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## INDEX NUMBERS OF PRICES RECEIVED BY TEXAS FARMERS AND RANCHERS

Commodities	1990-92 = 100		
	November 2008	October 2009*	November 2009
All farm products . . . . .	123	115	116
All crops . . . . .	134	130	132
Livestock and products . . . . .	116	107	108

\* Revised.

## AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS AND RANCHERS

Commodity and Unit	Texas			United States			U.S. parity prices November 2009 <sup>3/</sup>
	November 2008 <sup>1/</sup>	October 2009 <sup>1/</sup>	November 2009 <sup>2/</sup>	November 2008 <sup>1/</sup>	October 2009 <sup>1/</sup>	November 2009 <sup>2/</sup>	
<b>CROPS</b>							
Barley . . . . . Dollars per bushel	---	---	---	5.44	4.35	4.10	9.13
Corn . . . . . Dollars per bushel	4.93	4.04	4.06	4.26	3.61	3.64	8.36
Cotton, Upland . . . . . Cents per pound	49.00	55.50	57.80	54.80	56.70	57.90	183.00
Cottonseed . . . . . Dollars per ton	230.00	156.00	155.00	221.00	161.00	159.00	335.00
Grapefruit, all, 80-lb. . . . . Dollars per box <sup>4/</sup>	8.27	---	11.94	5.49	12.90	8.83	15.10
Hay, alfalfa, baled . . . . . Dollars per ton	190.00	185.00	185.00	165.00	109.00	110.00	---
Hay, other, baled . . . . . Dollars per ton	100.00	109.00	110.00	113.00	98.50	99.10	---
Hay, all, baled . . . . . Dollars per ton	112.00	123.00	121.00	149.00	106.00	107.00	---
Oats . . . . . Dollars per bushel	---	---	---	3.00	2.03	2.00	5.53
Oranges, all, 85-lb. . . . . Dollars per box <sup>4/</sup>	6.02	---	---	7.53	11.47	11.57	15.50
Peanuts . . . . . Cents per pound	21.00	27.20	26.10	20.10	23.80	22.50	77.30
Potatoes . . . . . Dollars per cwt	---	---	---	8.77	7.03	7.20	19.20
Rice . . . . . Dollars per cwt	---	---	---	19.40	14.20	14.10	36.10
Sorghum grain . . . . . Dollars per cwt	6.45	5.87	6.32	6.48	5.55	5.79	15.00
Soybeans . . . . . Dollars per bushel	---	---	---	9.39	9.44	9.48	20.30
Sweet potatoes . . . . . Dollars per cwt	---	---	---	--	---	---	53.90
Wheat . . . . . Dollars per bushel	6.67	4.75	4.86	6.29	4.47	4.79	13.50
<b>LIVESTOCK AND PRODUCTS</b>							
Beef cattle . . . . . Dollars per cwt <sup>5/</sup>	84.30	79.30	78.20	84.30	79.20	79.80	239.00
Cows . . . . . Dollars per cwt <sup>6/</sup>	37.60	39.80	37.00	43.10	43.60	42.00	---
Steers and heifers . . . . . Dollars per cwt	90.70	84.70	83.80	90.90	84.40	85.60	---
Calves . . . . . Dollars per cwt	103.00	102.00	105.00	105.00	104.00	105.00	342.00
Milk cows . . . . . Dollars per head <sup>7/</sup>	---	1,200.00	---	---	1,240.00	---	---
Hogs . . . . . Dollars per cwt	---	---	---	40.70	37.80	40.00	130.00
Lambs . . . . . Dollars per cwt <sup>8/</sup>	98.60	105.00	---	100.00	97.00	---	269.00
Sheep . . . . . Dollars per cwt <sup>8/</sup>	30.80	30.90	---	27.30	30.00	---	104.00
Broilers . . . . . Cents per pound <sup>9/</sup>	---	---	---	46.00	40.00	41.00	---
Eggs . . . . . Cents per dozen <sup>10/</sup>	92.00	61.00	90.00	90.00	63.50	87.90	213.00
Turkeys, live . . . . . Cents per pound	---	---	---	58.60	52.10	54.40	131.00
All milk sold to plants . . . . . Dollars per cwt <sup>11/</sup>	17.80	14.70	15.00	17.10	14.20	15.00	44.70

<sup>1/</sup> Entire month. <sup>2/</sup> Mid-month. <sup>3/</sup> 1910-1914 Base. <sup>4/</sup> Equivalent on-tree price for all methods of sale. <sup>5/</sup> Cows, steers and heifers combined. <sup>6/</sup> Beef cows sold for slaughter and herd replacement and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter. <sup>7/</sup> Milk cow (replacement) price published quarterly. <sup>8/</sup> Mid-month prices not estimated. <sup>9/</sup> Live weight equivalent price to producers, includes growers and contractors combined. <sup>10/</sup> Market (table) eggs, including eggs sold retail by producers. <sup>11/</sup> Fat test percent: October all milk, Texas 3.79, U.S. 3.73; November all milk, Texas 3.87, U.S. 3.77.

## U. S. INDEX SUMMARY TABLE

Index	1910-14 = 100			1990-92 = 100		
	November 2008	October 2009*	November 2009	November 2008	October 2009*	November 2009
Prices Received . . . . .	898	852	851	142	134	134
Prices Paid, Interest, Taxes and Farm Wage Rates . . . . .	2,420	2,339	2,342	182	176	176
Ratio <sup>1/</sup> . . . . .	37	36	36	78	76	76

<sup>1/</sup> Ratio of Index of Prices Received by Farmers to Index of Prices Paid, Interest, Taxes and Farm Wage Rates. \* Revised.

**Farm Labor Employment and Wage Rates: Southern Plains and United States**

Item	Southern Plains <sup>1/</sup>			United States <sup>2/</sup>		
	Oct 12 - 18, 2008	Jul 12 - 18, 2009	Oct 11 - 17, 2009	Oct 12 - 18, 2008*	Jul 12 - 18, 2009	Oct 11 - 17, 2009
	<i>Thousand</i>					
Hired Workers: Employed 150 days or more . . .	43	42	44	577	609	585
Employed 149 days or less . . . . .	17	19	12	227	266	222
Total Hired . . . . .	60	61	56	804	875	807
	<i>Hours Per Week</i>					
Hours Worked: Hired . . . . .	36.7	39.5	39.0	41.4	39.7	39.0
	<i>Dollars per Hour</i>					
Wage Rates: All Hired Workers . . . . .	10.10	9.88	10.17	10.70	10.66	10.91
Field Workers . . . . .	9.44	8.94	9.17	10.05	10.04	10.25
Livestock Workers . . . . .	9.58	9.72	10.64	10.21	10.05	10.23

<sup>1/</sup> Oklahoma and Texas. <sup>2/</sup> Excludes Alaska and agricultural service workers. \* Revised.

**Field and Livestock Workers by Type of Farm, United States**  
[Excluding Alaska and Hawaii. Excludes agricultural service workers.]

Type of farm	October 12-18, 2008	July 12-18, 2009	October 11-17, 2009
	percent of field and livestock workers		
Field crops . . . . .	15	16	15
Other crops . . . . .	51	54	54
Livestock, dairy and poultry . . . . .	34	30	31

**Hired Workers by Economic Class of Farm, United States**  
[Excluding Alaska and Hawaii. Excludes agricultural service workers.]

Gross value of sales	October 12-18, 2008	July 12-18, 2009	October 11-17, 2009
	percent of hired workers		
Less than \$50,000 . . . . .	10	12	9
\$50,000 - \$99,000 . . . . .	4	5	5
\$100,00 - \$249,000 . . . . .	10	10	11
\$250,000 - \$499,000 . . . . .	12	11	11
\$500,000 - \$999,999 . . . . .	15	12	14
\$1,000,000 and over . . . . .	49	50	50

## December 1, 2009 Crop Production Summary with Comparisons

Crop	Acreage Planted		Acreage Harvested <sup>1/</sup>		Yield per acre		Unit for yield and production	Production	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009		2008	2009
<b>Texas</b>	<u>1,000 acres</u>		<u>1,000 acres</u>		<u>Units</u>			<u>1,000 units</u>	
Beans, dry edible . . . . .	24	37.0	21.8	34.5	1,300	1,600	Lb:Cwt	283	552
Corn, all . . . . .	2,300	2,350	2,030	2,100	125	130	Bushel	253,750	273,000
Cotton, American-Pima . . . . .	15.6	17.0	15.0	16.5	768	931	Lb:Bale	24	32
Cotton, Upland . . . . .	5,000	5,000	3,250	3,700	657	649	Lb:Bale	4,450	5,000
Grapes . . . . .	-	-	2.5	3.0	1.68	2.33	Ton	4.2	7.0
Hay, Alfalfa . . . . .	-	-	130	160	4.70	5.50	Ton	611	880
Hay, other . . . . .	-	-	4,300	4,500	2.00	2.00	Ton	8,600	9,000
All hay . . . . .	-	-	4,430	4,660	2.08	2.10	Ton	9,211	9,880
Oats . . . . .	600	600	100	60	50	47	Bushel	5,000	2,820
Peaches . . . . .	-	-	4.9	-	1.61	-	Ton	7.9	4.5
Peanuts . . . . .	257	165	253	160	3,300	3,300	Pound	834,900	528,000
Potatoes, summer . . . . .	8.0	5.9	7.4	5.4	395	460	Cwt	2,923	2,484
Rice . . . . .	175	171	172	170	6,900	7,200	Lb:Cwt	11,868	12,240
Sorghum, all . . . . .	3,450	2,700	3,050	2,300	52	44	Bushel	158,600	101,200
Soybeans . . . . .	230	215	205	195	24.5	23	Bushel	5,023	4,485
Sugarcane for sugar & seed . . . . .	-	-	39.2	41.0	35.5	35.0	Ton	1,392	1,435
Sunflowers, all . . . . .	101	132	87	120	1062	845	Pound	92,400	101,400
Sweet potatoes . . . . .	1.7	1.4	1.5	1.3	140.0	*	Cwt	210	*
Wheat, winter . . . . .	5,800	6,400	3,300	2,450	30	25	Bushel	99,000	61,250
<b>United States</b>									
Beans, dry edible . . . . .	1,495.0	1,534.6	1,445.2	1,449.6	1,768	1,737	Lb:Cwt	25,558	25,176
Corn . . . . .	85,982	86,351	78,640	79,294	153.9	162.9	Bushel	12,101,238	12,920,928
Cotton, American-Pima . . . . .	174.0	149.7	168.7	146.2	1,226	1,205	Lb:Bale	430.8	367.0
Cotton, Upland . . . . .	9,297	8,989	7,400	7,586	803	774	Lb:Bale	12,384.5	12,225
Grapes . . . . .	-	-	-	-	3.32	-	Ton	7,303.3	7,021
Hay, Alfalfa . . . . .	-	-	21,060	20,982	3.33	3.43	Ton	70,180	71,977
Hay, other . . . . .	-	-	39,092	39,195	1.95	2.06	Ton	76,090	80,752
All hay . . . . .	-	-	60,152	60,177	2.43	2.54	Ton	146,270	152,729
Oats . . . . .	3,247	3,404	1,400	1,379	63.7	67.5	Bushel	89,135	93,081
Peaches . . . . .	-	-	-	-	9.14	-	Ton	1,133.3	1,078.3
Peanuts . . . . .	1,534	1,109	1,507	1,082	3,426	3,353	Pound	5,162,400	3,627,600
Potatoes, summer . . . . .	47.2	43.9	45.1	42.5	306	346	Cwt	13,805	14,705
Rice . . . . .	2,995	3,125	2,976	3,101	6,846	7,038	Lb:Cwt	203,733	218,245
Sorghum, all . . . . .	8,284	6,623	7,271	5,681	65	64	Bushel	472,342	363,810
Soybeans . . . . .	75,718	77,510	74,681	76,619	39.7	43.3	Bushel	2,967,007	3,319,270
Sugarcane for sugar & seed . . . . .	-	-	868.0	852.7	31.8	34.1	Ton	27,603	29,090
Sunflowers, all . . . . .	2,516.5	2,032	2,396	1,939	1,429	1,538	Pound	3,422,840	2,981,670
Sweet potatoes . . . . .	103.2	106.7	97.3	103.3	190	*	Cwt	18,443	*
Wheat, winter . . . . .	46,307	43,311	39,608	34,485	47.1	44.2	Bushel	1,867,333	1,522,718

<sup>1/</sup> Harvested for principal use of each crop, i.e. grain, beans, nuts. \* First estimate available January, 2010.

Texas Upland Cotton District Estimates, 2008 and 2009 <sup>1/</sup>

Districts	Planted Acres		Harvested Acres		Yield Per Acre		Production	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
	<u>1,000 acres</u>		<u>1,000 acres</u>		<u>Pounds</u>		<u>1,000 bales</u>	
1-N .....	616.4	595.0	554.2	505.0	864.0	998.0	997.3	1,050.0
1-S .....	2,648.5	2,685.0	1,350.1	2,025.0	683.0	676.0	1,920.6	2,850.0
2-N .....	348.5	325.0	247.8	280.0	526.0	531.0	271.7	310.0
2-S .....	473.8	505.0	416.6	450.0	464.0	373.0	402.9	350.0
4 .....	89.7	60.0	89.1	59.0	491.0	488.0	91.1	60.0
7 .....	178.4	175.0	122.0	160.0	605.0	405.0	153.8	135.0
8-N .....	61.8	50.0	52.7	30.0	640.0	480.0	70.3	30.0
8-S .....	276.3	340.0	221.3	20.0	563.0	480.0	259.4	20.0
9 .....	119.4	90.0	117.5	85.0	696.0	452.0	170.3	80.0
10-S .....	97.8	75.0	21.4	30.0	413.0	640.0	18.4	40.0
Other districts ...	89.4	100.0	57.3	56.0	789.0	643.0	94.2	75.0
State .....	5,000.0	5,000.0	3,250.0	3,700.0	657.0	649.0	4,450.0	5,000.0

<sup>1/</sup> Preliminary, December 1, 2009.

## Utilized Pecan Production by Varieties: Texas and United States, 2007-2008 and Forecasted December 1, 2009

Year	Texas			United States		
	Improved <sup>1/</sup>	Native & Seedling	All Pecans	Improved <sup>1/</sup>	Native & Seedling	All Pecans
	<u>1,000 pounds</u>					
2007 .....	44,000	26,000	70,000	303,462	83,843	387,305
2008 .....	20,000	10,000	30,000	166,660	27,230	193,890
2009 .....	40,000	20,000	60,000	251,750	49,450	301,200

<sup>1/</sup> Budded, grafted, or top worked varieties.

Livestock In Shipments and Out Shipments, by Species: Texas, 2008-2009 <sup>1/</sup>

Shipments by Species	October 2008	September 2009	October 2009	Year-to-date January - October	
				2008	2009
In Shipments	<u>Number of head</u>				
Cattle and calves from other states <sup>2/</sup> .....	275,188	192,029	184,632	1,370,709	1,475,455
Cattle and calves from other countries <sup>3/</sup> .....	11,985	23,789	33,085	189,204	270,206
Dairy cattle <sup>4/</sup> .....	10,604	10,758	13,624	126,527	121,904
Sheep and lambs <sup>5/</sup> .....	1,243	829	2,159	6,629	13,147
Out Shipments					
Cattle and calves to other states <sup>6/</sup> .....	54,603	70,012	44,455	627,239	710,825
Cattle and calves to other countries <sup>7/</sup> .....	1,044	3,886	724	4,047	19,017
Dairy cattle <sup>4/</sup> .....	3,047	5,766	5,378	37,348	54,570
Sheep and lambs <sup>8/</sup> .....	2,969	8,279	3,121	22,211	47,495

<sup>1/</sup> SOURCE: Health certificates issued by TAHC and USDA/APHIS/VIS. <sup>2/</sup> In-shipments of cattle and calves from other states exclude animals for slaughter. <sup>3/</sup> In-shipments of cattle and calves from other countries include animals for slaughter. <sup>4/</sup> Dairy herd replacement only; not included in "cattle and calves". <sup>5/</sup> In-shipments of sheep and lambs reflect movement from other states only and include animals for slaughter. <sup>6/</sup> Out-shipments of cattle and calves to other states exclude animals for slaughter. <sup>7/</sup> Out-shipments of cattle and calves to other countries include animals for slaughter. <sup>8/</sup> Out-shipments of sheep and lambs reflect movement to other states and countries and include animals for slaughter.

**Sales of Livestock at Auction Markets, By Species: Texas, 2008-2009 <sup>1/</sup>**

Species	October 2008	September 2009	October 2009	Year-to-date January-October	
				2008	2009
	<i>1,000 head</i>				
Cattle and calves .....	439	395	383	3,477	3,709
Hogs .....	4	2	3	25	20
Sheep and goats .....	77	99	66	901	802

<sup>1/</sup> SOURCE: Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC).

**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
	<i>1,000 head</i>							
On feed October 1, 2009 <sup>1/</sup> .....	2,221	152	61	14	39	62	51	2,600
Placed on feed during October .....	524	40	17	4	5	9	11	610
Marketed during October .....	395	34	11	3	7	7	8	465
Other disappearance during October <sup>2/</sup> ...	13	1	0	0	0	1	0	15
On feed November 1, 2009 <sup>1/</sup> .....	2,337	157	67	15	37	63	54	2,730

<sup>1/</sup> 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. <sup>2/</sup> 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 <sup>2/</sup>		
	October 2008	September 2009	October 2009	October 2008	September 2009*	October 2009
Milk production .....	696	691	710	14,469	13,965	14,313
Production per cow <sup>1/</sup> .....	1,625	1,660	1,720	1,700	1,675	1,721
Number of milk cows .....	428	416	413	8,512	8,338	8,316

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

**Texas Broiler Chick Operations**

Week Ending	Broiler Type Eggs Set			Broiler Chicks Placed in Texas <sup>1/</sup>		
	Year		2009 as percent of 2008	Year		2009 as percent of 2008
	2008 <sup>2/</sup>	2009		2008 <sup>2/</sup>	2009	
	<i>Thousand</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>Thousand</i>		<i>Percent</i>
October 31 .....	13,105	*13,821	105	12,590	12,685	101
November 7 .....	15,317	*15,203	99	11,983	*11,763	98
November 14 .....	15,016	*15,380	102	11,764	*12,836	109
November 21 .....	15,299	*15,681	102	11,100	*12,188	110
November 28 .....	15,280	*15,255	100	12,986	*13,330	103
December 5 .....	15,281	15,302	100	12,754	13,414	105

<sup>1/</sup> Total chicks hatched, plus in-shipments, minus out-shipments, minus chicks sold or kept for other purposes. <sup>2/</sup> Comparable weeks for previous year. \* Revised.

Poultry Slaughter: Texas and United States <sup>1/</sup>

Area and Poultry	Number Inspected (1,000 head)			Total Live Weight (1,000 pounds)			Average Live Weight (Pounds)			Total Certified <sup>2/</sup> (1,000 pounds)		
	Oct 2008	Sep 2009	Oct 2009	Oct 2008	Sep 2009	Oct 2009	Oct 2008	Sep 2009	Oct 2009	Oct 2008	Sep 2009	Oct 2009
<b>Texas</b>												
Chickens:												
Young . . . .	60,925	*58,188	60,012	326,748	316,146	328,199	5.36	5.43	5.47	252,131	*247,216	256,439
<b>United States</b>												
Chickens . . . .	792,047	*741,288	735,320	4,479,275	*4,167,199	4,168,305	5.66	5.62	5.67	3,321,211	*3,107,672	3,108,841
Young . . . .	778,276	*729,420	723,391	4,398,796	*4,099,418	4,098,612	5.65	5.62	5.67	3,270,622	*3,064,553	3,064,254
Mature . . . .	13,771	11,868	11,929	80,479	67,781	69,693	5.84	5.71	5.84	50,589	43,119	44,587
Light . . . . .	5,852	5,471	5,077	19,008	17,669	16,429	3.25	3.23	3.24	9,652	9,463	9,050
Heavy . . . . .	7,919	6,397	6,852	61,471	50,112	53,264	7.76	7.83	7.77	40,937	33,656	35,537
Ducks . . . . .	2,073	1,930	1,911	13,999	13,115	13,035	6.75	6.80	6.82	10,055	9,445	9,340
Other Poultry .	-	-	-	1,078	1,191	1,331	-	-	-	609	691	788
Turkeys . . . . .	25,339	20,489	22,365	730,956	586,771	635,407	28.85	28.64	28.41	581,557	467,885	507,214
Young . . . . .	25,149	20,280	22,196	725,609	581,586	631,090	28.85	28.68	28.43	577,462	463,836	503,871
Old . . . . .	190	209	169	5,347	*5,185	4,317	28.14	24.81	25.54	4,095	4,049	3,343
Total Poultry .	-	-	-	5,225,308	*4,768,276	4,818,078	-	-	-	3,913,432	*3,585,693	3,626,183

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

## Poultry: Texas and United States

Item	Texas			United States		
	October 2008	September 2009	October 2009	October 2008	September 2009	October 2009
Average Number of Layers . . . . . Thousands	18,651	17,437	17,389	334,937	* 333,611	335,674
Egg Production: All Eggs . . . . . Millions	430	386	404	7,625	7,371	7,692
Egg Production: Table Eggs <sup>1/</sup> . . . . . Millions	-	-	-	6,538	6,341	6,633
Egg Production: Hatching Eggs <sup>1/</sup> . . . . . Millions	-	-	-	1,088	1,030	1,060
Eggs per 100 Layers . . . . . Number	2,306	2,214	2,323	2,277	2,209	2,292
Hatchery Production: Egg Type <sup>1/</sup> . . . . . Thousands	-	-	-	40,198	40,001	37,406
Hatchery Production: Broiler Type . . . . . Thousands	52,898	54,216	53,728	740,964	739,477	728,909
Turkey Poult Placements <sup>1/</sup> . . . . . Thousands	-	-	-	22,165	* 20,843	21,075

<sup>1/</sup> Data suppressed due to confidentiality. \* Revised.

**Federally Inspected Slaughter of Livestock: Texas and United States**

Species	Region 6 <sup>1/</sup>			United States		
	October 2008	September 2009	October 2009	October 2008	September 2009	October 2009
	<i>1,000 head</i>					
Cattle: Steers .....	290.7	277.6	270.5	1,397.0	1,388.0	1,360.4
Heifers .....	185.2	169.6	166.2	898.1	816.8	869.3
Dairy cows .....	15.5	20.2	16.2	236.2	236.5	226.8
Other cows .....	82.3	69.5	80.5	346.9	271.0	319.8
Bulls and stags .....	11.3	10.5	10.8	55.1	53.6	52.8
Total <sup>2/</sup> .....	585.1	547.4	544.2	2,933.4	2,765.9	2,829.0
Calves .....	4.5	4.0	5.4	93.9	79.9	82.2
Hogs: Barrows and gilts .....	510.1	483.2	484.9	10,303.6	9,519.3	9,903.9
Sows .....	26.3	25.0	23.5	309.8	293.8	289.9
Stags and boars .....	0.9	0.1	0.1	40.1	35.4	35.9
Total <sup>2/</sup> .....	537.3	508.2	508.5	10,653.5	9,848.4	10,229.7
Sheep: Mature sheep .....	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	10.1	15.1	23.3
Lambs and yearlings ..	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	199.3	191.4	177.9
Total <sup>2/</sup> .....	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	209.4	206.6	201.3

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

**Livestock Slaughter and Live Weights: Texas and United States <sup>1/</sup>**

Species	Texas			United States <sup>2/</sup>		
	October 2008	September 2009	October 2009	October 2008	September 2009	October 2009
	<i>Thousand head</i>					
Head Slaughtered						
Cattle .....	586.6	549.1	545.9	2,989.1	2,814.4	2,885.6
Calves .....	2.1	4.1	5.4	95.6	81.2	83.6
Hogs .....	39.7	33.7	34.7	10,746.1	9,935.6	10,319.4
Sheep and Lambs .....	4.8	7.3	8.3	225.3	225.4	218.8
	<i>Million pounds</i>					
Total Live Weight						
Cattle .....	729.1	686.3	684.1	3,882.2	3,676.5	3,772.5
Calves .....	0.8	0.6	1.0	23.0	19.6	20.6
Hogs .....	10.4	8.9	8.9	2,892.5	2,678.8	2,800.2
Sheep and Lambs .....	0.5	0.5	0.8	29.9	29.4	28.6

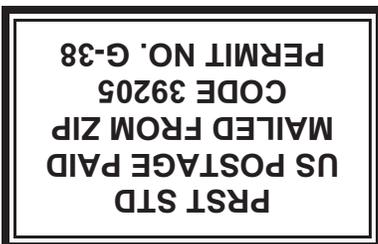
<sup>1/</sup> Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other commercial slaughter. Excludes farm slaughter. <sup>2/</sup> Includes Hawaii; commercial slaughter not estimated in Alaska.

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