



# Tennessee Farm Facts

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## Tennessee Crop and Livestock Rankings

Tennessee continues to be an important contributor to American agriculture, as evidenced by recent releases from the National Agricultural Statistics Service. Highlighting these reports, Tennessee was second in meat goat inventory, third in tobacco production, fourth in fresh market tomato production, fifth in snapbean production, sixth in hay (all other except alfalfa) production, and eighth in cotton. The State's number one commodity in terms of cash receipts, cattle, ranked fifteenth in total inventory, and ninth in beef cow inventory.

### Crop Production: Tennessee's Rank Among States, 2008

Crops	Units	Number of States Estimating	Tennessee Rank	Production (000)
Tobacco	lbs.	11	3	52,380
Tomatoes, Fresh Mkt.	cwt.	16	4	1,120
Snapbeans, Fresh Mkt.	cwt.	11	5	366
All Other Hay (except Alfalfa)	tons	48	6	3,885
All Cotton <sup>1</sup>	bales	17	8	535
Squash, Fresh & Processed	cwt.	12	12	74
Sorghum for Grain	bu.	21	14	2,002
Soybeans	bu.	31	16	49,640
Sorghum for Silage	tons	21	18	14
Corn for Grain	bu.	41	19	74,340
Winter Wheat	bu.	42	19	32,760
Peaches	tons	28	23	1.6
Corn for Silage	tons	48	26	825
Apples	lbs.	32	28	10,000
Alfalfa Hay	tons	42	32	60

<sup>1</sup> 480 lbs. net weight bales.

### Livestock Inventory: Tennessee's Rank Among States, 2008

Livestock <sup>1</sup>	Number of States Estimating	Tennessee Rank	Inventory (000 Head)
Meat Goats	50	2	133
Beef Cows that have calved	50	9	951
All Cattle and Calves	50	15	1,980
All Hogs and Pigs	50	24	205
Milk Cows that have calved	50	27	59
Sheep and Lambs	50	31	34
All Chickens, excluding Broilers	50	31	2,763

<sup>1</sup> Cattle, Sheep and Lambs, and Meat Goats are as of January 1, 2009. Chickens and Hogs are as of December 1, 2008.

**Chickens: Inventory and Value, Tennessee and United States, December 1, 2007<sup>1</sup> and 2008**

Species	Tennessee			United States		
	2007	2008	% Prev. Year	2007	2008	% Prev. Year
	1,000			1,000		
Chickens, excluding broilers	2,815	2,763	98	458,593	446,072	97
Total Layers	1,662	1,470	88	346,613	339,642	98
Total Pullets	991	1,133	114	103,816	98,843	95
Other Chickens, excluding broilers	162	160	99	8,164	7,587	93
Value per Head <sup>2</sup>	7.40	7.60	103	2.95	3.38	115
Total Value <sup>2</sup>	20,831	20,999	101	1,351,549	1,506,573	111

<sup>1</sup>Revised. <sup>2</sup>Dollars.

**Chicken & Eggs:** U.S. egg production totaled 7.67 billion during January 2009, up slightly from last year. Production included 6.59 billion table eggs, and 1.08 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.00 billion were broiler-type and 72 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during January 2009 averaged 341 million, down 1 percent from last year. January egg production per 100 layers was 2,249 eggs, up 1 percent from January 2008.

**Layers and Eggs: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Selected States and United States, During January 2008 and 2009**

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>	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
	Thousands				Number	
Alabama	1,380	1,384	9,583	9,405	1,931	1,914
Arkansas	3,776	3,575	13,777	12,923	1,894	1,989
Georgia	9,606	9,479	19,175	18,303	2,096	2,098
North Carolina	5,059	5,461	12,802	12,638	2,062	2,089
All Other States <sup>2</sup>	259,888	259,613	289,400	287,677	2,258	2,288
United States	279,709	279,512	344,737	340,946	2,218	2,249

<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.

**Livestock Slaughter:** Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.17 billion pounds in January, down 6 percent from the 4.42 billion pounds produced in January 2008. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.72 million head, down 6 percent from January 2008. The average live weight was up 15 pounds from the previous year, at 1,306 pounds. Calf slaughter totaled 84,700 head, 19 percent above January 2008. The average live weight was down 24 pounds from last year, at 245 pounds. Hog kill totaled 9.92 million head, 6 percent below January 2008. The average live weight was down 1 pound from the previous year, at 272 pounds. Sheep slaughter totaled 189,400 head, 11 percent below last year. The average live weight was 141 pounds, up 2 pounds from January a year ago.

**Livestock Slaughter<sup>1</sup>: Tennessee & United States, January 2008 and 2009**

Species	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
	1,000 Head		1,000 Pounds		Pounds	
<b>Tennessee</b>						
Cattle	2.6	2.9	2,276	2,532	888	890
Calves	0.1	0.1	34	36	423	434
Hogs	60.8	62.6	28,771	28,589	474	458
Sheep & lambs	1.1	1.0	81	76	77	76
<b>United States</b>						
Cattle	2,898.4	2,718.4	3,728,444	3,537,601	1,291	1,306
Calves	71.5	84.7	18,985	20,463	269	245
Hogs	10,557.1	9,922.3	2,875,469	2,696,971	273	272
Sheep & lambs	213.4	189.4	29,649	26,649	139	141

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

## Trout Value of Sales Decreased 9 Percent from 2007

The total value of fish sales received by trout growers in the United States totaled 79.7 million dollars for 2008, a decrease of 9 percent from 2007. Idaho accounted for 44 percent of the total value of fish sold. The number of trout 12 inches and longer sold during 2008 totaled 40.4 million fish, down 31 percent from the previous year. The average price per pound was \$1.38, up 19 cents from 2007. The value of sales for the 2008 marketing year was 72.4 million dollars, down 9 percent from 2007. For trout 12 inches or longer 58 percent were sold to processors and 24 percent were sold to fee and recreational fishing establishments. The number of 6"- 12" trout sold during 2008 totaled 4.61 million fish, a decrease of 15 percent from 2007. The average price per pound was \$3.02 during 2008, unchanged from the 2007 price. The total value of sales was 5.78 million dollars during 2008, a 11 percent decrease from the previous year. The major sales outlets for 6"-12" trout were to fee and recreational fishing establishments accounting for 39 percent of total sales, followed by government with 24 percent.

The number of 1"- 6" trout sold during 2008 totaled 9.53 million, a 6 percent decrease from the previous year. The average value per 1,000 fish was \$157 during 2008, down from \$178 in 2007. The total value of sales was 1.50 million dollars, down 17 percent from last year's total. Trout distributed for restoration, conservation, and recreational purposes, primarily by State and Federal hatcheries, included 8.6 million 12" or longer fish, 63.9 million 6"-12" fish, and 94.7 million 1"-6" fish. The estimated value of fish distributed totaled 103 million dollars, down 9 percent from 2007. Total losses of all trout intended for sale were 26.3 million fish during 2008. The top three categories were 87 percent lost to disease, 5 percent lost to drought, and 4 percent lost to predators.

### Prices Received by Farmers: Tennessee & U.S., February 2009 with Comparisons

Commodity	Unit	Tennessee			United States		
		February 2008	January <sup>1</sup> 2009	February <sup>2</sup> 2009	February 2008	January <sup>1</sup> 2009	February <sup>2</sup> 2009
Dollars Per Unit							
<b>Field Crops</b>							
Corn	bu.	4.82	4.64	4.35	4.54	4.36	4.13
Cotton Lint	lb.	.590	.499	.519 <sup>3</sup>	.630	.461	.436 <sup>3</sup>
Sorghum	cwt.	<sup>4</sup>	2.87	n/a	8.35	5.84	5.09
Soybeans	bu.	13.10	9.85	9.60	11.70	9.97	9.58
Winter Wheat	bu.	9.54	5.21	n/a	9.17	5.73	5.20
<b>Livestock</b>							
All beef cattle	cwt.	77.20	68.00	69.00	89.00	80.10	80.20
Steers/heifers	cwt.	94.00	84.00	85.00	94.30	85.80	85.40
Cows	cwt.	52.00	44.00	45.00	51.70	42.30	44.30
Calves	cwt.	110.00	90.00	94.00	120.00	106.00	105.00

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

### Hired Workers Up 2 Percent, Wage Rates up 1 Percent From a Year Ago

There were 785,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of January 11-17, 2009, up 2 percent from a year ago. Of these hired workers, 595,000 workers were hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 190,000 workers. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$10.93 per hour during the January 2009 reference week, up 12 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$9.96 per hour, up 29 cents from last January, while livestock workers earned \$10.27 per hour compared with \$10.18 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$10.08 per hour, was up 20 cents from last year. The number of hours worked averaged 38.3 hours for hired workers during the survey week, down fractionally from a year ago.

The largest increases in the number of hired workers from last year occurred in the Pacific (Oregon and Washington), Delta (Arkansas, Louisiana, and Mississippi), Southern Plains (Oklahoma and Texas), and Mountain III (Arizona and New Mexico) regions. In the Pacific region, rain and snowstorms in Washington just prior to the reference week caused serious flooding. Therefore, more field workers were needed to help with orchard cleanup. Field preparation for spring planted crops in the Delta region gained momentum under mostly dry conditions. The largest decreases in the number of hired workers from last year occurred in Florida, and in the Appalachian II (Kentucky, Tennessee, and West Virginia), Corn Belt II (Iowa and Missouri), and Mountain I (Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming) regions. Hired worker wage rates were generally above a year ago in most regions. The largest increases occurred in the Mountain I, Southeast (Alabama, Georgia, and South Carolina), Southern Plains, Appalachian I (North Carolina), Appalachian II, and Delta regions.

## Honey Production

**Tennessee:** Honey production from producers with five or more colonies was 427,000 pounds during 2008, a decrease of 28,000 pounds from 2007. The number of honey producing colonies in 2008 was 7,000. Colonies produced an average of 61 pounds of honey, down 4 pounds from last year. Honey on hand December 15, 2008, at 149 thousand pounds showed an increase of 35 thousands pounds from the previous year. Producers received a price of \$2.04 per pound, 5 cents higher than the previous year, for a value of production of \$871,000.

**United States:** Honey production in 2008 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 161 million pounds, up 8 percent from 2007. There were 2.30 million colonies producing honey in 2008, down 6 percent from 2007. Yield per colony averaged 69.9 pounds, up 15 percent from the 60.7 pounds in 2007. Colonies, which produced honey in more than one State, were counted in each State where the honey was produced. Therefore, yields per colony may be understated, but total production would not be impacted. Colonies were not included if honey was not harvested. Producer honey stocks were 50.4 million pounds on December 15, 2008, down 4 percent from a year earlier. Stocks held by producers exclude stocks held under the commodity loan program. Honey prices increased to a record high during 2008 to 141.0 cents, up 31 percent from 107.7 cents in 2007.

**Honey: Number of Colonies, Yield, Stocks, Price, Value, and Tennessee 1999-2008<sup>1</sup>**

Year	Colonies of Bees	Honey Production Per Colony	Production	Average Price Per Pound <sup>2</sup>	Value of Production	Honey Stocks on Hand for Sale Dec. 15 <sup>3</sup>
	1,000	Pounds	1,000 Pounds	Cents	1,000 Dollars	1,000 Pounds
1999	8	51	408	130	530	106
2000	9	61	549	143	785	104
2001	8	59	472	139	656	131
2002	8	61	488	140	683	137
2003	6	40	240	152	365	46
2004	6	54	324	173	561	91
2005	7	55	385	170	655	92
2006	7	55	385	186	716	58
2007	7	65	455	199	905	114
2008	7	61	427	204	871	149

<sup>1</sup> Producers with five or more colonies. Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each State. <sup>2</sup> Prices weighted by sales. <sup>3</sup> Stocks held by producers.