



Tennessee Farm Facts

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Cattle Inventory Up 3 Percent

The total number of cattle and calves in Tennessee on January 1, 2007, was 2.31 million head, 3 percent above 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 with continued strong beef prices that Tennessee is in the beginning years of an upward trend in our cattle cycle. Producers have been holding on to more cows in an effort to increase herd size." Results of the survey showed the following breakout of inventory on January 1, 2007, with comparison to last year: **beef cows** totaled 1.153 million, up 4 percent; **milk cow** numbers were 67,000, down 4 percent; **calves under 500 pounds** were 570,000, up 4 percent; and **steers and other heifers** weighing 500 pounds and over, at 225,000 head, were up 7 percent. Tennessee's 2006 **calf crop** remained the same as 2005 at 1.06 million head.

U.S. Cattle Inventory Up Slightly

All **cattle and calves** in the United States as of January 1, 2007, totaled 97.0 million head, slightly above the 96.7 million on January 1, 2006. All **cows and heifers that have calved**, at 42.0 million, were down slightly from the 42.1 million on January 1, 2006. **Beef cows**, at 32.9 million, were down slightly from January 1, 2006. **Milk cows**, at 9.13 million, were up 1 percent from January 1, 2006. Other class estimates on January 1, 2007, and the change from January 1, 2006, are as follows: All **heifers 500 pounds and over**, 20.1 million, up 1 percent. **Beef replacement heifers**, 5.88 million, down slightly. **Milk replacement heifers**, 4.31 million, up 1 percent. **Other heifers**, 9.90 million, up 1 percent. **Steers** weighing 500 pounds and over, 17.2 million, up 2 percent. **Bulls** weighing 500 pounds and over, 2.22 million, down 2 percent. **Calves** under 500 pounds, 15.5 million, down slightly. **Cattle and calves on feed** for slaughter in all feedlots, 14.3 million, up 1 percent. The combined total of calves under 500 pounds, and other heifers and steers over 500 pounds outside of feedlots was 28.3 million, up 1 percent. The 2006 **calf crop** was estimated at 37.6 million head, down slightly from 2005. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 27.4 million, up slightly from 2005.

Cattle and Calves: Number by Class, Tennessee and U.S., January 1, 2006-2007

Class	Tennessee			United States		
	2006	2007	2007/2006	2006 ¹	2007	2007/2006
	Thousand Head		Percent	Thousand Head		Percent
All Cattle and Calves	2,240	2,310	103	96,702	97,003	100
All Cows that Have Calved	1,180	1,220	103	42,056	42,023	100
Beef	1,110	1,153	104	32,994	32,894	100
Milk	70	67	96	9,063	9,129	101
Heifers, 500 pounds and over	310	310	100	19,984	20,086	101
Beef Cow Replacement	185	180	97	5,904	5,877	100
Milk Cow Replacement	40	40	100	4,275	4,310	101
Other	85	90	106	9,805	9,899	101
Steers, 500 pounds and over	125	135	108	16,933	17,222	102
Bulls, 500 pounds and over	75	75	100	2,263	2,215	98
Calves, under 500 pounds	550	570	104	15,465	15,456	100
Calf Crop ²	1,060	1,060	100	37,575	37,567	100
Cattle on Feed	8	7	88	14,132	14,269	101

¹ Revised. ² Calves born during previous 12 months.

Tennessee Ranks Second in Meat Goats; Sheep Inventory Down 7 Percent

The total number of meat goats in Tennessee on January 1, 2007, was 117,000 head, up 14 percent from a year ago. Milk goats totaled 6,600 head, six percent above 2006. 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, 2007, was 25,000, 7 percent below last year's total of 27,000 head. Breeding inventory, at 22,000 head, remained the same as last year, while market inventory decreased 5,000 to 3,000 head for 2007. Tennessee's 2006 lamb crop remained the same from 2005 at 16,000 head.

U.S. Sheep and Lamb Inventory Down 1 Percent; U.S. Goat and Kid Inventory Up 3 Percent

All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on January 1, 2007, totaled 6.19 million head, down 1 percent from 2006, but still 1 percent above 2005. After two consecutive year to year increases, inventory growth was hampered by extremely dry weather in the Southwestern part of the United States. The 2006 lamb crop of 4.09 million head, was down 1 percent from 2005. All goat inventory in the United States on January 1, 2007, totaled 2.93 million head, up 3 percent from 2006. Breeding goat inventory totaled 2.44 million head, up 3 percent from 2006. Market goats and kids totaled 494,000 head, up 4 percent from a year ago. On January 1, 2007, meat and all other goats totaled 2.40 million head, up 5 percent from 2006. Milk goat inventory increased 2 percent to 296,000 head, while angora goats were down 8 percent totaling 238,000 head. The 2006 kid crop totaled 1.92 million head for all goats, up 4 percent from 2005.

Sheep and Lambs: Number by Class, Tennessee and U.S., January 1, 2006 -2007

Class	Tennessee			United States ¹		
	2006	2007	2007/2006	2006	2007	2007/2006
	Thousand Head		Percent	Thousand Head		Percent
All Sheep and Lambs	27.0	25.0	93	6,230	6,185	99
Total Breeding	22.0	22.0	100	4,640	4,620	100
Ewes, One Yr. & Older	15.0	16.0	107	3,661	3,706	101
Rams, One Yr. & Older	2.0	2.0	100	196	195	99
Replacement Lambs	5.0	4.0	80	783	719	92
Total Market	5.0	3.0	60	1,590	1,565	98
Market Lambs	4.8	2.5	52	1,514	1,476	97
Market Sheep	0.2	0.5	250	76	89	117
Lamb Crop ²	16.0	16.0	100	4,117	4,085	99
Sheep Shorn	17.0	16.0	94	5,072	4,852	96

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

U.S. Slaughter: Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.86 billion pounds in December, down 2 percent from the 3.95 billion pounds produced in December 2005. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.61 million head, down 2 percent from December 2005. The average live weight was up 17 pounds from the previous year, at 1,297 pounds. Calf slaughter totaled 68,100 head, up 13 percent from December 2005. The average live weight was 25 pounds below last year to 346. Hog kill totaled 8.88 million head, 4 percent below December 2005. The average live weight was unchanged the previous year, at 272 pounds. Sheep slaughter totaled 223,700 head, 3 percent below last year. The average live weight was 136 pounds, down 7 pounds from December a year ago.

Livestock Slaughter¹: Tennessee & United States, December 2005 and 2006

Species	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	1,000 Head		1,000 Pounds		Pounds	
Tennessee						
Cattle	1.4	1.4	1,301	1,307	901	921
Calves	0.1	0.1	40	38	464	354
Hogs	66.9	55.5	32,292	26,674	483	481
Sheep & lambs	0.9	1.4	70	105	79	74
United States						
Cattle	2,667.1	2,609.1	3,415,148	3,382,844	1,280	1,297
Calves	60.0	68.1	22,259	23,557	371	346
Hogs	9,234.5	8,883.1	2,510,536	2,418,256	272	272
Sheep & lambs	230.8	223.7	32,899	30,456	143	136

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

Commercial Apples: Production, Price, and Value, Tennessee, 2001-2006¹

Crop Year	Total Production ²	Utilized Production ³	Price per Pound ⁴	Value of Production ⁵
	Million Pounds		Cents	1,000 Dollars
2001	10.5	8.0	24.0	1,923
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

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, 2001-2006¹

Crop Year	Total Production ²	Utilized Production ³	Price per Ton ⁴	Value of Production ⁵
	Tons		Dollars	1,000 Dollars
2001	1,850	1,750	968	1,694
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

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Fresh Market Vegetables: Acreage, Yield, Production, and Value, Tennessee 2001-2006

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						
2001	4,000	3,400	165	561	20.00	11,220
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
Snapbeans						
2001	9,300	8,000	41	328	30.00	9,840
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
Squash²						
2001	1,000	900	57	51	20.70	1,058
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

¹Revised. ²Includes processing.

**Layers and Eggs: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Selected States
and United States, During December 2005 and 2006**

Selected States	Table Egg Layers in Flocks 30,000 or more		All Layers ¹		Eggs per 100 for All Layers ¹	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	Thousands				Number	
Alabama	1,685	1,711	9,013	8,823	1,908	1,961
Arkansas	4,280	4,374	14,559	14,069	1,985	1,962
Georgia	9,934	10,039	19,081	19,791	2,128	2,117
North Carolina	3,333	3,862	10,970	11,516	2,015	2,093
All Other States ²	265,611	264,667	294,922	293,909	2,273	2,269
United States	284,843	284,653	348,545	348,108	2,235	2,234

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 2007 with Comparisons

Commodity	Unit	Tennessee			United States		
		January 2006	December ¹ 2006	January ² 2007	January 2006	December ¹ 2006	January ² 2007
Dollars Per Unit							
Field Crops							
Corn	bu.	2.22	3.43	3.60	2.00	3.01	3.23
Cotton Lint	lb.	.490	.504	.508 ³	.486	.493	.495 ³
Sorghum	cwt.	3.67	6.58	n/a	3.16	6.09	6.43
Soybeans	bu.	6.01	6.62	6.80	5.87	6.18	6.42
Winter Wheat	bu.	3.25	4.72	n/a	3.45	4.51	4.47
Livestock							
All Beef Cattle	cwt.	81.40	69.20	68.40	95.10	83.60	85.00
Steers & Heifers	cwt.	105.00	88.00	86.00	102.00	89.30	90.30
Cows	cwt.	46.00	41.00	42.00	47.30	42.20	43.80
Calves	cwt.	127.00	102.00	100.00	141.00	115.00	115.00

¹ Entire month. ² Mid-month. ³ Based on purchases first half of month. ⁴ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms. n/a = not available.