



Tennessee Farm Facts

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Livestock Slaughter National Agricultural Summary

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Tennessee Milk Production Down

Tennessee: January-March 2009 quarterly production of milk was 244 million pounds, down 5 percent from the January-March period in 2007. The average number of milk cows was 61,000 head, 5,000 head less than the same period a year earlier. October-December 2008 quarterly production of milk, at 225 million pounds, was down 3 percent from the October-December period in 2007. The average number of milk cows for the October-December quarter was 59,000 head, 2,000 less than a year earlier.

Milk Cows and Production: Tennessee, Surrounding States, and U.S., Preliminary January-March, 2008-2009

	Jan-Mar Milk Cows ¹		Jan-Mar Milk Production ²		Change from 2008
	2008	2009	2008	2009	
	1,000 Head		Million Pounds		Percent
Alabama	12.0	12.0	53	52	-1.9
Arkansas	16.5	13.5	54	45	-16.7
Georgia	77	76	361	376	4.2
Kentucky	91	86	323	313	-3.1
Mississippi	21	19	86	74	-14.0
Missouri	110	108	407	403	-1.0
North Carolina	48	46	239	230	-3.8
Tennessee	61	58	256	244	-4.7
Virginia	98	97	451	442	-2.0
United States	9,286	9,297	47,610	47,304	-0.6

¹Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. ²Excludes milk sucked by calves.

United States: Milk production in the 23 major States during March totaled 15.2 billion pounds, down 0.2 percent from March 2008. February revised production at 13.6 billion pounds, was down 2.7 percent from February 2008. The February revision represented a decrease of 23 million pounds or 0.2 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,788 pounds for March, 6 pounds below March 2008. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.48 million head, 15,000 head more than March 2008, but 4,000 head less than February 2009.

U.S. January - March Milk Production: Milk production in the U.S. during the January - March quarter totaled 47.3 billion pounds, down 0.6 percent from the January - March quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the U.S. during the quarter was 9.30 million head, 11,000 head more than the same period last year.

Dairy Products Prices Highlights: **Cheddar Cheese** prices received for US 40 pound Blocks averaged \$1.28 per pound for the week ending April 11. The price per pound increased 0.2 cents from the previous week. The price for US 500 pound Barrels adjusted to 38 percent moisture averaged \$1.30 per pound, down 2.1 cents from the previous week. **Butter** prices received for 25 kilogram and 68 pound boxes meeting USDA Grade AA standards averaged \$1.16 per pound for the week ending April 11. The U.S. price per pound decreased 1.3 cents from the previous week. **Nonfat Dry Milk** prices received for bag, tote and tanker sales meeting USDA Extra Grade or USPH Grade A standards averaged \$0.82 per pound for the week ending April 11. The U.S. price per pound increased 0.4 cents from the previous week. **Dry Whey** prices received for bag, tote and tanker sales meeting USDA Extra Grade standards averaged 19.3 cents per pound for the week ending April 11. The U.S. price per pound increased 1.5 cents from the previous week.

Young Chickens Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, Average Live Weight, Pounds Certified, and Post-Mortem Condemnations, by Month and Annual Total, Tennessee, 2008

Month	Number Slaughtered	Live Weight	Average Live Weight	Pounds Certified ¹	Post-Mortem Condemnations	
					Dressed Weight	Percent ²
	1,000 Head	1,000 Pounds	Pounds	1,000 Pounds	1,000 Pounds	Percent
Jan	24,532	126,075	5.14	90,965	917	1.00
Feb	22,617	116,078	5.13	83,583	896	1.06
Mar	22,305	112,956	5.06	81,381	1,026	1.24
Apr	23,182	118,811	5.13	85,686	989	1.14
May	22,899	116,000	5.07	83,536	918	1.09
Jun	22,741	115,868	5.10	83,629	840	0.99
Jul	24,037	121,732	5.06	87,836	738	0.83
Aug	21,101	107,787	5.11	78,101	542	0.69
Sep	20,840	110,085	5.28	79,784	529	0.66
Oct	22,386	118,022	5.27	85,543	608	0.71
Nov	17,710	91,567	5.17	66,331	519	0.78
Dec	21,028	110,049	5.23	79,694	590	0.74
2008 Total	265,378	1,365,030	5.10	986,069	9,112	0.92
2007 Total	271,138	1,380,563	5.10	996,026	11,266	1.12

¹Total chilled and frozen pounds certified ready-to-cook weights. ²Pounds condemned as a percent of pounds certified plus post-condemnations.

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

Selected States	Table Egg Layers in Flocks 30,000 or more		All Layers ¹		Eggs per 100 for All Layers ¹	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	Number	Number
Alabama	1,289	1,432	9,495	9,297	1,927	1,958
Arkansas	3,789	3,519	13,881	12,789	1,967	1,986
Georgia	9,452	9,216	19,043	18,048	2,101	2,166
North Carolina	4,869	5,304	12,666	12,504	2,108	2,127
All Other States ²	257,590	259,126	286,932	287,813	2,283	2,304
United States	276,989	278,597	342,017	340,451	2,244	2,269

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

Livestock Slaughter¹: Tennessee & United States, March 2008 and 2009

Species	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Pounds	1,000 Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
Tennessee						
Cattle	2.3	3.0	1,947	2,539	866	858
Calves	0.1	0.1	32	37	457	452
Hogs	51.3	56.5	24,273	25,589	475	455
Sheep & lambs	1.1	1.2	85	91	79	76
United States						
Cattle	2,728.3	2,730.1	3,469,413	3,550,136	1,276	1,305
Calves	71.0	79.8	19,177	20,784	273	263
Hogs	9,660.6	9,652.8	2,615,373	2,622,851	271	272
Sheep & lambs	230.6	222.0	32,059	31,764	139	143

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

Number of Livestock Slaughtering Establishments: Tennessee, January 1, 2000 – 2009¹

Year	Under Federal Inspection	Custom Plants	Total
2000	22	15	37
2001	23	15	38
2002	20	17	37
2003	21	14	35
2004	22	11	33
2005	22	9	31
2006	19	8	27
2007	19	8	27
2008	18	8	26
2009	18	8	26

¹Data includes "Temporarily Closed" plants.

Red Meat Production: By Month, Tennessee, 1999 - 2008¹

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total ²
Million Pounds													
1999	20.2	16.4	21.8	19.1	17.3	18.2	17.6	21.1	20.6	19.1	20.2	21.0	232.7
2000	21.5	21.0	20.9	15.9	19.1	17.4	17.1	21.3	19.8	19.9	20.7	19.3	233.9
2001	22.7	16.6	18.5	17.4	17.8	15.5	17.2	18.1	18.3	23.6	20.8	20.2	226.9
2002	20.2	15.8	16.2	17.8	18.4	17.7	17.3	20.3	19.6	23.1	20.7	20.5	227.6
2003	20.8	16.2	19.6	18.9	16.0	15.6	21.1	18.4	22.0	25.1	19.1	20.0	232.9
2004	20.2	19.7	22.4	16.6	12.4	17.9	16.3	17.8	18.8	18.3	19.5	22.1	222.1
2005	18.1	15.7	19.2	12.6	15.9	16.9	13.2	18.3	20.8	21.5	21.0	22.5	215.6
2006	19.0	15.2	18.2	12.5	15.7	15.8	15.2	18.3	19.9	21.8	20.6	18.7	211.0
2007	18.1	16.0	18.3	14.6	16.3	14.5	16.3	19.4	19.3	22.5	22.3	20.0	217.7
2008	20.7	16.8	17.5	16.9	16.1	15.9	16.2	17.4	22.7	24.7	19.3	21.1	225.2

¹Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb and mutton, excluding farm slaughter. ²Totals may not add due to rounding.

Commercial Slaughter: By Species, Number of Head by Month, Tennessee, 2008¹

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
1,000 Head													
Cattle	2.6	2.3	2.3	2.5	2.2	2.2	2.6	2.4	2.7	3.0	2.4	2.8	30.0
Calves	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.9	1.0
Hogs	60.8	48.9	51.3	48.4	46.3	46.2	46.6	51.6	67.7	73.7	57.7	62.9	661.9
Sheep	1.1	0.9	1.1	1.1	0.9	1.1	1.3	1.2	1.7	1.2	1.2	1.6	14.3

¹Includes slaughter in federally inspected and in other slaughter plants, but excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

Federally Inspected Plants and Head Slaughtered: Number by Species, Tennessee, and U.S., 2008¹

State	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep		Goats		Bison	
	Plants	Head	Plants	Head	Plants	Head	Plants	Head	Plants	Head	Plants	Head
	Number	1,000	Number	1,000	Number	1,000	Number	1,000	Number	1,000	Number	1,000
TN	13	25.5	7	0.8	17	660.2	11	14.1	10	26,172	4	69
U.S.	690	33,805.1	251	942.0	618	115,420.7	496	2,393.5	412	670,709	133	544,820

¹Includes data from week ending Jan. 8, 2008 through Dec. 31, 2008.

Agricultural Summary

April 13 - 19, 2009

Corn: Nationwide, 5 percent of the 2009 corn crop was planted, 1 point ahead of last year, but 9 points, or slightly more than a week, behind the 5-year average. Planting was underway in Iowa, Illinois, and Nebraska, with 6 percent, 1 percent, and 3 percent of the crop in the ground, respectively. However, because wet fields delayed the start of spring fieldwork, progress remained behind normal in all three States.

Winter Wheat: Heading advanced to 14 percent, 7 points ahead of last year and 2 points ahead of normal. Heading in California, at 90 percent, was nearing completion, ahead of last year's and the normal pace. Arkansas's crop showed the most increase, advancing 25 points during the week. Heading was evident in 1 percent of the fields in Kansas, the largest wheat-producing State. Overall, 43 percent of the United States winter wheat crop was rated in good to excellent condition, compared with 42 percent a week ago and 45 percent last year. Conditions in Texas continued to decline, with nearly three-quarters of winter wheat stands rated in very poor or poor condition. Russian aphids, green bugs, and freezing temperatures negatively impacted the crop.

Cotton: Nationally, producers have planted 11 percent of their cotton acreage for the 2009 crop season, 3 points behind last year and the 5-year average. Another week of wet weather slowed progress across the Delta and kept planting in much of the Southeast from getting underway. As rainfall helped to improve field conditions, producers in Texas had 17 percent of their crop planted by week's end, just slightly behind last year and the normal pace. Producers in California planted the largest percentage of acreage during the week, but overall progress lagged last year and the average by 33 and 16 points, respectively.

Sorghum: Producers had planted 26 percent of this year's sorghum acreage by week's end, 2 points behind last year, but on par with the 5-year average. Planting had yet to begin in Kansas, the largest sorghum-producing State. In Texas, producers planted 7 percent of their crop during the week, leaving progress, at 59 percent, 4 points behind 2008, but 4 points ahead of normal.

Small Grains: Nationally, 6 percent of the spring wheat crop was seeded, 13 points behind last year's pace and 15 points, or more than a week behind normal. Favorable weather conditions allowed noteworthy increases to be made in Idaho and Washington, where producers seeded 22 and 14 percent of their crop, respectively, during the week. However, seeding remained behind the average pace in both States.