



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 only to Texas in meat goat inventory, third in tobacco production, fourth in hay (other than alfalfa) production, fifth in fresh market snapbean production, and sixth in fresh market tomato production. A record cotton crop improved the State's ranking to sixth, while the State's number one commodity, cattle, ranked fourteenth in total inventory, and ninth in beef cow inventory.

Crop Production: Tennessee's Rank Among States, 2006

Crops	Units	Number of States Estimating	Tennessee Rank	Production (000)
Tobacco	lbs.	12	3	49,135
Snapbeans, Fresh Mkt.	cwt.	11	5	504
All Other Hay (except Alfalfa)	tons	48	4	4,140
Tomatoes, Fresh Mkt.	cwt.	16	6	1,190
All Cotton ¹	bales	17	6	1,350
Squash, Fresh & Processed	cwt.	12	12	86
Sorghum for Grain	bu.	21	15	1,045
Soybeans	bu.	31	15	44,070
Sorghum for Silage	tons	21	13	38
Corn for Grain	bu.	41	18	62,500
Winter Wheat	bu.	42	21	12,160
Peaches	tons	28	22	1.9
Corn for Silage	tons	48	29	752
Apples	lbs.	32	27	10,000
Alfalfa Hay	tons	42	31	111

¹ 480 lbs. net weight bales.

Livestock Inventory: Tennessee's Rank Among States, 2006

Livestock ¹	Number of States Estimating	Tennessee Rank	Inventory (000 Head)
Meat Goats	50	2	117
Beef Cows that have calved	50	9	1,153
All Cattle and Calves	50	14	2,310
All Hogs and Pigs	50	24	220
Milk Cows that have calved	50	28	67
Sheep and Lambs	50	32	25
All Chickens, excluding Broilers	50	34	1,889

¹ Cattle, Sheep and Lambs, and Meat Goats are as of January 1, 2007. Chickens and Hogs are as of December 1, 2006.

Chickens: Inventory and Value, Tennessee and United States, December 1, 2005¹ and 2006

Species	Tennessee			United States		
	2005	2006	% Prev. Year	2005	2006	% Prev. Year
	1,000			1,000		
Chickens, excluding broilers	2,080	1,889	91	453,301	453,036	100
Total Layers	1,292	1,053	82	348,203	348,719	100
Total Pullets	624	697	112	96,809	96,087	99
Other Chickens, excluding broilers	164	139	85	8,289	8,230	99
Value per Head ²	6.60	7.60	115	2.52	2.60	103
Total Value	13,728	14,356	105	1,140,696	1,175,905	103

¹Revised. ²Dollars.

Chicken & Eggs: U.S. egg production totaled 7.64 billion during January 2007, down 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.54 billion table eggs, and 1.10 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.03 billion were broiler-type and 67 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during January 2007 averaged 347 million, down 1 percent from last year. January egg production per 100 layers was 2,200 eggs, down slightly from January 2006.

Layers and Eggs: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Selected States and United States, During January 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	1,658	1,228	8,946	8,336	1,923	1,955
Arkansas	4,069	4,430	14,337	14,253	1,953	1,894
Georgia	9,923	10,089	19,662	19,881	2,085	2,062
North Carolina	3,442	4,025	11,075	11,688	2,023	2,053
All Other States ²	265,898	263,294	295,647	292,964	2,246	2,237
United States	284,990	283,066	349,667	347,122	2,210	2,200

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

Livestock Slaughter: Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.09 billion pounds in January, up 5 percent from the 3.90 billion pounds produced in January 2006. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.80 million head, up 6 percent from January 2006. The average live weight was up 5 pounds from the previous year to 1,290 pounds. Calf slaughter totaled 74,300 head, 34 percent above January 2006. The average live weight was down 31 pounds from last year, at 324 pounds. Hog kill totaled 9.37 million head, 5 percent above January 2006. The average live weight was down 2 pounds from the previous year, at 271 pounds. Sheep slaughter totaled 216,700 head, 3 percent below last year. The average live weight was 139 pounds, down 5 pounds from January a year ago.

Livestock Slaughter¹: Tennessee & United States, January 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	1.5	1.7	1,332	1,533	919	898
Calves	0.1	0.1	46	47	616	454
Hogs	57.1	53.1	27,540	25,593	483	483
Sheep & lambs	1.0	1.0	77	80	78	79
United States						
Cattle	2,614.7	2,798.5	3,381,501	3,596,162	1,285	1,290
Calves	55.5	74.3	19,525	23,858	355	324
Hogs	8,915.1	9,365.5	2,426,925	2,535,125	273	271
Sheep & lambs	224.5	216.7	32,201	30,197	144	139

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

Trout Sales: Number, Weight, and Value of Sales, 2005 & 2006

Item	Unit	Tennessee		United States	
		2005	2006	2005	2006
12 inches or longer					
Number of head	Thousands	84	74	55,513	49,229
Pounds sold	Thousands	90	83	59,714	61,534
Average value	Dollars per lb.	2.74	2.81	1.05	1.10
Sales	Thousand dollars	247	233	62,660	67,745
Total Sales ¹	Thousand dollars	291	291	69,188	74,855
Number of Operations ²	Number	14	14	602	604
Selling Trout	Number	7	6	346	345
Distributing Trout	Number	7	8	281	296

¹Excludes value of eggs. ²Number of operations January 1, 2005 and 2006.

Prices Received by Farmers: Tennessee & U.S., February 2007 with Comparisons

Commodity	Unit	Tennessee			United States		
		February 2006	January ¹ 2007	February ² 2007	February 2006	January ¹ 2007	February ² 2007

Dollars Per Unit

Field Crops

Corn	bu.	2.28	3.21	3.50	2.02	3.05	3.32
Cotton Lint	lb.	.480	.500	.483 ³	.489	.497	.489 ³
Sorghum	cwt.	⁴	6.86	n/a	3.40	6.31	6.67
Soybeans	bu.	5.81	6.55	7.20	5.67	6.38	6.83
Winter Wheat	bu.	3.41	4.06	n/a	3.59	4.53	4.62

Livestock

All beef cattle	cwt.	82.40	69.20	71.00	92.40	84.30	85.80
Steers/heifers	cwt.	106.00	86.00	89.00	97.60	89.80	90.70
Cows	cwt.	47.00	44.00	44.00	49.50	44.40	46.50
Calves	cwt.	130.00	99.00	108.00	143.00	115.00	115.00

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

Equine "Idol-ized" March 16-18 at Volunteer Horse Fair

Nashville, Tenn. - The annual Tennessee Volunteer Horse Fair will be held at the Williamson County Agricultural Exposition Park in Franklin, March 16-18. Price of admission is free for children age 3 and under; \$5 for children ages 4 - 12; and \$10 for adults. A one-day family "4-pack" pass is \$25. Saturday events begin at 9 a.m.; Sunday's events begin with a non-denominational worship service at 8 a.m.

The Volunteer Horse Fair is conducted by the Tennessee Horse Council, a not-for-profit organization representing all equine breeds and disciplines. Last year's event drew more than 10,000 equine enthusiasts from Tennessee and surrounding states. The fair features three days of equine entertainment, educational seminars, demonstrations, one of the largest equine trade shows in the Southeast, breed presentations, contests and more.

Spectators can also take advantage of shopping at Tennessee's largest equine trade fair, bid on unique equestrian items in a silent auction and enjoy Saturday's headline entertainment event, "The Mane Performance."

At the fair, the THC provides an event program with a complete schedule of events, information about entertainers and educators and a list of participating vendors

For more information including admission price details, contact the THC office at (615) 463-9752 or visit the Volunteer Horse Fair Web Site at www.volunteerhorsefair.com.

Honey Production

Tennessee: Honey production from producers with five or more colonies was 385,000 pounds during 2006, unchanged from 2005. The number of honey producing colonies in 2006 was 7,000. Colonies produced an average of 55 pounds of honey, the same as 2005. Honey on hand December 15, 2006, was down from the previous year to 58 thousand pounds. Producers received a price of \$1.84 per pound, 14 cents higher than the previous year, for a value of production of \$708,000.

United States: Honey production in 2006 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 155 million pounds, down 11 percent from 2005. There were 2.39 million colonies producing honey in 2006, down 1 percent from 2005. Yield per colony averaged 64.7 pounds, down 11 percent from the 72.4 pounds in 2005. 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. Colonies were not included if honey was not harvested. Producer honey stocks were 60.5 million pounds on December 15, 2006, down 3 percent from a year earlier. Stocks held by producers exclude stocks held under the commodity loan program. Honey 2006 prices increased to 104.2 cents, up 14 percent from 91.8 cents in 2005. Prices are based on retail sales by producers and sales to private processors and cooperatives. State level honey prices reflect the portions of honey sold through retail, co-op, and private channels. Honey prices for each color class are derived by weighting quantities sold for each marketing channel. Honey prices for 2006 were up from the previous year for all color class totals.

Honey: Number of Colonies, Yield, Stocks, Price, Value, and Tennessee 1997-2006¹

Year	Colonies of Bees	Honey Production Per Colony	Production	Average Price Per Pound ²	Value of Production	Honey Stocks on Hand for Sale Dec. 15 ³
	1,000	Pounds	1,000 Pounds	Cents	1,000 Dollars	1,000 Pounds
1997	7	62	434	147	638	126
1998	7	64	448	132	591	121
1999	8	51	408	130	530	106
2000	9	61	549	143	785	70
2001	8	59	472	139	656	149
2002	8	61	488	140	683	140
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	184	708	58

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