

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION: Selected States, and United States, July 2006 1/

Selects States	July 2005	June 2006	July 2006	July 2006 as % of 2/	
				July 2005	June 2006
	----- Million Pounds -----			----- Percent -----	
Florida	4.3	5.0	5.3	122	106
Georgia	9.7	11.2	11.3	117	101
Kansas	510.1	573.9	523.0	103	91
Nebraska	578.3	659.6	607.7	105	92
North Carolina	162.3	186.3	168.9	104	91
SOUTH CAROLINA	18.2	21.0	18.9	104	90
Texas	392.9	470.2	415.9	106	88
UNITED STATES	3,613.6	4,119.6	3,782.0	105	92

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

COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION: United States, July 2006 1/

Class	July 2005	June 2006	July 2006	July 2006 % of		Jan - July 2006 as % of 2005
				July 2005	June 2006	
	----- Million Pounds -----			----- Percent -----		----- Percent -----
Beef	2,083	2,429	2,204	106	91	107
Veal	12.4	13.0	12.0	96	92	96
Pork	1,505	1,663	1,553	103	93	102
Lamb and Mutton	13.4	*14.5	13.2	99	91	102
Total Red Meat	3,614	4,120	3,782	105	92	105

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



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EGG PRODUCTION COUNTY ESIMATES

Average Number of Layers, Egg Production and Rate of Lay County Estimates, 2005 Preliminary

County	Average # of Layers during year	Rate of Lay per Layer	Total Egg Production
	Number	Eggs	Thou. eggs
Abbeville	46,000	274	12,600
Aiken	88,000	216	19,000
Barnwell	173,000	223	38,600
Berkeley	27,000	248	6,700
Chester	47,000	185	8,700
Clarendon	13,000	231	3,000
Colleton	27,000	226	6,100
Darlington	664,000	259	172,000
Dorchester	104,000	223	23,200
Edgefield	34,000	215	7,300
Greenwood	171,000	273	46,600
Kershaw	1,078,000	262	282,400
Laurens	82,000	272	22,300
Lexington	202,000	222	44,900
McCormick	68,000	274	18,600
Newberry	1,105,000	273	301,600
Oconee	87,000	274	23,800
Orangeburg	225,000	223	50,200
Saluda	592,000	271	160,400
Other	209,000	196	41,000
STATE	5,042,000	256	1,289,000

EGG PRODUCTION

SOUTH CAROLINA'S laying flocks produced 106 million eggs during July, up 3 percent from last year. Production totaled 87 million table eggs and 19 million hatching eggs. The number of layers averaged 5,018,000 birds, down slightly from 5,037,000 a year ago. July egg production per 100 layers was 2,112 eggs, compared with 2,045 in July 2005.

UNITED STATES egg production totaled 7.64 billion during July 2006, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.56 billion table eggs, and 1.09 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.02 billion were broiler-type and 66 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during July 2006 averaged 341 million, up 1 percent from last year. July egg production per 100 layers was 2,241 eggs, up slightly from July 2005.

HENS AND PULLETS OF LAYING AGE, July 2005-06

Selected States	Average No. of Layers	Eggs Produced	Eggs per 100 Layers
	Thousand	Million	Number
Alabama	8,562	162	1,974
Florida	10,813	240	2,220
Georgia	18,569	386	2,079
North Carolina	10,718	220	2,053
South Carolina	5,018	106	2,112
United States	341,047	7,643	2,241

TURKEYS RAISED

The preliminary estimate of turkeys raised in SOUTH CAROLINA during 2006 is 11 million, up 38 percent from the number raised during 2005.

Turkeys Raised by Selected States, 2005-2006

State	2005	2006	2006 as % of 2005
			Percent
	----- 1,000 Head -----		Percent
Arkansas	29,000	30,000	103
Minnesota	4,700	4,800	102
North Carolina	36,000	37,000	103
South Carolina	8,000	11,000	138
United States	256,270	264,874	103

BROILER HATCHERY PRODUCTION

During the month of July SOUTH CAROLINA'S broiler hatcheries produced 19.3 million chicks, up 3 percent from last year's 18.7 million chicks.

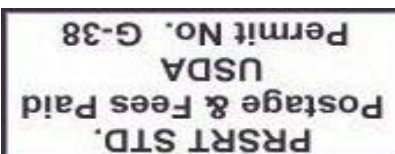
THE UNITED STATES broiler-type chicks hatched during July 2006 totaled 800 million, down 1 percent from July 2005. Eggs in incubators totaled 660 million on August 1, 2006, down 1 percent from a year earlier.

CHICKS HATCHED by Commercial Hatcheries

Flock Type and Area	July 2006	Jan-July 2006
	Thousand	
<i>Broiler Type:</i>		
SOUTH CAROLINA	19,330	130,753
United States	800,132	5,540,181
<i>Egg Type:</i>		
United States	33,224	253,862

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CROP PRODUCTION

Based on September 1 conditions, yields for cotton and corn are expected to be down from 2005. Yields for peanuts and soybeans are up, while tobacco yields are unchanged.

CORN production in 2006 is expected to total 28.6 million bushels, up 7 percent from last month, but down 13 percent from last year. Expected yield per acre of 106 bushels is up 7 bushels from the August forecast, but down 10 bushels from 2005. Acreage for harvest as grain, at 270,000, is down 15,000 acres from 2005.

FLUE-CURED TOBACCO production, as of September 1, is forecast at 46.2 million pounds. This is down 5 percent from last month's forecast, but up 10 percent from last year's production of 42.0 million pounds. Yield per acre of 2,100 pounds is down 100 pounds from last month, but is unchanged from last year. Acreage for harvest, at 22,000, is unchanged from last month but up 2,000 acres from a year ago.

SOYBEAN production this year is forecast at 11.3 million bushels, up 8 percent from last month and up 31 percent from last year. Excepted yield per acre of 26 bushels is up 2 bushels from the August estimate and 5.5 bushels a year ago. Acres for harvest, at 435,000, is up 15,000 acres from a year ago.

COTTON production in 2006 is forecast at 430,000 bales up 5 percent from last month and last year. Yield per acre is expected to average 693 pounds, up 33 pounds from the August forecast, but down 50 pounds from the 2005 yield. Acreage for harvest, at 298,000 acres, is up 12 percent from 2005.

PEANUT production is forecast at 173.6 million pounds and unchanged from last month but up 3 percent from a year ago. Yield per acre, at 3,100 pounds is unchanged from August but 300 pounds above the 2005 yield. Acreage for harvest, at 56,000, is down 4,000 acres from last year.

CROPS: Planted and Harvested Acreage, Yield and Production, SOUTH CAROLINA and UNITED STATES, as of September 1, 2006

Crop	Planted Acres (000)		Harvested Acres (000)		Yield per Harvested Acres		Total Production (000)	
	2005	Indicated 2006	2005	Indicated 2006	2005	Indicated 2006	2005	Indicated 2006
SOUTH CAROLINA								
Corn for GrainBu.	300	300	285	270	116.0	106.0	33,060	28,620
Cotton, Upland.....Lb. & Bales	266.0	300.0	265.0	298.0	743	693	410	430
Hay, AllTon	--	--	290	360	2.70	--	783	--
OatsBu.	35	33	20	20	59.0	--	1,180	--
Peanuts for NutsLb.	63.0	60.0	60.0	56.0	2,800	3,100	168,000	173,600
Sorghum for GrainBu.	10	11	7	8	51.0	--	357	--
Soybeans for Beans Bu.	430	450	420	435	20.5	26.0	8,610	11,310
SweetpotatoesCwt.	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.7	160	--	128	--
Tobacco, Flue-CuredLb.	--	--	20.0	22.0	2,100	2,100	42,000	46,200
Wheat, Winter Bu.	170	140	165	133	52.0	48.0	8,580	6,384
UNITED STATES								
Corn for GrainBu.	81,759	79,366	75,107	71,841	147.9	154.7	11,112,072	11,113,766
Cotton, Upland Lb. & Bales	13,975.0	14,940.0	13,802.6	12,816.0	831	762	23,890.2	20,345.0
Hay, AllTon	--	--	61,649	62,697	2.44	2.27	150,590	142,326
Oats Bu.	4,246	4,312	1,823	1,907	63.0	56.3	114,878	107,423
Peanuts for NutsLb.	1,657.0	1,242.0	1,629.0	1,213.0	2,960	2,640	4,821,250	3,202,600
Sorghum for GrainBu.	6,454	6,282	5,736	5,317	68.7	55.8	393,893	296,453
Soybeans for Beans Bu.	72,142	74,930	71,361	73,935	43.3	39.6	3,086,432	3,092,970
SweetpotatoesCwt.	91.0	96.0	88.4	93.4	178	--	15,730	--
Tobacco, Flue-CuredLb.	--	--	175.5	208.1	2,182	2,185	382,950	454,740
Tobacco, AllLb.	--	--	298.1	334.2	2,171	2,224	647,278	743,098
Wheat, WinterBu.	40,433	41,393	33,794	31,108	44.4	41.2	1,499,129	1,283,134



U. S. PEANUT STOCKS

Peanut stocks reported in commercial storage on July 31, 2006 totaled 2.17 billion pounds of equivalent farmer stock, compared with 1.41 billion pounds last year. This total includes 1.40 billion pounds of actual farmer stock. Shelled peanuts on hand totaled 707 million pounds of farmer stock equivalent. Roasting stock totaled 57.0 million pounds. Shelled peanut stocks totaled 532 million pounds of which

510 million pounds were edible grades and 21.5 million pounds were oil stock. Edible grade stocks by type included 135 million pounds of Virginias, 347 million pounds of Runners, and 28.7 million pounds of Spanish. July millings totaled 260 million pounds. Millings by type were 48.6 million pounds of Virginias, 201 million pounds of Runners, and 11.0 million pounds of Spanish.

Stocks of Peanuts (excludes stocks on farms) and Specific Products at Month's End, Crop of 2005-2006

Month Ending	Farmer Stock	Shelled Peanuts 1/	Roasting Stock (In Shell)	Farmer Stock Equivalent	
				Shelled Peanuts	Total 2/
---1,000 Pounds---					
August 2005	443,982	444,157	54,294	590,729	1,089,005
September	786,950	394,897	47,428	525,213	1,359,591
October	2,878,942	409,518	48,206	544,659	3,471,807
November	3,885,796	410,147	51,489	545,496	4,482,781
December	3,738,962	471,597	50,053	627,224	4,416,239
January 2006	3,361,234	528,109	48,977	702,385	4,112,596
February	2,999,868	601,065	48,204	799,416	3,847,488
March	2,608,212	628,982	50,063	836,546	3,494,821
April	2,281,226	640,305	46,817	851,606	3,179,649
May	1,964,102	598,854	55,314	796,476	2,815,892
June	1,653,756	556,480	65,719	740,118	2,459,593
July	1,402,614	531,596	56,993	707,023	2,166,630
July 2005	677,436	501,868	69,655	667,484	1,414,575

1/ Includes shelled edible grades, shelled oil stock, and shelled seed (untreated). 2/ Actual farmer stock, plus roasting stock, plus shelled peanuts X 1.33.

POULTRY SLAUGHTER

The Preliminary total live weight of poultry inspected during July 2006 was 4.51 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 4.42 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 3.85 billion pounds, up 2 percent from July 2005.

Mature chickens, at 62.7 million pounds, were down 9 percent from the previous year. Young chickens slaughtered during July 2006 averaged 5.38 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from a year ago.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight, Pounds Certified, Post-Mortem Condemnations, Selected States and United States, July 2006

Selected States	Number Slaughtered	Live Weight	Average Live Weight	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified 1/	Post-Mortem Condemnations	
					N.Y. Dressed Weight	Percent 2/
	Thou.	Thou. Lbs	Pounds	Thou. Lbs	Percent	
Alabama	88,423	466,908	5.28	347,786	3,818	0.91
Georgia	106,654	546,435	5.12	405,803	3,137	0.64
North Carolina	55,976	370,731	6.62	283,711	3,542	1.06
South Carolina	22,617	137,647	6.09	101,829	750	0.61
United States	716,477	3,853,945	5.38	2,855,329	31,492	0.91

1/ Ready-to-cook weights. 2/ Pounds condemned as percent of equivalent N.Y. dressed weight of quantity inspected.