



Tennessee Farm Facts

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Tennessee Cattle Numbers Down 8 Percent

The total number of cattle and calves in Tennessee on January 1, 2008, was 2.13 million head, 8 percent below last year's total. 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, "It is quite apparent that the Easter freeze coupled with extreme drought conditions took a toll on our cattle producers. Poor pastures and reduced hay production, along with water shortages in some areas resulted in many producers culling cattle." Results of the survey showed the following breakout of inventory on January 1, 2008, with comparison to last year: **beef cows** totaled 1.08 million, down 6 percent; **milk cow** numbers were 61,000, down 9 percent; **calves under 500 pounds** were 520,000, down 9 percent; and **steers and other heifers** weighing 500 pounds and over, at 195,000 head, were down 13 percent. Tennessee's 2007 **calf crop** remained the same from 2006 at 1.06 million head.

U.S. Cattle Inventory Down Slightly

All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2008, totaled 96.7 million head, slightly below the 97.0 million on January 1, 2007. **All cows** and heifers that have calved, at 41.8 million, were down 1 percent from the 42.0 million on January 1, 2007. **Beef cows**, at 32.6 million, were down 1 percent from January 1, 2007, and **milk cows**, at 9.22 million, were up 1 percent from January 1, 2007.

Other class estimates on January 1, 2008, and the change from January 1, 2007, are as follows: **All heifers** 500 pounds and over, 20.0 million, down slightly; **Beef replacement heifers**, 5.67 million, down 4 percent; **Milk replacement heifers**, 4.46 million, up 3 percent; **Other heifers**, 9.88 million, down slightly; **Steers** weighing 500 pounds and over, 17.3 million, up slightly; **Bulls** weighing 500 pounds and over, 2.21 million, down slightly; **Calves** under 500 pounds, 15.4 million, down 1 percent; **Cattle and calves on feed** for slaughter in all feedlots, 14.3 million, up slightly. The combined total of **calves under 500 pounds, and other heifers and steers over 500 pounds** outside of feedlots was 28.2 million, down slightly. The 2007 **calf crop** was estimated at 37.4 million head, down slightly from 2006. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 27.2 million, down 1 percent from 2006.

Cattle and Calves: Number by Class, Tennessee and U.S., January 1, 2007-2008

Class	Tennessee			United States		
	2007	2008	2008/2007	2007 ¹	2008	2008/2007
	Thousand Head		Percent	Thousand Head		Percent
All Cattle and Calves	2,310	2,130	92	97,003	96,669	100
All Cows that Have Calved	1,220	1,140	93	42,023	41,777	99
Beef	1,153	1,079	94	32,891	32,553	99
Milk	67	61	91	9,132	9,224	101
Heifers, 500 pounds and over	310	280	90	20,086	20,003	100
Beef Cow Replacement	180	160	89	5,877	5,670	96
Milk Cow Replacement	40	45	113	4,310	4,457	103
Other	90	75	83	9,899	9,876	100
Steers, 500 pounds and over	135	120	89	17,222	17,305	100
Bulls, 500 pounds and over	75	70	93	2,215	2,207	100
Calves, under 500 pounds	570	520	91	15,456	15,378	99
Calf Crop ²	1,060	1,060	100	37,519	37,361	100
Cattle on Feed	7	4	57	14,269	14,317	100

¹ Revised. ² Calves born during previous 12 months.

Tennessee Continues to Rank Second in Meat Goats, Sheep Inventory Up 12 Percent

The total number of **meat goats** in Tennessee on January 1, 2008, was 118,000 head, up 1,000 head from 2007. **Milk goats** totaled 5,800 head, down 800 head for the previous year. Tennessee ranks second in the nation in number of meat goats and fifteenth in milk goats. The total number of **sheep and lambs** in the State on January 1, 2008, was 28,000, 12 percent above last year's total of 25,000 head. Breeding inventory, at 23,000 head, increased a thousand over last year, while market inventory increased 3,000 to 5,000 head for 2008. Tennessee's 2007 lamb crop increased 3,000, 19 percent, from 2006 at 19,000 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, 2008, totaled 6.06 million head, down 2 percent from 2007. After consecutive increases in 2005 and 2006, inventory has now declined for the past two years. The 2007 **lamb crop** of 4.05 million head, was down slightly from 2006. **All goat** inventory in the United States on January 1, 2008, totaled 3.02 million head, up 3 percent from 2007. **Breeding goat** inventory totaled 2.50 million head, up 2 percent from 2007. **Market goats and kids** totaled 520,000 head, up 4 percent from a year ago. On January 1, 2008, **meat and all other goats** totaled 2.50 million head, up 4 percent from 2007. **Milk goat** inventory increased 4 percent to 305,000 head, while **angora goats** were down 12 percent totaling 210,000 head. The 2007 **kid crop** totaled 1.94 million head for all goats, up 1 percent from 2006.

Sheep and Lambs: Number by Class, Tennessee and U.S., January 1, 2007 -2008

Class	Tennessee			United States ¹		
	2007	2008	2008/2007	2007 ³	2008	2008/2007
	Thousand Head		Percent	Thousand Head		Percent
All Sheep and Lambs	25.0	28.0	112	6,165	6,055	98
Total Breeding	22.0	23.0	105	4,610	4,505	98
Ewes, One Yr. & Older	16.0	17.0	106	3,696	3,617	98
Rams, One Yr. & Older	2.0	2.0	100	195	193	99
Replacement Lambs	4.0	4.0	100	719	695	97
Total Market	3.0	5.0	167	1,555	1,550	100
Market Lambs	2.5	4.5	180	1,466	1,470	100
Market Sheep	0.5	0.5	100	89	80	90
Lamb Crop ²	16.0	19.0	119	4,065	4,050	100
Sheep Shorn	16.0	17.0	106	4,852	4,705	97

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

U.S. Slaughter: Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.06 billion pounds in December, up 5 percent from the 3.87 billion pounds produced in December 2006. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.65 million head, up 1 percent from December 2006. The average live weight was up 2 pounds from the previous year, at 1,302 pounds. Calf slaughter totaled 61,000 head, down 11 percent from December 2006. The average live weight was down 35 pounds from last year, at 289 pounds. Hog kill totaled 9.69 million head, up 9 percent from December 2006. The average live weight was up 1 pound from the previous year, at 272 pounds. Sheep slaughter totaled 229,100 head, 1 percent above last year. The average live weight was 135 pounds, down 1 pound from December a year ago.

Livestock Slaughter¹: Tennessee & United States, December 2006 and 2007

Species	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	1,000 Head		1,000 Pounds		Pounds	
Tennessee						
Cattle	1.4	2.1	1,280	1,795	909	864
Calves	0.1	0.1	44	28	414	420
Hogs	55.5	59.9	26,722	28,092	482	470
Sheep & lambs	1.5	1.4	99	107	68	74
United States						
Cattle	2,612.5	2,645.3	3,385,204	3,430,848	1,300	1,302
Calves	68.4	61.0	21,944	17,391	324	289
Hogs	8,882.8	9,691.3	2,402,254	2,633,077	271	272
Sheep & lambs	226.9	229.1	30,762	30,826	136	135

¹ Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other commercial slaughter (excludes farm slaughter).

Commercial Apples: Production, Price, and Value, Tennessee, 2002-2007¹

Crop & Year	Total Production ²	Utilized Production ³	Price per Pound ⁴	Value of Production ⁵
	Million Pounds		Cents	1,000 Dollars
2002	7.2	6.1	26.5	1,619
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

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

Commercial Peaches: Production, Price, and Value, Tennessee, 2002-2007¹

Crop & Year	Total Production ²	Utilized Production ³	Price per Ton ⁴	Value of Production ⁵
	Tons		Dollars	1,000 Dollars
2002	2,000	1,850	940	1,739
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 ⁶				

¹"Commercial" refers to the total production in orchards of 100 or more bearing age trees. ²Total production is the quantity actually harvested plus quantities which were not harvested because of economic or natural reasons. ³Utilized production is the amount sold plus the quantities used at home or held in storage. ⁴Average for all methods of sale. ⁵Value of production is price times utilized production. ⁶No significant commercial production in 2007 due to freeze damage.

Fresh Market Vegetables: Acreage, Yield, Production, and Value, Tennessee 2002-2007

Crop & Year	Acreage		Yield Per Acre	Production	Price per Cwt.	Value of Production
	Planted	Harvested				
	Acres		Cwt.	1,000 Cwt.	Dollars	1,000 Dollars
Tomatoes						
2002	4,600	4,300	340	1,462	33.00	48,246
2003	4,900	4,600	350	1,610	37.00	59,570
2004 ¹	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
Snap Beans						
2002	9,500	8,900	31	276	35.00	9,660
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	10,700	9,600	56	538	32.00	17,216
Squash²						
2002	1,400	1,200	96	115	21.80	2,508
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

¹Revised. ²Includes processing.

**Layers and Eggs: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Selected States
and United States, During December 2006 and 2007**

Selected States	Table Egg Layers in Flocks 30,000 or more		All Layers ¹		Eggs per 100 for All Layers ¹	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	Thousands				Number	
Alabama	1,503	1,402	8,615	9,518	1,962	1,944
Arkansas	4,374	4,106	14,066	14,108	1,962	1,963
Georgia	10,039	9,586	19,791	19,312	2,117	2,133
North Carolina	3,833	4,965	11,497	12,577	2,088	2,107
All Other States ²	264,798	258,813	294,129	288,574	2,269	2,295
United States	284,547	278,872	348,098	344,089	2,234	2,256

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

Prices Received by Farmers: Tennessee & U.S., January 2008 with Comparisons

Commodity	Unit	Tennessee			United States		
		January 2007	December ¹ 2007	January ² 2008	January 2007	December ¹ 2007	January ² 2008
Dollars Per Unit							
Field Crops							
Corn	bu.	3.21	4.10	4.50	3.05	3.76	4.28
Cotton Lint	lb.	.496	.544	.555 ³	.494	.592	.614 ³
Sorghum	cwt.	6.86	7.83	n/a	6.31	6.93	8.23
Soybeans	bu.	6.55	10.90	11.60	6.37	10.00	11.00
Winter Wheat	bu.	4.06	6.65	n/a	4.53	7.66	8.33
Livestock							
All Beef Cattle	cwt.	69.20	71.80	68.20	84.30	88.90	89.40
Steers & Heifers	cwt.	86.00	91.00	85.00	89.80	95.10	95.20
Cows	cwt.	44.00	43.00	43.00	44.40	44.90	46.20
Calves	cwt.	99.00	102.00	97.00	115.00	118.00	116.00

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