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Cotton Production

Tennessee: Cotton production is forecast at 535,000 bales, down 11 percent from last year. Yield is expected to average 917 pounds per acre, up from 565 pounds in 2007.

U.S.: All Cotton production is forecast at 13.6 million 480-pound bales, up 1 percent from last month but down 29

percent from last year. Yield is expected to average 843 pounds per harvested acre, up 6 pounds from last month but down 36 pounds from the record high yield in 2007. Upland cotton production is forecast at 13.2 million 480-pound bales, up 1 percent from last month but down 28 percent from 2007.

Cotton Summary: Tennessee & U.S. Yield and Production, 2007 and Forecasted December 1, 2008

	Yield Per Acre			Production ¹	
	2007	2008		2007	2008
		November 1	December 1		
	Pounds			1,000 Bales ²	
Tennessee					
Upland Cotton	565	917	917	600.0	535.0
United States					
All Cotton	879	837	843	19,206.9	13,613.0
Upland	864	827	833	18,355.1	13,169.0
American-Pima	1,419	1,296	1,254	851.8	444.0
Cottonseed ³				6,588.7	4,628.0

¹ Production ginned and to be ginned. ² 480-Lb. net weight bales. ³ Production in 1,000 tons; 2008 production based on a 3-year average lint-seed ratio.

Cotton Ginnings: Running Bales Ginned (Excluding Linters) Prior to December 1, Crop Years 2005-2008

State	Running Bales Ginned			
	2005	2006	2007	2008
All Cotton				
AL	754,950	590,850	369,950	413,800
AZ	386,200	321,600	304,450	251,550
AR	2,073,600	2,373,150	1,806,050	1,226,650
CA	1,286,900	1,027,800	1,030,750	616,750
FL	102,950	128,000	100,300	102,950
GA	1,760,050	1,813,250	1,386,500	1,326,750
KS	56,050	64,250	31,900	15,950
LA	1,105,650	1,249,000	695,800	279,500
MS	2,088,550	2,028,100	1,270,050	654,350
MO	860,650	898,950	783,100	698,600
NM	51,050	39,300	36,650	32,000
NC	1,208,100	1,152,750	761,500	716,000
OK	214,000	150,450	214,750	175,150
SC	324,400	320,700	142,950	211,200
TN	1,062,650	1,176,950	586,400	520,950
TX	4,927,150	4,198,400	4,723,800	3,132,850
VA	138,300	123,700	95,600	103,950
US	18,401,200	17,657,200	14,340,500	10,478,950

Chicken & Eggs: All layers in the U.S. on December 1, 2008 totaled 341 million, down 1 percent from last year. The 341 million layers consisted of 285 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 52.4 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 3.03 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on December 1, 2008, averaged 74.2 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from December 1, 2007.

Layers and Eggs: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Selected States and United States, During November 2007 and 2008

Selected States	Table Egg Layers in Flocks 30,000 and Above		All Layers ¹		Eggs per 100 for All Layers ¹	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	Thousands				Number	
Alabama	1,367	1,381	9,476	9,370	1,889	1,889
Arkansas	4,100	3,653	13,946	12,740	1,943	1,962
Georgia	9,589	9,503	19,306	18,263	2,082	2,092
North Carolina	4,922	5,176	12,457	12,360	2,039	2,071
All Other States ²	259,977	257,926	289,044	286,193	2,227	2,253
United States	279,955	277,639	344,229	338,926	2,191	2,217

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

Livestock Slaughter: Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.87 billion pounds in November, down 10 percent from the 4.30 billion pounds produced in November 2007. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.52 million head, down 11 percent from November 2007. The average live weight was down 2 pounds from the previous year, at 1,302 pounds. Calf slaughter totaled 81,400 head, up 38 percent from November 2007. The average live weight was down 51 pounds from last year, at 240 pounds. Hog kill totaled 9.32 million head, down 7 percent from November 2007. The average live weight was down 1 pound from the previous year, at 271 pounds. Sheep slaughter totaled 193,700 head, 18 percent below last year. The average live weight was 133 pounds, down 3 pounds from November a year ago.

Livestock Slaughter¹: Tennessee & United States, November 2007 and 2008

Species	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	1,000 Head		1,000 Pounds		Pounds	
Tennessee						
Cattle	2.3	2.4	1,914	2,005	863	852
Calves	0.1	0.1	29	27	409	479
Hogs	66.5	57.7	31,376	26,786	473	466
Sheep & lambs	0.9	1.2	68	91	78	79
United States						
Cattle	2,830.7	2,519.0	3,677,465	3,267,744	1,304	1,302
Calves	58.9	81.4	16,919	19,313	291	240
Hogs	10,049.2	9,325.0	2,734,844	2,524,617	272	271
Sheep & lambs	236.7	193.7	32,168	25,802	136	133

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

Poultry Slaughter: Poultry certified wholesome during November 2008 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.22 billion pounds, down 11 percent from the amount certified in November 2007. The October 2008 revised certified total at 3.92 billion pounds, was down 2 percent from October 2007. The October revision represented an increase of 1.49 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified. The preliminary total live weight of poultry inspected during November 2008 was 4.29 billion pounds, down 11 percent from 4.83 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 3.58 billion pounds, down 12 percent from November 2007. Mature chickens, at 61.6 million pounds, were down 5 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 637 million pounds, down 4 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 12.0 million pounds, down 24 percent from last year.

Tennessee's Rank in U.S. Agriculture, 2007

Item	Unit	Tennessee		Leading State		United States
		Rank	Production	State	Production	
			1,000		1,000	1,000
General						
Farm Numbers	no.	6	79	Texas	229	2,076
Land in Farms	acres	26	11,400	Texas	129,500	930,920
Average Size of Farm ¹	acres	43	144	Wyoming	3,909	449
Crops						
Tobacco, Dark Fire-Cured	lbs.	2	16,120	Kentucky	24,800	41,688
Tobacco, Burley	lbs.	2	20,800	Kentucky	154,000	207,387
Tobacco, Dark Air-Cured	lbs.	2	1,716	Kentucky	11,760	13,476
Snap Beans, Fresh	cwt.	5	538	Florida	3,105	6,465
Tomatoes, Fresh	cwt.	5	1,159	Florida	14,553	37,032
Tobacco, All	lbs.	6	38,636	N. Carolina	383,420	779,899
All Cotton	bales	9	600	Texas	8,296	19,207
Cottonseed	tons	9	203	Texas	2,861	6,589
Hay, Other	tons	9	2,380	Texas	14,560	77,729
Sorghum, Grain	bu.	15	1,330	Kansas	212,000	504,993
Soybeans	bu.	18	17,460	Iowa	438,780	2,585,207
Corn, Grain	bu.	21	83,210	Iowa	2,368,350	13,073,893
Winter Wheat	bu.	26	10,660	Kansas	283,800	1,515,989
Apples	lbs.	32	100	Washington	5,200,000	9,113,900
Hay, Alfalfa	tons	32	63	California	7,128	72,575
Corn, Silage	tons	34	612	California	12,015	106,328
Livestock						
Equine ²	head	2	155	Texas	395	3,750
Meat Goats ³	head	2	118	Texas	1,090	2,500
Beef Cows ³	head	9	1,079	Texas	5,240	32,553
Broilers	no.	13	207,000	Georgia	1,398,800	8,898,200
All Cattle & Calves ³	head	15	2,130	Texas	13,800	96,669
Milk Goats ³	head	18	5.8	California	30	305
Milk Cows ³	head	28	61	California	1,835	9,224
All Hogs ⁴	head	29	140	Iowa	19,400	68,113
Milk	lbs.	30	999,000	California	40,683,000	185,602,000
Sheep & Lambs ³	head	32	25	Texas	1,050	6,165
Honey	lbs.	33	455	N. Dakota	31,080	148,482
All Chickens ⁴	no.	33	2,175	Iowa	64,970	454,902

¹ Average size of farm in actual units. ² 2002 Census of Agriculture. ³ January 1, 2008 Inventory. ⁴ December 1, 2007 Inventory.

USDA ASKS FARMERS TO SHOW THEIR STEWARDSHIP
Nationwide Survey to Focus on Irrigation

Nashville, Tennessee – Water is the source of life and the U.S. agricultural industry depends upon this precious resource to meet the world’s growing need for food, feed, fiber and fuel. Tennessee agricultural producers will soon have the opportunity to speak out about their water use when the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) conducts the Farm and Ranch Irrigation Survey.

“By providing a single source of comprehensive, up-to-date information on irrigation and water use across the agricultural industry, this survey will aid in efforts to promote efficient irrigation practices and ensure the long-term sustainability of our nation’s water resources,” said Debra Kenerson, director the NASS Tennessee Field Office.

The irrigation survey, which is a supplement to the 2007 Census of Agriculture, will for the first time include a focus on nursery and horticultural operations. NASS will collect information about irrigation water use during 2008, including application methods, equipment, facilities, expenditures, crop acreage and yield.

This information is used by industry, government, and producers themselves, aiding in the development of improved technology, better equipment, more efficient water use practices, and sound programs and policies.

“The nation’s agricultural producers are the first and best stewards of our land and water resources,” Kenerson said. “This survey provides them with a voice to help shape the future of their industry and demonstrate their commitment to the conservation and efficient use of water resources.”

On Jan. 12, 2009, NASS will mail the irrigation survey to 771 producers in Tennessee. Recipients are required to complete and return their forms by Feb. 17, 2009. As is the case with all NASS surveys, information provided by respondents is protected by law. NASS safeguards the confidentiality of all responses, ensuring that no individual producer or operation can be identified.

“As we did with the Census of Agriculture, we are reminding Tennessee producers that the Farm and Ranch Irrigation Survey is their voice, their future and their responsibility,” Kenerson said. For more information about the Farm and Ranch Irrigation Survey, call (888) 424-7828 or visit www.agcensus.usda.gov.