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## FEBRUARY CROP WEATHER REVIEW

Snow covering winter wheat was slowly melting. The overall condition of winter wheat remains unknown at this point. Winter snow conditions were more severe this year. Fruit trees were still dormant. Orchard pruning continued. Apple growers were stymied in their efforts to ship apples to Asia during the Chinese New Year. Heavy snow storms caused the closure of I-90 preventing trucks from the east side to be able to make port in time. Asian buyers bought elsewhere. On the eastern side, cows were dropping calves. During the cold in February, some cows had trouble keeping weight on. Hay prices were much more moderate this year.

## Total U. S. Red Meat Production at Record High in 2008



**Commercial cattle slaughter** for the United States during 2008 totaled 34.4 million head, up slightly from 2007, with federal inspection comprising 98.4 percent of the total. The average live weight was 1,282 pounds, up 9 pounds from a year ago. **Steers** comprised 50.1 percent of the total federally inspected cattle slaughter, **heifers** 29.9 percent, **dairy cows** 7.7 percent, **other cows** 10.6 percent, and **bulls** 1.8 percent. **U.S. Beef production** totaled 26.7 billion pounds, up 1 percent from the previous year. **Veal production** totaled 152 million pounds, up 4 percent from last year. **Pork production**, at 23.4 billion pounds, was 6 percent above the previous year. **Lamb and mutton production** totaled 180 million pounds, down 5 percent from 2007.

## Number & Live weight of Livestock Slaughtered by Species, Washington, 2004-2008

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Annual Total
<b>Cattle 1/</b>	<b>1,000 Head</b>												
2004	50.7	48.1	49.8	55.0	57.9	62.0	54.6	50.7	48.5	56.3	53.6	56.2	643.3
2005	59.0	61.4	57.5	52.8	58.4	59.0	58.9	71.0	71.7	78.3	77.9	80.3	786.1
2006	76.2	72.1	83.9	77.4	72.8	72.5	62.1	79.8	81.2	88.3	88.1	83.5	937.9
2007	85.6	86.2	93.8	89.9	94.2	91.1	94.3	98.7	88.9	95.8	90.3	84.8	1,093.7
<b>2008</b>	<b>96.1</b>	<b>83.3</b>	<b>79.9</b>	<b>81.5</b>	<b>87.1</b>	<b>84.0</b>	<b>90.2</b>	<b>84.1</b>	<b>90.8</b>	<b>93.3</b>	<b>79.2</b>	<b>82.8</b>	<b>1,032.1</b>
<b>Cattle 1/</b>	<b>1,000 Pounds Live weight</b>												
2004	62,109	57,830	59,021	64,464	68,884	75,877	68,590	63,902	60,376	70,838	67,406	71,463	790,760
2005	73,727	76,881	71,012	63,800	70,761	73,247	73,962	91,991	93,968	104,424	103,764	105,784	1,003,322
2006	99,834	93,590	108,900	98,559	91,718	93,146	80,625	106,366	109,347	117,435	116,838	111,029	1,227,387
2007	113,426	114,550	123,365	115,559	119,710	117,154	122,900	130,895	117,200	126,780	117,741	110,447	1,429,733
<b>2008</b>	<b>124,128</b>	<b>107,596</b>	<b>102,176</b>	<b>102,949</b>	<b>108,977</b>	<b>105,375</b>	<b>114,792</b>	<b>108,356</b>	<b>118,790</b>	<b>122,309</b>	<b>103,487</b>	<b>107,167</b>	<b>1,326,102</b>
<b>Commercial Red Meat Production 2/</b>	<b>1,000 Pounds</b>												
2004	38,100	35,500	36,600	39,800	42,800	47,300	42,500	39,300	36,900	43,600	41,500	44,100	487,700
2005	45,000	47,800	44,300	39,600	43,900	45,500	45,700	56,800	57,600	63,800	63,200	64,700	618,000
2006	61,400	57,500	67,200	60,800	56,400	57,700	49,800	66,000	67,800	72,400	71,800	68,000	756,700
2007	69,600	70,700	76,000	71,000	73,800	72,600	76,200	81,000	72,600	78,200	72,500	67,600	881,600
<b>2008</b>	<b>76,300</b>	<b>66,000</b>	<b>62,700</b>	<b>63,300</b>	<b>66,800</b>	<b>64,900</b>	<b>71,300</b>	<b>66,800</b>	<b>73,200</b>	<b>75,100</b>	<b>63,200</b>	<b>65,300</b>	<b>815,000</b>

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

2/ Red meat production includes beef, veal, pork, lamb, and mutton, excluding farm slaughter.

## POULTRY: LAYER & EGG PRODUCTION, JANUARY 2008-2009

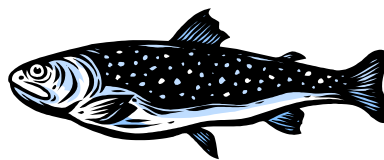
State	All Layers 1/		Eggs Per 100 For All Layers 1/		Total Eggs Produced		February 1			
							% Being Molted		% With Molt Completed	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
	<b>Thousand</b>		<b>Number</b>		<b>Millions</b>		<b>Percent</b>			
California	19,994	19,938	2,166	2,242	433	447	7.0	4.0	31.5	29.5
Oregon	2,649	2,479	2,567	2,622	68	65	2.5	2.0	27.5	30.0
Washington	5,516	6,047	2,212	2,398	122	145	7.5	6.5	39.5	28.0
<b>United States</b>	<b>344,737</b>	<b>340,946</b>	<b>2,218</b>	<b>2,249</b>	<b>7,646</b>	<b>7,667</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>21.7</b>	<b>21.4</b>

1/ Includes all layers and eggs produced in both table egg and hatching egg flocks regardless of size.

## Average Number of Layers & Egg Production, by Month, 2004-2008

WASHINGTON AVERAGE NUMBER OF ALL LAYERS						WASHINGTON EGG PRODUCTION				
Month 1/	2004	2005	2006	2007 2/	2008	2004	2005	2006	2007 2/	2008
	<b>1,000 Birds</b>					<b>Million Eggs</b>				
December	4,943	4,897	5,022	5,827	5,560	112	115	114	132	123
January	4,930	4,988	5,110	5,758	5,516	107	113	111	134	122
February	4,912	4,997	5,065	5,798	5,424	100	110	100	123	120
March	4,944	4,924	5,245	5,618	5,563	111	119	121	131	131
April	4,901	4,921	5,428	5,548	5,605	110	110	115	124	129
May	4,912	4,978	5,490	5,626	5,564	117	118	124	130	133
June	4,897	4,975	5,525	5,548	5,484	113	111	131	125	125
July	4,849	4,889	5,508	5,450	5,425	110	109	129	127	125
August	4,928	4,851	5,619	5,536	5,497	104	111	127	125	126
September	4,986	4,886	5,629	5,546	5,641	108	109	127	119	128
October	5,017	4,949	5,670	5,557	5,852	123	110	132	126	137
November	4,969	4,915	5,912	5,561	5,875	117	108	127	124	134
<b>Annual Avg</b>	<b>4,832</b>	<b>4,931</b>	<b>5,435</b>	<b>5,505</b>	<b>5,826</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>State Total</b>	-	-	-	-	-	<b>1,332</b>	<b>1,343</b>	<b>1,458</b>	<b>1,520</b>	<b>1,533</b>

1/ Annual estimates cover the period December 1 previous year, to November 30. 2/ Revised. - Not applicable.



## Trout: Value of Fish Sold and Distributed, 2007-2008

State	Fish Sold		Distributed Trout 1/ 2/	
	2007 3/	2008	2007	2008
	<b>1,000 Dollars</b>			
Idaho	46,631	35,321	6,939	7,271
Oregon	1,114	952	4,664	4,252
<b>Washington</b>	<b>5,329</b>	<b>5,805</b>	<b>9,064</b>	<b>9,154</b>
<b>U. S. Total</b>	<b>87,856</b>	<b>79,709</b>	<b>112,567</b>	<b>102,593</b>

1/ Fish distributed for restoration or conservation purposes primarily by State and Federal hatcheries. 2/ Distributed trout U.S. totals excludes eggs sold. 3/ Revised.

# PRICES

## AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMS FOR FARM PRODUCTS (Dollars/Unit)

Commodity	Unit	Entire Month		Preliminary Feb. 2009	Entire Month		Preliminary Feb. 2009	U.S. Parity Price
		Feb. 2008	Jan. 2009		Feb. 2008	Jan. 2009		
		<b>Washington</b>			<b>United States</b>			
Wheat, All	Bu.	11.00	6.19	5.32	10.10	6.21	5.73	13.30
Wheat, Winter	Bu.	9.95	6.01	5.23	9.17	5.73	5.20	-
Wheat, Durum	Bu.	-	-	-	14.10	8.15	7.79	-
Wheat, Spring	Bu.	14.00	7.04	5.66	11.20	7.03	6.51	-
Barley	Bu.	5.32	2.49	2.36	4.38	5.29	5.37	8.98
Corn	Bu.	-	-	-	4.54	4.36	4.13	8.22
Oats	Bu.	-	-	-	3.19	2.74	2.27	5.43
Lentils	Cwt.	-	-	-	29.00	30.50	29.70	-
Chickpeas, All	Cwt.	-	-	-	30.30	34.40	28.20	-
Dry Edible Beans	Cwt.	-	-	-	32.00	35.50	34.30	64.20
Dry Edible Peas	Cwt.	-	-	-	16.40	13.70	12.30	-
Potatoes, All	Cwt.	8.20	8.80	8.70	7.51	9.40	8.94	18.90
Potatoes, Processing	Cwt.	6.50	6.05	-	6.25	6.68	-	-
Hay, All (baled) 1/	Tons	161.00	208.00	196.00	129.00	136.00	132.00	-
Alfalfa (baled) 1/	Tons	160.00	205.00	195.00	138.00	149.00	143.00	-
Other Hay (baled) 1/	Tons	165.00	215.00	200.00	113.00	110.00	107.00	-
Hops	Lbs.	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.54
Apples, Fresh 2/	Lbs.	0.359	0.272	0.233	0.348	0.276	0.242	0.760
Cattle, All Beef	Cwt.	-	-	-	89.00	80.10	80.20	235.00
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	-	-	-	94.30	85.80	85.40	-
Calves	Cwt.	-	-	-	120.00	106.00	105.00	336.00
Milk Cows 3/	Head	-	1,600.00	-	-	1,630.00	-	-
Broilers, Live 4/	Lbs.	-	-	-	0.460	0.480	0.470	-
Eggs, Market 1/	Doz.	1.350	0.979	0.746	1.220	0.896	0.639	2.09
Milk, All Wholesale 5/ 6/	Cwt.	18.20	13.10	10.70	19.10	13.30	11.50	44.00
Hogs, All	Cwt.	-	-	-	42.20	42.80	43.50	128.00
Sheep	Cwt.	-	-	-	29.90	31.40	-	102.00
Lambs	Cwt.	-	-	-	96.50	101.00	-	265.00

1/ All prices are mid-month estimates.

2/ Equivalent packinghouse door returns for apples for CA, MI, NY, and WA. Prices as sold for other states.

3/ Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Prices available for January, April, July, and October.

4/ Equivalent live weight returns to producers for most states. Includes growers and contractors.

5/ February 2009 fat test percent was 3.75 for all milk.

6/ Before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.

## Bees and Honey: Number of Colonies, Production, Stocks, & Value, 2007-2008 1/

State & Year	Honey Producing Colonies 2/	Yield Per Colony	Production	Stocks December 15 3/	Average Price Per Pound 4/	Value of Production 5/
	1,000	Pounds	1,000 Pounds		Cents	1,000 Dollars
California						
2007 6/	340	40	13,600	3,672	104	14,144
2008	360	51	18,360	4,039	141	25,888
Idaho						
2007 6/	92	41	3,772	1,848	115	4,338
2008	90	40	3,600	1,440	142	5,112
Montana						
2007 6/	135	68	9,180	2,479	99	9,088
2008	134	70	9,380	4,596	137	12,851
Oregon						
2007 6/	46	43	1,978	1,088	131	2,591
2008	50	43	2,150	1,097	148	3,182
Washington						
2007 6/	46	44	2,024	648	125	2,530
2008	41	44	1,804	722	150	2,706
U.S. Total 7/						
2007 6/	2,443	60.7	148,341	52,635	107.7	159,763
2008	2,301	69.9	160,861	50,445	141.0	226,814

1/ For producers with five or more colonies. Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each State.

2/ Honey producing colonies are the maximum number of colonies from which honey was taken during the year. It is possible to take honey from colonies which did not survive the entire year.

3/ Stocks held by producers.

4/ Average price per pound based on expanded sales.

5/ Value of production is equal to production multiplied by average price per pound.

6/ Revised.

7/ Due to rounding, total colonies multiplied by total yield may not exactly equal production.

