	73,442	29,727	39,175	61,837
Spanish	*	*	*	*	*
Valencias	*	*	*	*	*
Virginias	18,401	24,996	8,846	31,543	5,672
All	77,415	99,858	41,952	75,811	78,133



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***THIS ISSUE'S HIGHLIGHTS***

- Broiler Hatchery Production
- Milk Production
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**EGG PRODUCTION**

SOUTH CAROLINA'S laying flocks produced 94 million eggs during March, down 4 percent from a year ago. Production totaled 72 million table eggs and 22 million hatching eggs. The number of layers averaged 4,276,000 birds, which was down 9 percent from 4,711,000 a year ago. March egg production per 100 layers was 2,198 eggs, compared with 2,080 in 2008.

UNITED STATES egg production totaled 7.72 billion during March 2009, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.63 billion table eggs, and 1.09 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.02 billion were broiler-type and 75 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during March 2009 averaged 340 million, down slightly from last year. March egg production per 100 layers was 2,269 eggs, up 1 percent from March 2008.

**Average Layers and Egg Production  
Selected States, and U.S., March, 2009**

Selected States	Average No. of Layers	Eggs Produced	Eggs per 100 Layers
	Thousand	Million	Number
Alabama	9,297	182	1,958
Florida	9,989	222	2,222
Georgia	18,048	391	2,166
North Carolina	12,504	266	2,127
<b>South Carolina</b>	<b>4,276</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>2,198</b>
United States	340,451	7,724	2,269

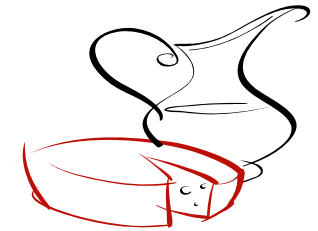
**BROILER HATCHERY PRODUCTION**

During the month of March, SOUTH CAROLINA'S broiler hatcheries produced 20.0 million chicks, down 1 percent from last year's 20.3 million hatched in March 2008.

The UNITED STATES broiler-type chicks hatched during March 2009 totaled 783 million, down 6 percent from March 2008. Eggs in incubators totaled 625 million on April 1, 2009, down 7 percent from a year earlier.

**CHICKS HATCHED by Type  
South Carolina and U.S., March 2009**

Flock Type and Area	March 2009	Jan-March 2009
	Thousand	
<i>Broiler Type:</i>		
<b>SOUTH CAROLINA</b>	<b>19,998</b>	<b>58,370</b>
United States	783,348	2,262,662
<i>Egg Type:</i>		
United States	40,137	115,081



**DAIRY PRODUCTION**

Total cheese output (excluding cottage cheese) was 871 million pounds, 4.3 percent above March 2008 and 13.1 percent above February 2009.

Italian type cheese production totaled 363 million pounds, 1.3 percent above March 2008 and 13.5 percent above February 2009.

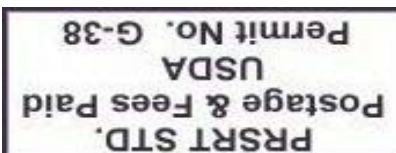
American type cheese production totaled 359 million pounds, 5.9 percent above March 2008 but 11.9 percent above February 2009.

Butter production was 145 million pounds, 4.4 percent below March 2008 and slightly below February 2009.

Dry Milk Powders: (comparisons with March 2008)  
Nonfat dry milk, human --- 136 million pounds, up slightly.  
Skim milk powders --- 24.4 million pounds, down 29.0 percent.

Whey products: (comparisons with March 2008)  
Dry whey, total - 92.3 million pounds, down 5.7 percent.  
Lactose, human and animal - 59.2 million pounds, down 7.5 percent.  
Whey protein concentrate, total - 33.8 million pounds, down 5.6 percent.

Frozen products: (comparisons with March 2008)  
Ice cream, Regular (hard) - 75.4 million gallons, down 0.6 percent.  
Ice cream, Lowfat (total) - 35.5 million gallons, up 6.0 percent.  
Sherbet (hard) -- 5.11 million gallons, down 9.3 percent.  
Frozen Yogurt (total) --- 6.20 million gallons, up 5.9 percent.



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**MILK PRODUCTION**

There were an estimated 84 million pounds of milk produced in SOUTH CAROLINA during the January-March quarter of 2009. This is down 7 percent from the January – March quarter, but up 18 percent from October-December 2008 quarter. There were 17,000 milk cows on SOUTH CAROLINA farms during January-March 2009, down 6 percent from the same quarter in 2008, and unchanged from the October-December 2008 quarter.

Milk production in the UNITED STATES during the January-March quarter totaled 47.3 billion pounds, down 6 percent from the January-March quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the U.S. during the quarter was 9.30 million head, 11,000 head more than the same period last year.

**MILK COWS AND PRODUCTION: Selected States and United States, January – March, 2008-2009**

Selected States	January – March Cows 1/		January – March Milk Production 2/		Percent Change From 2008
	2008	2009	2008	2009	
	Thou. Head		Million Pounds		Percent
California	1,840	1,826	10,460	10,087	-3.6
Florida	120	117	569	571	0.4
Georgia	77	76	361	376	4.2
North Carolina	48	46	239	230	-3.8
<b>South Carolina</b>	<b>18.0</b>	<b>17.0</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>-6.7</b>
Wisconsin	1,250	1,255	6,052	6,069	0.3
United States	9,286	9,297	47,610	47,304	-0.6

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

**COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION**

**COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION: Selected States and United States, March 2008-2009 1/**

Selected States	Mar 2008	Feb 2009	Mar 2009	Mar 09 % of	
				Mar 2008	Feb 20
	Million Pounds			Percent	
Florida .....	7.6	7.4	8.1	106	109
Georgia .....	13.0	10.3	9.4	73	91
Iowa .....	607.4	546.4	586.7	97	107
North Carolina .....	202.7	206.2	218.5	108	106
<b>South Carolina ...</b>	<b>20.7</b>	<b>19.2</b>	<b>19.3</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>100</b>
Tennessee .....	17.5	16.7	18.7	107	112
United States .....	4,089.8	*3,825.0	4,141.9	101	108

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

**COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION: United States, March 2008-2009 1/**

Class	Mar 2008	Feb 2009	Mar 2009	Mar 09 % of	
				Mar 2008	Feb 2009
	Million Pounds			Percent	
Beef .....	2,100.5	1,985.5	2,144.8	102	108
Veal .....	11.3	11.0	12.2	108	111
Pork .....	1,962.0	1,816.1	1,969.0	100	108
Lamb & Mutton .....	16.0	12.8	15.9	100	125
Total Red Meat 2/.....	4,089.8	*3,825.0	4,141.9	101	108

\* 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 March 2009 was 4.71 billion pounds, down 1 percent from 4.74 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.03 billion pounds, down slightly from March 2008.

Mature chickens, at 68.1 million pounds, were down 5 percent from the previous year. Young chickens slaughtered during March 2009 averaged 5.55 pounds per bird, down slightly from March 2008.

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight, Pounds Certified, Post-Mortem Condemnations, Selected States and United States, March 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	88,721	484,942	5.47	360,425	2,837	0.78
Georgia	109,486	569,369	5.20	424,143	3,800	0.89
North Carolina	59,272	416,074	7.02	320,552	3,869	1.19
<b>South Carolina</b>	<b>25,317</b>	<b>162,064</b>	<b>6.40</b>	<b>121,550</b>	<b>931</b>	<b>0.76</b>
United States	726,974	4,034,172	5.55	2,995,800	29,171	0.96

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

**U. S. PEANUT STOCKS**

Peanut stocks reported in commercial storage on March 31, 2009 totaled 3.40 billion pounds of equivalent farmer stock, compared with 2.32 billion pounds last year. This total includes 2.59 billion pounds of actual farmer stock. Shelled peanuts on hand totaled 735 million pounds of farmer stock equivalent. Roasting stock totaled 72.5 million pounds. Shelled peanut stocks totaled 553 million pounds of which 525 million pounds were edible grades and 28.1 million pounds were oil stock. Edible grade stocks by type included 102 million pounds of Virginias and Valencias, 393 million pounds of Runners, and 29.2 million pounds of Spanish. March millings totaled 362 million pounds. Millings by type were 60.9 million pounds of Virginias and Valencias, 296 million pounds of Runners, and 4.74 million pounds of Spanish.

**PEANUT STOCKS**

**United States Stocks of Peanuts and Specified 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	1,000 Pounds	1,000 Pounds	1,000 Pounds	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	3,247,476	509,783	51,188	678,011	3,976,675
February	2,942,346	550,448	67,118	732,096	3,741,560
March	2,591,092	552,951	72,504	735,425	3,399,021
April					
May					
June					
July					
Mar 2008	1,514,476	559,401	63,675	744,003	2,322,154

1/ Excludes stocks on farms. Includes stocks owned by or held for account of peanut producers and CCC in commercial storage facilities. Farmer stock on net weight basis. 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.