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INDEX NUMBERS OF PRICES RECEIVED BY TEXAS FARMERS AND RANCHERS

Commodities	1990-92 = 100		
	February 2008	January 2009*	February 2009
All farm products	142	117	116
All crops	* 164	130	124
Livestock and products	130	111	112

* Revised.

AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS AND RANCHERS

Commodity and Unit	Texas			United States			U.S. parity prices
	February 2008 ^{1/}	January 2009 ^{1/}	February 2009 ^{2/}	February 2008 ^{1/}	January 2009 ^{1/}	February 2009 ^{2/}	February 2009 ^{3/}
CROPS							
Barley Dollars per bushel	-	-	-	4.38	5.29	5.37	8.98
Corn Dollars per bushel	5.09	4.69	4.40	4.54	4.36	4.13	8.22
Cotton, Upland Cents per pound	63.20	42.90	42.10	63.00	46.10	43.60	180.00
Cottonseed Dollars per ton	161.00	212.00	215.00	175.00	214.00	213.00	329.00
Grapefruit, all, 80-lb. Dollars per box ^{4/}	3.43	5.86	4.51	3.30	3.88	3.79	14.80
Hay, alfalfa, baled Dollars per ton	160.00	190.00	190.00	138.00	149.00	143.00	-
Hay, other, baled Dollars per ton	120.00	100.00	95.00	113.00	110.00	107.00	-
Hay, all, baled Dollars per ton	125.00	109.00	110.00	129.00	136.00	132.00	-
Oats Dollars per bushel	-	-	-	3.19	2.74	2.27	5.43
Oranges, all, 85-lb. Dollars per box ^{4/}	-4.14	4.50	6.95	5.83	5.57	5.43	15.20
Peanuts Cents per pound	24.10	24.60	26.50	21.00	23.80	25.30	76.00
Potatoes Dollars per cwt	-	-	-	7.51	9.40	8.94	18.90
Rice Dollars per cwt	-	-	-	12.60	17.00	16.80	35.50
Sorghum grain Dollars per cwt	8.11	6.87	5.68	8.35	5.84	5.09	14.70
Soybeans Dollars per bushel	-	-	-	11.70	9.97	9.58	20.00
Sweet potatoes Dollars per cwt	-	-	-	-	-	-	52.90
Wheat Dollars per bushel	9.23	5.77	5.09	10.10	6.21	5.73	13.30
LIVESTOCK AND PRODUCTS							
Beef cattle Dollars per cwt ^{5/}	89.40	81.00	82.90	89.00	80.10	80.20	235.00
Cows Dollars per cwt ^{6/}	50.60	40.90	41.90	51.70	42.30	44.30	-
Steers and heifers Dollars per cwt	94.20	85.40	86.90	94.30	85.80	85.40	-
Calves Dollars per cwt	116.00	99.20	99.50	120.00	106.00	105.00	336.00
Milk cows Dollars per head ^{7/}	-	1,750.00	-	-	1,630.00	-	-
Hogs Dollars per cwt	-	-	-	42.20	42.80	43.50	128.00
Lambs Dollars per cwt ^{8/}	105.00	113.00	-	96.50	101.00	-	265.00
Sheep Dollars per cwt ^{8/}	30.20	32.00	-	29.90	31.40	-	102.00
Broilers Cents per pound ^{9/}	-	-	-	46.00	48.00	47.00	-
Eggs Cents per dozen ^{10/}	123.00	90.00	64.00	122.00	89.60	63.90	209.00
Turkeys, live Cents per pound	-	-	-	47.50	43.80	46.40	129.00
All milk sold to plants Dollars per cwt ^{11/}	19.50	14.50	13.30	19.10	13.30	11.50	44.00

^{1/} Entire month. ^{2/} Mid-month. ^{3/} 1910-1914 Base. ^{4/} Equivalent on-tree price for all methods of sale. ^{5/} Cows, steers and heifers combined. ^{6/} Beef cows sold for slaughter and herd replacement and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter. ^{7/} Milk cow (replacement) price published quarterly. ^{8/} Mid-month prices not estimated. ^{9/} Live weight equivalent price to producers, includes growers and contractors combined. ^{10/} Market (table) eggs, including eggs sold retail by producers. ^{11/} Fat test percent: January 2009 all milk, Texas 3.81, U.S. 3.78; February 2009 all milk, Texas 3.78, U.S. 3.75.

U. S. INDEX SUMMARY TABLE

Index	1910-14 = 100			1990-92 = 100		
	February 2008	January 2009*	February 2009	February 2008	January 2009*	February 2009
Prices Received	925	880	805	146	139	127
Prices Paid, Interest, Taxes and Farm Wage Rates	2,280	2,335	2,302	171	175	173
Ratio ^{1/}	41	38	35	85	79	73

^{1/} Ratio of Index of Prices Received by Farmers to Index of Prices Paid, Interest, Taxes and Farm Wage Rates. * Revised.

HONEY PRODUCTION AND VALUE, 2007-2008 ^{1/}

Item	Texas		United States	
	2007	2008	2007	2008
Number of colonies <i>Thousands</i>	105	77	2,443	2,301
Yield per colony <i>Pounds</i>	82	64	60.7	69.9
Production <i>Thousand pounds</i>	8,610	4,928	148,341	160,861
Stocks December 15 ^{2/} <i>Thousand pounds</i>	1,550	1,380	52,635	50,445
Average price per pound <i>Cents</i>	96	134	107.7	141.0
Value of production <i>Thousand dollars</i>	8,266	6,604	159,763	226,814

^{1/}For producers with 5 or more colonies. ^{2/} Stocks held by producers; does not include stocks under loan. * Revised.

TEXAS CATTLE AND CALVES ON FEED IN 1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS

Cattle and calves	District 1-N	District 1-S	District 2-N	District 7	District 8-N	District 10-N	Other districts	State total
		<i>1,000 head</i>						
On feed January 1 ^{1/}	2,347	180	77	18	42	69	57	2,790
Placed on feed during January	372	25	12	5	8	8	10	440
Marketed during January	353	20	8	3	6	8	7	405
Other disappearance during January ^{2/}	12	1	0	0	0	1	1	15
On feed February 1 ^{1/}	2,354	184	81	20	44	68	59	2,479

^{1/} Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grains or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better. ^{2/} Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

MILK PRODUCTION: TEXAS AND TWENTY-THREE STATES

Item	Texas			23 States ^{2/}		
	January 2008	December 2008*	January 2009	January 2008	December 2008*	January 2009
Milk production <i>Million pounds</i>	677	737	765	14,714	14,677	14,855
Production per cow ^{1/} <i>Pounds</i>	1,685	1,715	1,780	1,741	1,722	1,746
Number of milk cows <i>Thousand head</i>	402	430	430	8,451	8,521	8,509

^{1/} Monthly rate based on all milk cows on farms (in milk or dry). ^{2/} 23 States: AZ, CA, CO, FL, ID, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, MI, MN, MO, NM, NY, OH, OR, PA, TX, VT, VA, WA and WI. * Revised.

Texas Broiler Chick Operations

Week Ending	Broiler eggs set			Broiler chicks placed in Texas ^{1/}		
	Year		2009 as percent of 2008	Year		2009 as percent of 2008
	2008 ^{2/}	2009*		2008 ^{2/}	2009*	
	<i>Thousand</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>Thousand</i>		<i>Percent</i>
January 31	15,678	14,781	94	12,513	13,156	105
February 7	15,708	15,457	98	12,930	13,045	101
February 14	15,806	15,555	98	12,890	13,208	102
February 21	15,869	15,558	98	12,827	12,650	99
February 28	16,211	15,624	96	12,975	13,189	102
March 7	16,006	15,622	98	13,320	13,336	100

* Revised. ^{1/} Total chicks hatched, plus inshipments, minus outshipments, minus chicks sold or kept for other purposes. ^{2/} Comparable weeks for previous year.

TEXAS NUMBER OF LIVESTOCK OPERATIONS BY SPECIES, 2003-2007 ^{1/}

Year	Cattle	Beef Cows	Milk Cows	Hogs	Sheep	Angora Goats	Milk Goats	Meat and Other Goats	All Goats
	<i>Number</i>								
2003	151,000	132,000	1,800	4,000	7,000	2/	2/	2/	2/
2004	150,000	131,000	1,700	3,900	7,200	2/	2/	2/	2/
2005	150,000	131,000	1,500	3,800	* 7,200	2/	2/	2/	2/
2006	149,000	130,000	1,300	3,700	7,300	800	* 1,600	* 22,000	* 23,000
2007	* 152,000	* 132,000	* 1,300	* 4,500	* 8,700	* 780	* 2,100	* 24,800	* 26,400

^{1/} The number of livestock operations by state will no longer be published on an annual basis. State level numbers will only be published in conjunction with the Census of Agriculture every 5 years. ^{2/} Not available. * Revised.

POULTRY: TEXAS AND UNITED STATES

Item	Texas			United States		
	January 2008	December 2008*	January 2009	January 2008	December 2008*	January 2009
Average number of layers <i>Thousands</i>	18,747	18,311	18,270	344,737	340,302	340,946
Egg production: All Eggs <i>Millions</i>	418	420	409	7,646	7,768	7,667
Egg production: Table eggs ^{1/} <i>Millions</i>	-	-	-	6,498	6,701	6,592
Egg production: Hatching eggs ^{1/} <i>Millions</i>	-	-	-	1,149	1,068	1,075
Eggs per 100 layers <i>Number</i>	2,230	2,294	2,239	2,218	2,283	2,249
Hatchery production: Egg type ^{1/} <i>Thousands</i>	-	-	-	40,167	36,393	38,083
Hatchery production: Broiler type <i>Thousands</i>	56,404	56,325	57,257	821,866	779,160	778,401
Turkey poults placements ^{1/} <i>Thousands</i>	-	-	-	26,067	23,179	24,195

^{1/} Data suppressed due to confidentiality. * Revised.

Livestock Slaughter and Live Weights: Texas and United States ^{1/}

Species	Texas			United States ^{2/}		
	January 2008	December 2008	January 2009	January 2008	December 2008*	January 2009
<i>Thousand head</i>						
Head Slaughtered						
Cattle	526.6	512.3	533.9	2,898.4	2,671.3	2,718.4
Calves	1.5	3.5	2.8	71.5	94.1	84.7
Hogs	34.3	44.3	37.4	10,557.1	10,144.9	9,922.3
Sheep and Lambs	2.9	4.4	2.6	213.4	230.7	189.4
<i>Million pounds</i>						
Total Live Weight						
Cattle	651.9	642.6	673.2	3,728.4	3,468.2	3,537.6
Calves	0.9	0.9	0.7	19.0	22.7	20.5
Hogs	8.7	11.4	8.8	2,875.5	2,739.6	2,697.0
Sheep and Lambs	0.2	0.3	0.2	29.6	30.9	26.6

^{1/} Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other commercial slaughter. Excludes farm slaughter. ^{2/} Includes Hawaii; commercial slaughter not estimated in Alaska. * Revised

**SALES OF LIVESTOCK AT AUCTION MARKETS,
BY SPECIES: TEXAS, 2008-2009 ^{1/}**

Species	January 2008	December 2008	January 2009
<i>1,000 head</i>			
Cattle and calves . .	306	271	354
Hogs	3	3	2
Sheep and goats . .	67	63	5

^{1/} SOURCE: Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC).

Federally Inspected Slaughter of Livestock: Texas and United States

Species	Region 6 ^{1/}			United States		
	January 2008	December 2008	January 2009	January 2008	December 2008	January 2009
<i>1,000 head</i>						
Cattle						
Steers	266.5	261.6	264.9	1,390.6	1,271.5	1,280.7
Heifers	162.6	153.1	157.0	867.2	796.4	781.1
Dairy cows	15.1	18.5	32.9	235.7	228.9	281.1
Other cows	69.1	69.2	67.2	309.2	288.1	285.2
Bulls and stags . .	11.7	9.4	10.9	45.0	38.2	40.0
Total ^{2/}	525.0	511.8	532.8	2,847.4	2,623.0	2,668.1
Calves	1.3	5.1	3.7	70.4	92.8	83.6
Hogs						
Barrows and gilts	476.8	490.8	490.3	10,127.6	9,749.3	9,543.9
Sows	25.7	25.7	24.4	303.9	271.5	267.0
Stags and boars . .	1.6	1.1	0.7	42.5	32.5	34.9
Total ^{2/}	504.1	517.7	515.4	10,474.3	10,053.4	9,845.8
Sheep						
Mature sheep . .	3/	3/	3/	9.1	11.1	8.5
Lambs and yearlings	3/	3/	3/	192.6	201.4	169.9
Total ^{2/}	3/	3/	3/	201.6	212.5	178.4

^{1/} Region 6 includes Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas. ^{2/} Total based on un-rounded data. ^{3/} Data suppressed due to confidentiality.

**LIVESTOCK INSHIPMENTS AND OUTSHIPMENTS
BY SPECIES: TEXAS, 2008-2009 ^{1/}**

Shipments by species	January 2008	December 2008	January 2009
<i>Number of head</i>			
INSHIPMENTS			
Cattle and Calves:			
Other states ^{2/}	137,825	161,409	120,293
Other countries ^{3/}	9,052	39,423	13,907
Dairy cattle ^{4/}	16,681	6,731	10,687
Sheep and lambs ^{5/}	1,942	610	3,921
<i>Number of head</i>			
OUTSHIPMENTS			
Cattle and Calves:			
Other states ^{6/}	43,938	75,787	57,343
Other countries ^{7/}	17	438	2,274
Dairy cattle ^{4/}	4,293	3,716	5,167
Sheep and lambs ^{8/}	1,976	1,955	1,292

^{1/} SOURCE: Health certificates issued by TAHC and USDA / APHIS/ VS. ^{2/} Inshipments of cattle and calves from other states exclude animals for slaughter. ^{3/} Inshipments of cattle and calves from other countries include animals for slaughter. ^{4/} Dairy herd replacement only; not included in "cattle and calves". ^{5/} Inshipments of sheep and lambs reflect movement from other states only and include animals for slaughter. ^{6/} Outshipments of cattle and calves to other states exclude animals for slaughter. ^{7/} Outshipments of cattle and calves to other countries include animals for slaughter. ^{8/} Outshipments of sheep and lambs reflect movement to other states and countries, and include animals for slaughter.

Poultry Slaughter: Texas and United States ^{1/}

Area and Poultry	Number Inspected			Total Live Weight			Average Live Weight			Total Certified ^{2/}		
	JAN 2008	DEC 2008	JAN 2009	JAN 2008	DEC 2008	JAN 2009	JAN 2008	DEC 2008	JAN 2009	JAN 2008	DEC 2008	JAN 2009
	<i>1,000 head</i>			<i>1,000 pounds</i>			<i>Pounds</i>			<i>1,000 pounds</i>		
Texas												
Chickens:												
Young ...	57,768	56,399	55,056	310,864	295,533	286,959	5.38	5.24	5.21	238,863	227,936	222,266
United States												
Chickens	799,943	721,322	705,710	4,454,134	* 4,007,615	3,925,623	5.57	5.56	5.56	3,282,980	* 2,971,332	2,908,944
Young ...	786,973	709,846	694,679	4,380,786	* 3,943,792	3,863,528	5.57	5.56	5.56	3,237,241	* 2,931,621	2,870,625
Mature ...	12,970	11,476	11,031	73,348	63,823	62,095	5.66	5.56	5.63	45,739	39,711	38,319
Light	6,333	5,527	5,238	20,601	17,807	16,839	3.25	3.22	3.21	10,924	9,108	8,473
Heavy ...	6,637	5,949	5,793	52,747	46,016	45,256	7.95	7.74	7.81	34,815	30,603	29,846
Ducks	2,155	2,196	1,953	14,599	14,744	12,992	6.77	6.71	6.65	10,455	10,524	9,277
Other Poultry	-	-	-	175	* 205	152	-	-	-	119	135	96
Turkeys	22,702	* 20,903	19,454	689,373	* 618,418	593,595	30.37	29.59	30.51	546,418	* 491,811	469,735
Young	22,584	* 20,732	19,251	686,334	* 613,756	587,982	30.39	* 29.60	30.54	544,167	* 488,245	465,424
Old	118	* 171	203	3,039	* 4,662	5,613	25.75	* 27.26	27.65	2,251	* 3,566	4,311
Total Poultry	-	-	-	5,158,281	* 4,640,982	4,532,362	-	-	-	3,839,972	* 3,473,802	3,388,052

1/ Federally inspected only. Total may not add due to rounding. 2/ Ready-to-cook weight. * Revised.

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