



# Tennessee Farm Facts

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## Cattle Inventory Down 6 Percent

The total number of cattle and calves in Tennessee on January 1, 2009, was 1.98 million head, 6 percent below last year's total and the lowest since 1961. This information is based on a recent cattle survey conducted by USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Tennessee Field Office. Debra Kenerson, State Director, remarked, "The reduction of cattle as a result of the devastating 2007 drought continued well into 2008. Producers once again faced challenges as the rising costs of inputs, such as feed, fertilizer, and fuel, continued to outpace the prices they were receiving for their cattle. Another dry summer depleted pastures and limited hay supplies, which added to farmers' decisions to further liquidate their herds." Results of the survey showed the following breakout of inventory on January 1, 2009, with comparison to last year: **beef cows** totaled 951,000, down 12 percent; **milk cow** numbers were 59,000, down 3 percent; **calves less than 500 pounds** were 490,000, down 2 percent; and **steers and other heifers** weighing 500 pounds and over, at 212,000 head, were up 12 percent. Tennessee's 2008 **calf crop** was 950,000 head, down 9 percent.

## U.S. Cattle Inventory Down Slightly

**All cattle and calves** in the United States as of January 1, 2009, totaled 94.5 million head, 2 percent below the 96.0 million on January 1, 2008. **All cows and heifers** that have calved, at 41.0 million, were down 2 percent from the 41.7 million on January 1, 2008. **Beef cows**, at 31.7 million, were down 2 percent from January 1, 2008. **Milk cows**, at 9.33 million, were up 1 percent from January 1, 2008. Other class estimates on January 1, 2009, and the change from January 1, 2008, are as follows: **All heifers** 500 pounds and over, 19.6 million, down 1 percent. **Beef replacement heifers**, 5.53 million, down 2 percent. **Milk replacement heifers**, 4.41 million, down slightly. **Other heifers**, 9.65 million, down 1 percent. **Steers** weighing 500 pounds and over, 16.8 million, down 2 percent. **Bulls** weighing 500 pounds and over, 2.18 million, down 1 percent. **Calves under 500 pounds**, 14.9 million, down 1 percent. **Cattle and calves on feed** for slaughter in all feedlots, 13.9 million, down 7 percent. The combined total of **calves under 500 pounds, and other heifers and steers over 500 pounds** outside of feedlots was 27.5 million, up 1 percent. **The 2008 calf crop** was estimated at 36.1 million head, down 2 percent from 2007. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 26.3 million, down 1 percent from 2007.

**Cattle and Calves: Number by Class, Tennessee and U.S., January 1, 2008-2009**

Class	Tennessee			United States <sup>1</sup>		
	2008 <sup>3</sup>	2009	2009/2008	2008 <sup>3</sup>	2009	2009/2008
	Thousand Head		Percent	Thousand Head		Percent
All Cattle and Calves	2,100	1,980	94	96,035	94,491	98
All Cows that Have Calved	1,140	1,010	89	41,692	41,005	98
Beef	1,079	951	88	32,435	31,671	98
Milk	61	59	97	9,257	9,333	101
Heifers, 500 pounds and over	270	270	100	19,854	19,586	99
Beef Cow Replacement	155	150	97	5,647	5,526	98
Milk Cow Replacement	45	45	100	4,415	4,410	100
Other	70	75	107	9,793	9,650	99
Steers, 500 pounds and over	120	137	114	17,163	16,774	98
Bulls, 500 pounds and over	70	73	104	2,207	2,184	99
Calves, under 500 pounds	500	490	98	15,118	14,943	99
Calf Crop <sup>2</sup>	1,040	950	91	36,759	36,113	98
Cattle on Feed	4	4	100	14,827	13,851	93

<sup>1</sup> May not add due to rounding. <sup>2</sup> Calves born during previous 12 months. <sup>3</sup> Revised.

## Tennessee Continues to Rank Second in Meat Goats; Sheep Inventory Up 13 Percent

The total number of **meat goats** in Tennessee on January 1, 2009, was 133,000 head, up 9,000 head from 2008. **Milk goats** totaled 5,800 head, unchanged from the previous year. Tennessee ranks second in the nation in number of meat goats and 20<sup>th</sup> in milk goats. The total number of **sheep and lambs** in the State on January 1, 2009, was 34,000, 13 percent above last year's total of 30,000 head. Breeding inventory, at 27,000 head, increased 3,000 over last year, while market inventory increased 1,000 to 7,000 head for 2009. Tennessee's 2008 lamb crop increased 3,000, 15 percent, from 2007 at 23,000 head.

### U.S. Sheep and Lamb Inventory Down 2 Percent; U.S. Goat and Kid Inventory Up 3 Percent

**All sheep and lamb inventory** in the United States on January 1, 2009, totaled 5.75 million head, down 3 percent from 2008. **The 2008 lamb crop** of 3.71 million head, was down 5 percent from 2007. The 2008 lambing rate was 105 lambs per 100 ewes one year old and older on January 1, 2008, down 3 percent from 2007. **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.

### Sheep and Lambs: Number by Class, Tennessee and U.S., January 1, 2008 -2009

Class	Tennessee			United States <sup>1</sup>		
	2008 <sup>3</sup>	2009	2009/2008	2008 <sup>3</sup>	2009	2009/2008
	Thousand Head		Percent	Thousand Head		Percent
All Sheep and Lambs	30.0	34.0	113	5,950	5,747	97
Total Breeding	24.0	27.0	113	4,432	4,247	96
Ewes, One Yr. & Older	18.0	20.0	111	3,540	3,404	96
Rams, One Yr. & Older	2.0	2.0	100	194.5	195.0	100
Replacement Lambs	4.0	5.0	125	697.0	648.5	93
Total Market	6.0	7.0	117	1,519	1,500	99
Market Lambs	5.5	6.0	109	1,436	1,419	99
Market Sheep	0.5	1.0	200	82.5	81.0	98
Lamb Crop <sup>2</sup>	20.0	23.0	115	3,895	3,710	95
Sheep Shorn	18.0	18.0	100	4,657	4,434	95

<sup>1</sup> May not add due to rounding. <sup>2</sup> Lambs and kids born during previous 12 months. <sup>3</sup> Revised.

**U.S. Slaughter:** Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.16 billion pounds in December, up 3 percent from the 4.06 billion pounds produced in December 2007. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.67 million head, up 1 percent from December 2007. The average live weight was up 1 pound from the previous year, at 1,303 pounds. Calf slaughter totaled 94,100 head, up 54 percent from December 2007. The average live weight was down 43 pounds from last year, at 245 pounds. Hog kill totaled 10.1 million head, up 5 percent from December 2007. The average live weight was down 2 pounds from the previous year, at 270 pounds. Sheep slaughter totaled 230,800 head, 1 percent above last year. The average live weight was 134 pounds, down 1 pound from December a year ago.

### Livestock Slaughter<sup>1</sup>: Tennessee & United States, December 2007 and 2008

Species	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	1,000 Head		1,000 Pounds		Pounds	
<b>Tennessee</b>						
Cattle	2.1	2.8	1,799	2,408	864	871
Calves	0.1	0.1	28	37	420	479
Hogs	59.9	62.9	28,093	29,298	470	467
Sheep & lambs	1.4	1.6	107	116	74	71
<b>United States</b>						
Cattle	2,647.9	2,671.3	3,434,170	3,467,891	1,302	1,303
Calves	61.0	94.1	17,371	22,708	288	245
Hogs	9,689.9	10,144.6	2,632,754	2,739,463	272	270
Sheep & lambs	229.0	230.8	30,860	30,861	135	134

<sup>1</sup> Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other commercial slaughter (excludes farm slaughter).

**Commercial Apples: Production, Price, and Value, Tennessee, 2003-2008<sup>1</sup>**

Crop & Year	Total Production <sup>2</sup>	Utilized Production <sup>3</sup>	Price per Pound <sup>4</sup>	Value of Production <sup>5</sup>
	Million Pounds		Cents	1,000 Dollars
2003	12.0	11.5	25.2	2,903
2004	11.0	10.5	26.3	2,765
2005	8.5	7.5	26.8	2,012
2006	10.0	9.0	27.3	2,456
2007	0.1	0.1	40.0	40
2008	10.0	8.7	34.4	2,991

<sup>1</sup>"Commercial" refers to the total production in orchards of 100 or more bearing age trees. <sup>2</sup>Total production is the quantity actually harvested plus quantities which were not harvested because of economic or natural reasons. <sup>3</sup>Utilized production is the amount sold plus the quantities used at home or held in storage. <sup>4</sup>Average for all methods of sale. <sup>5</sup>Value of production is price times utilized production.

**Commercial Peaches: Production, Price, and Value, Tennessee, 2003-2008<sup>1</sup>**

Crop & Year	Total Production <sup>2</sup>	Utilized Production <sup>3</sup>	Price per Ton <sup>4</sup>	Value of Production <sup>5</sup>
	Tons		Dollars	1,000 Dollars
2003	1,750	1,600	1,030	1,648
2004	1,950	1,800	1,070	1,926
2005	2,000	1,800	1,280	2,304
2006	1,900	1,800	1,410	2,538
2007 <sup>6</sup>				
2008	1,600	1,600	1,580	2,528

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**Fresh Market Vegetables: Acreage, Yield, Production, and Value, Tennessee 2003-2008**

Crop & Year	Acreage		Yield Per Acre	Production	Price per Cwt.	Value of Production
	Planted	Harvested				
	Acres		Cwt.	1,000 Cwt.	Dollars	1,000 Dollars
<b>Tomatoes</b>						
2003	4,900	4,600	350	1,610	37.00	59,570
2004 <sup>1</sup>	4,900	4,500	200	900	34.00	30,600
2005	4,300	3,900	240	936	34.00	31,824
2006	4,200	3,900	305	1,190	42.00	49,980
2007	4,100	3,800	305	1,159	34.00	39,406
2008	4,200	4,000	280	1,120	34.00	38,080
<b>Snap Beans</b>						
2003	10,500	9,500	43	409	29.00	11,861
2004	10,000	7,600	48	365	33.00	12,045
2005	11,000	10,500	63	662	36.00	23,832
2006	9,500	9,000	56	504	38.00	19,152
2007	8,800	7,900	56	442	32.00	14,144
2008	9,300	8,500	43	366	34.00	12,444
<b>Squash<sup>2</sup></b>						
2003	1,200	1,100	72	79	17.60	1,392
2004	1,200	1,000	95	95	22.30	2,116
2005	1,200	1,000	83	83	18.30	1,516
2006	1,100	900	96	86	20.10	1,725
2007	1,100	900	83	75	18.30	1,376
2008	1,100	900	82	74	18.30	1,356

<sup>1</sup>Revised. <sup>2</sup>Includes processing.

**Layers and Eggs: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Selected States  
and United States, During December 2007 and 2008**

Selected States	Table Egg Layers in Flocks 30,000 or more		All Layers <sup>1</sup>		Eggs per 100 for All Layers <sup>1</sup>	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	Thousands				Number	
Alabama	1,402	1,372	9,526	9,392	1,942	1,948
Arkansas	4,106	3,695	14,108	13,045	1,963	1,993
Georgia	9,586	9,677	19,312	18,439	2,133	2,131
North Carolina	4,965	5,373	12,566	12,540	2,109	2,113
All Other States <sup>2</sup>	260,160	259,533	289,453	287,541	2,296	2,322
United States	280,219	279,650	344,965	340,957	2,256	2,281

<sup>1</sup> Includes all layers and eggs produced in both table egg and hatching egg flocks regardless of size. <sup>2</sup> Tennessee is included in all other states total.

**Prices Received by Farmers: Tennessee & U.S., January 2009 with Comparisons**

Commodity	Unit	Tennessee			United States		
		January 2008	December <sup>1</sup> 2008	January <sup>2</sup> 2009	January 2008	December <sup>1</sup> 2008	January <sup>2</sup> 2009
Dollars Per Unit							
<b>Field Crops</b>							
Corn	bu.	4.26	4.37	4.30	3.98	4.10	4.15
Cotton Lint	lb.	.557	.505	.546 <sup>3</sup>	.615	.519	.474 <sup>3</sup>
Sorghum	cwt.	8.44	4.01	n/a	7.40	5.13	5.29
Soybeans	bu.	11.10	9.20	9.50	9.95	9.24	9.92
Winter Wheat	bu.	7.58	5.25	n/a	7.75	5.41	5.29
<b>Livestock</b>							
All Beef Cattle	cwt.	70.20	62.00	68.00	87.30	79.80	80.50
Steers & Heifers	cwt.	87.00	76.00	84.00	93.40	85.60	86.30
Cows	cwt.	45.00	41.00	44.00	46.30	40.40	42.20
Calves	cwt.	99.00	78.00	90.00	117.00	100.00	105.00

<sup>1</sup> Entire month. <sup>2</sup> Mid-month. <sup>3</sup> Based on purchases first half of month. n/a = not available.