



Texas Agricultural Facts



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Index Numbers of Prices Received by Texas Farmers and Ranchers

| Commodities | 1990-92 = 100 | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------|------------|-----------|
| | Feb. 2009 | Jan. 2010* | Feb. 2010 |
| All farm products..... | *111 | 120 | 121 |
| All crops..... | *118 | 134 | 130 |
| Livestock and products..... | 108 | 113 | 117 |

* Revised.

Average Prices Received by Farmers and Ranchers

| Commodity and Unit | Texas | | | United States | | | U.S. parity prices February 2010 ^{3/} |
|---|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| | February 2009 ^{1/} | January 2010 ^{1/} | February 2010 ^{2/} | February 2009 ^{1/} | January 2010 ^{1/} | February 2010 ^{2/} | |
| CROPS | | | | | | | |
| Barley..... Dollars per bushel | - | - | - | 4.99 | 4.73 | 4.25 | 10.20 |
| Corn..... Dollars per bushel | 4.11 | 4.19 | 3.68 | 3.87 | 3.66 | 3.45 | 9.15 |
| Cotton, Upland..... Cents per pound | 38.40 | 59.10 | 61.10 | 41.20 | 60.60 | 61.70 | 207.00 |
| Cottonseed..... Dollars per ton | 215.00 | 153.00 | 168.00 | 212.00 | 149.00 | 151.00 | 371.00 |
| Grapefruit, all, 80-lb..... Dollars per box ^{4/} | 4.56 | 10.06 | 8.87 | 3.74 | 7.73 | 6.66 | 15.90 |
| Hay, alfalfa, baled..... Dollars per ton | 190.00 | 183.00 | 183.00 | 141.00 | 113.00 | 111.00 | - |
| Hay, other, baled..... Dollars per ton | 95.00 | 110.00 | 115.00 | 108.00 | 99.60 | 97.10 | - |
| Hay, all, baled..... Dollars per ton | 109.00 | 117.00 | 126.00 | 131.00 | 109.00 | 107.00 | - |
| Oats..... Dollars per bushel | - | - | - | 2.69 | 2.18 | 2.13 | 6.00 |
| Oranges, all, 85-lb..... Dollars per box ^{4/} | 6.79 | - | - | 6.04 | 6.06 | 7.07 | 16.20 |
| Peanuts..... Cents per pound | 26.90 | 21.20 | 25.00 | 25.30 | 20.60 | 21.40 | 71.30 |
| Potatoes..... Dollars per cwt | - | - | - | 8.87 | 7.17 | 6.99 | 20.50 |
| Rice..... Dollars per cwt | - | - | - | 16.00 | 14.40 | 14.50 | 33.90 |
| Sorghum grain..... Dollars per cwt | 5.32 | 6.54 | 5.96 | 5.04 | 5.84 | 5.42 | 16.10 |
| Soybeans..... Dollars per bushel | - | - | - | 9.54 | 9.79 | 9.40 | 22.50 |
| Sweet potatoes..... Dollars per cwt | - | - | - | - | - | - | 55.80 |
| Wheat..... Dollars per bushel | 5.22 | 5.10 | 4.47 | 5.79 | 4.92 | 4.67 | 14.70 |
| LIVESTOCK AND PRODUCTS | | | | | | | |
| Beef cattle..... Dollars per cwt ^{5/} | 79.60 | 81.60 | 86.50 | 78.90 | 82.10 | 84.40 | 251.00 |
| Cows..... Dollars per cwt ^{6/} | 41.10 | 45.30 | 49.70 | 43.60 | 47.90 | 50.50 | - |
| Steers and heifers..... Dollars per cwt | 83.40 | 87.50 | 91.50 | 83.80 | 87.50 | 89.40 | - |
| Calves..... Dollars per cwt | 99.10 | 106.00 | 106.00 | 104.00 | 109.00 | 111.00 | 354.00 |
| Milk cows..... Dollars per head ^{7/} | - | 1,300.00 | - | - | 1,340.00 | - | - |
| Hogs..... Dollars per cwt | - | - | - | 43.80 | 48.40 | 48.10 | 136.00 |
| Lambs..... Dollars per cwt ^{8/} | 117.00 | 122.00 | - | 100.00 | 102.00 | - | 283.00 |
| Sheep..... Dollars per cwt ^{8/} | 29.90 | 58.00 | - | 31.40 | 52.40 | - | 107.00 |
| Broilers..... Cents per pound ^{9/} | - | - | - | 47.00 | 48.00 | 47.00 | - |
| Eggs..... Cents per dozen ^{10/} | 64.00 | - | - | 63.90 | 90.50 | 77.50 | 224.00 |
| Turkeys, live..... Cents per pound | - | - | - | 46.50 | 46.50 | 48.30 | 138.00 |
| All milk sold to plants..... Dollars per cwt ^{11/} | 12.20 | 17.10 | 16.40 | 11.60 | 16.10 | 15.90 | 45.00 |

^{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 2010 all milk, Texas 3.86, U.S. 3.77; February 2010 all milk, Texas 3.82, U.S. 3.73. * Beginning January 2010, monthly market(table) egg prices are no longer estimated at state level.

U. S. Index Summary Table

| Index | 1910-14 = 100 | | | 1990-92 = 100 | | |
|---|---------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| | February 2009 | January 2010 | February 2010 | February 2009 | January 2010 | February 2010 |
| Prices Received..... | 798 | *884 | 846 | 126 | *139 | 133 |
| Prices Paid, Interest, Taxes and Farm Wage Rates..... | 2,382 | *2,452 | 2,460 | 179 | 184 | 185 |
| Ratio ^{1/} | 34 | 36 | 34 | 70 | 76 | 72 |

^{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, 2008-2009 1/

| Item | Texas | | United States | |
|--|-------|-------|---------------|---------|
| | 2008 | 2009 | *2008 | 2009 |
| Number of colony..... Thousands | 77 | 74 | 2,342 | 2,462 |
| Yield per colony..... Pounds | 64 | 63 | 69.9 | 58.5 |
| Production..... Thousand pounds | 4,928 | 4,662 | 163,789 | 144,108 |
| Stocks December 15 2/..... Thousand pounds | 1,380 | 886 | 51,159 | 37,153 |
| Average price per pound..... Cents | 134 | 138 | 142.1 | 144.5 |
| Value of production..... Thousand dollars | 6,604 | 6,434 | 232,744 | 208,236 |

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 |
|--|-------------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------|-------------|
| | <u>1,000 head</u> | | | | | | | |
| On feed January 1 1/..... | 2,280 | 161 | 70 | 15 | 32 | 65 | 57 | 2,680 |
| Placed on feed during January..... | 365 | 18 | 11 | 2 | 5 | 9 | 10 | 420 |
| Marketed during January..... | 335 | 20 | 10 | 2 | 5 | 9 | 9 | 390 |
| Other disappearance during January 2/..... | 7 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 10 |
| On feed February 1 1/..... | 2,303 | 158 | 70 | 15 | 32 | 65 | 57 | 2,700 |

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 2009 | December 2009 | January 2010 | January 2009 | December *2009 | January 2010 |
| Milk production..... Million pounds | 765 | 738 | 740 | 14,902 | 14,632 | 14,817 |
| Production per cow 1/..... Pounds | 1,780 | 1,795 | 1,805 | 1,752 | 1,761 | 1,782 |
| Number of milk cows..... Thousand Head | 430 | 411 | 410 | 8,506 | 8,311 | 8,315 |

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, MI, MN, MO, NM, NY, OH, OR, PA, TX, UT, VT, VA, WA and WI. * Revised.

Texas Broiler Chick Operations

| Week ending | Broiler eggs set | | | Broiler chicks placed in Texas 1/ | | |
|------------------|------------------|---------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------|-------------------------|
| | Year | | 2010 as percent of 2009 | Year | | 2010 as percent of 2009 |
| | 2009 2/ | 2010 | | 2009 2/ | 2010 | |
| | <u>Thousand</u> | | <u>Percent</u> | <u>Thousand</u> | | <u>Percent</u> |
| January 30..... | 14,781 | 15,744 | 107 | 13,156 | 12,785 | 97 |
| February 6..... | 15,457 | *15,876 | 103 | 13,045 | 12,407 | 95 |
| February 13..... | 15,555 | *15,973 | 103 | 13,208 | 12,239 | 93 |
| February 20..... | 15,558 | *16,150 | 104 | 12,650 | 12,960 | 102 |
| February 27..... | 15,624 | *15,813 | 101 | 13,189 | 13,167 | 99 |
| March 6..... | 15,622 | 15,453 | 99 | 13,336 | 13,254 | 99 |

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

Poultry: Texas and United States

| Item | Texas | | | United States | | |
|--|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| | January 2009 | December 2009 | January 2010 | January 2009 | December 2009 | January 2010 |
| Average number of layers..... Thousands | 19,250 | 17,998 | 18,204 | 341,400 | *339,744 | 339,173 |
| Egg production: All Eggs..... Millions | 432 | 419 | 412 | 7,678 | *7,827 | 7,692 |
| Egg production: Table eggs 1/..... Millions | - | - | - | 6,603 | *6,758 | 6,610 |
| Egg production: Hatching eggs 1/..... Millions | - | - | - | 1,075 | *1,068 | 1,082 |
| Eggs per 100 layers..... Number | 2,244 | 2,328 | 2,263 | 2,249 | 2,304 | 2,268 |
| Hatchery production: Egg type 1/..... Thousands | - | - | - | 38,083 | 39,665 | 38,794 |
| Hatchery production: Broiler type..... Thousands | 57,257 | 58,554 | 56,554 | 778,401 | 778,372 | 775,615 |
| Turkey poults Placements..... Thousands | - | - | - | 24,131 | *22,004 | 21,328 |

1/ Data by type of flock not shown for Texas to avoid disclosing individual operations, data included in US totals. * Revised.

Livestock Slaughter and Live Weights: Texas and United States 1/

| Species | Texas | | | United States 2/ | | |
|----------------------|-----------------------|---------------|--------------|------------------|---------------|--------------|
| | January 2009 | December 2009 | January 2010 | January 2009 | December 2009 | January 2010 |
| Head Slaughtered | <u>1,000 head</u> | | | | | |
| Cattle..... | 533.9 | 536.5 | 508.5 | 2,718.4 | 2,752.8 | 2,707.2 |
| Calves..... | 2.8 | 5.3 | 4.7 | 84.7 | 92.3 | 82.8 |
| Hogs..... | 37.4 | 43.5 | 31.5 | 9,922.6 | 9,832.9 | 8,903.2 |
| Sheep and lambs..... | 2.6 | 8.4 | 6.9 | 189.5 | 235.3 | 186.6 |
| Total Live Weight | <u>Million pounds</u> | | | | | |
| Cattle..... | 673.2 | 667.8 | 626.5 | 3,537.6 | 3,556.4 | 3,480.6 |
| Calves..... | .7 | .8 | .8 | 20.5 | 21.9 | 19.5 |
| Hogs..... | 8.8 | 11.2 | 7.9 | 2,697.0 | 2,654.0 | 2,416.1 |
| Sheep and lambs..... | .2 | .8 | .6 | 26.7 | 31.9 | 25.7 |

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

**Sales of Livestock at Auction Markets
By Species: Texas, 2009-2010 1/**

| Species | Jan. 2009 | Dec. 2009 | Jan. 2010 |
|------------------------|-------------------|-----------|-----------|
| | <u>1,000 head</u> | | |
| Cattle and calves..... | 385 | 304 | 367 |
| Hogs..... | 3 | 3 | 2 |
| Sheep and goats..... | 56 | 49 | 53 |

1/ Source: Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC)

**Livestock Inshipments and Outshipments
By Species: Texas, 2009-2010**

| Shipments by Species | January 2009 | December 2009 | January 2010 |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|--------------|
| INSHIPMENTS | <u>Number of head</u> | | |
| Cattle and Calves: | | | |
| Other states 2/..... | 120,293 | 216,865 | 64,030 |
| Other countries 3/..... | 13,907 | 47,555 | 21,466 |
| Dairy cattle 4/..... | 10,687 | 10,194 | 7,703 |
| Sheep and lambs 5/..... | 3,921 | 8,573 | 2,277 |
| OUTSHIPMENTS | <u>Number of head</u> | | |
| Cattle and Calves: | | | |
| Other states 6/..... | 57,343 | 49,879 | 43,096 |
| Other countries 7/..... | 2,274 | 6,493 | 107 |
| Dairy cattle 4/..... | 5,167 | 8,705 | 3,272 |
| Sheep and lambs 8/..... | 1,292 | 8,454 | 3,311 |

SOURCE: Health certificates issued by TAHC and USDA/APHIS/V.S. 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.

Federally Inspected Slaughter of Livestock: Region 6 and United States

| Species | Region 6 1/ | | | United States | | |
|--------------------------|-------------------|----------|----------|-------------------|----------|----------|
| | Jan 2009 | Dec 2009 | Jan 2010 | Jan 2009 | Dec 2009 | Jan 2010 |
| CATTLE | <u>1,000 head</u> | | | <u>1,000 head</u> | | |
| Steers..... | 264.9 | 272.2 | 242.6 | 1,280.7 | 1,322.8 | 1,258.7 |
| Heifers..... | 157.0 | 162.2 | 158.6 | 781.1 | 794.5 | 813.9 |
| Dairy cows..... | 32.9 | 15.8 | 17.9 | 281.1 | 231.2 | 232.1 |
| Other cows..... | 67.2 | 73.7 | 76.5 | 285.2 | 310.1 | 308.6 |
| Bulls and stags..... | 10.9 | 11.2 | 11.3 | 40.0 | 45.2 | 43.6 |
| Total 2/..... | 532.8 | 535.0 | 507.0 | 2,668.1 | 2,703.7 | 2,656.8 |
| Calves..... | 3.7 | 5.2 | 4.7 | 83.6 | 91.1 | 81.6 |
| HOGS | | | | | | |
| Barrows and gilts..... | 490.3 | 485.2 | 435.9 | 9,543.9 | 9,432.5 | 8,556.5 |
| Sows..... | 24.4 | 23.3 | 20.9 | 267.0 | 274.2 | 242.4 |
| Stags and boars..... | 0.7 | - | - | 34.9 | 35.6 | 32.4 |
| Total 2/..... | 515.4 | 508.5 | 456.9 | 9,845.8 | 9,742.3 | 8,831.3 |
| SHEEP | | | | | | |
| Mature sheep..... | 3/ | 3/ | 1.4 | 8.5 | 14.0 | 11.2 |
| Lambs and yearlings..... | 3/ | 3/ | 1.2 | 169.9 | 203.1 | 162.0 |
| Total 2/..... | 3/ | 3/ | 2.6 | 178.4 | 217.1 | 173.2 |

1/ Region 6 includes Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas. 2/ Total based on unrounded data. 3/Data suppressed due to confidentiality. * Revised.

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

| Item | Number Inspected | | | Total Live Weight | | | Average Live Weight | | | Total Certified ^{2/} | | |
|----------------------|-------------------|-----------|-----------|---------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | Jan. 2009 | Dec. 2009 | Jan. 2010 | Jan. 2009 | Dec. 2009 | Jan. 2010 | Jan. 2009 | Dec. 2009 | Jan. 2010 | Jan. 2009 | Dec. 2009 | Jan. 2010 |
| TEXAS | <u>1,000 head</u> | | | <u>1,000 pounds</u> | | | <u>Pounds</u> | | | <u>1,000 pounds</u> | | |
| Chickens | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Young..... | 55,033 | 55,663 | 53,836 | 286,878 | 301,202 | 291,104 | 5.21 | 5.41 | 5.41 | 222,204 | 2,345,224 | 228,511 |
| UNITED STATES | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Chickens..... | 705,690 | 713,503 | 683,552 | 3,926,863 | 4,031,897 | 3,851,249 | 5.56 | 5.65 | 5.63 | 2,909,901 | 3,003,736 | 2,867,734 |
| Young..... | 694,661 | 702,342 | 672,477 | 3,864,773 | 3,970,581 | 3,791,075 | 5.56 | 5.65 | 5.64 | 2,871,584 | 2,965,375 | 2,830,274 |
| Mature..... | 11,029 | 11,161 | 11,075 | 62,090 | 61,316 | 60,174 | 5.63 | 5.49 | 5.43 | 38,317 | 38,361 | 37,460 |
| Light..... | 5,236 | 5,755 | 5,741 | 16,834 | 18,881 | 18,314 | 3.22 | 3.28 | 3.19 | 8,471 | 10,060 | 9,603 |
| Heavy..... | 5,793 | 5,406 | 5,334 | 45,256 | 42,435 | 41,860 | 7.81 | 7.85 | 7.85 | 29,846 | 28,301 | 27,857 |
| Ducks..... | 1,953 | 2,101 | 1,815 | 12,992 | 14,410 | 12,449 | 6.65 | 6.86 | 6.86 | 9,277 | 10,327 | 8,904 |
| Other poultry..... | - | - | - | 152 | 183 | 131 | - | - | - | 96 | 130 | 91 |
| Turkeys..... | 19,457 | 19,318 | 17,318 | 592,963 | 571,959 | 533,231 | 30.48 | 29.61 | 30.51 | 469,174 | 456,105 | 424,156 |
| Young..... | 19,254 | 19,177 | 17,322 | 587,350 | 568,231 | 529,190 | 30.51 | 29.63 | 30.55 | 464,863 | 453,227 | 421,098 |
| Old..... | 203 | 141 | 158 | 5,613 | 3,728 | 4,041 | 27.65 | 26.44 | 25.58 | 4,311 | 2,878 | 3,058 |
| TOTAL POULTRY | - | - | - | 4,532,970 | 4,618,449 | 4,397,060 | - | - | - | 3,388,448 | 3,470,298 | 3,300,885 |

^{1/} Federally inspected only. Total may not add due to rounding. ^{2/} Ready-to-cook weight.

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