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Mississippi Hog Inventory Up 3 Percent

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Mississippi inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2007, totaled 345,000 head, up 3 percent from a year ago. Breeding inventory, at 35,000 head, was unchanged from last year and market hogs, at 310,000 head, were up 3 percent. Sows farrowing during 2007 totaled 75,500 head, up 1 percent from a year earlier. The total pig crop amounted to 714,000 head, up 3 percent from the previous year. The average pigs saved per litter was 9.46 for 2007, compared with 9.33 in 2006.

In the **United States**, there were 65.1 million hogs and pigs on farms December 1, 2007, up 4 percent from the previous year. The total pig crop, at 110 million head, increased 4 percent from a year earlier. The average pigs saved per litter during 2007 was 9.19, compared with 9.08 the previous year.

All Hog and Pigs: Number on Farms,
by Selected States and United States, December 1, 2006-2007

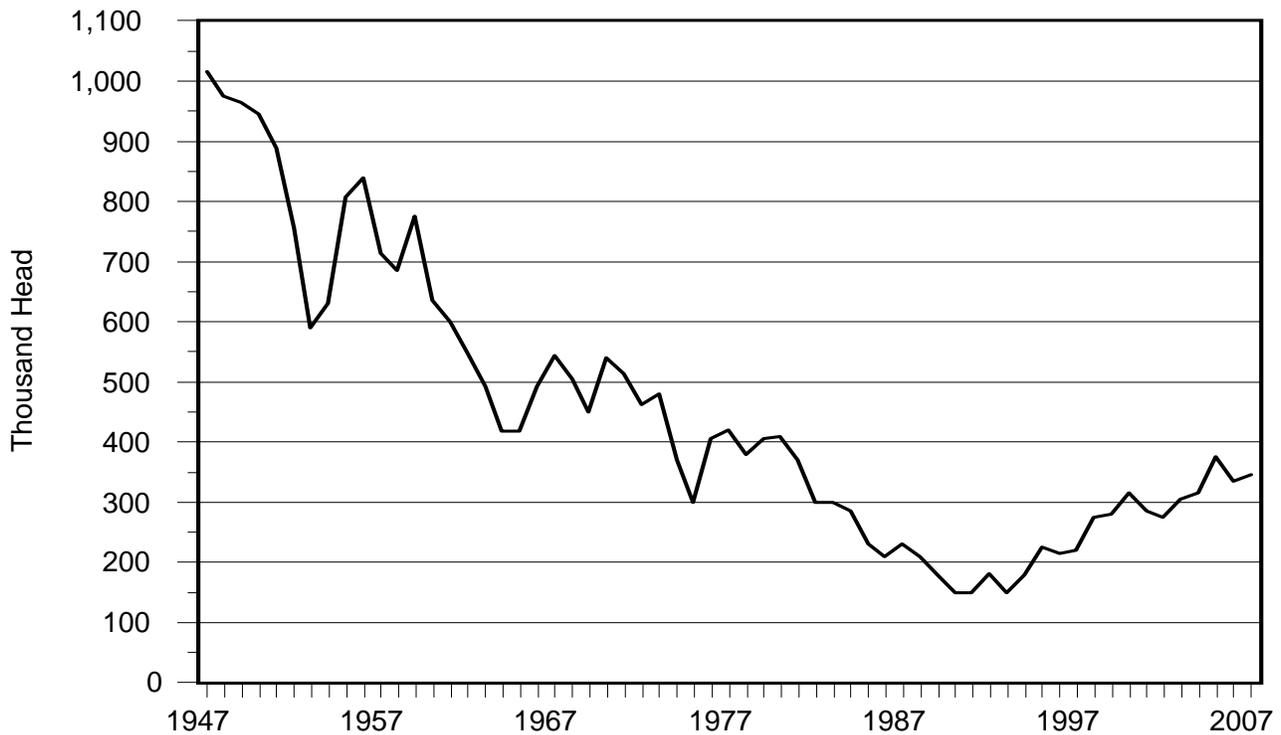
State	On Hand December 1						
	Breeding	Market	Total	Market Hogs by Weight Groups			
				Under 60 Pounds	60-119 Pounds	120-179 Pounds	180 Pounds and Over
2007							
Alabama	18,000	152,000	170,000	62,000	32,000	29,000	29,000
Arkansas	85,000	200,000	285,000	145,000	20,000	15,000	20,000
Georgia	40,000	225,000	265,000	94,000	51,000	41,000	39,000
Louisiana	1,500	9,500	11,000	3,000	3,000	2,000	1,500
Mississippi	35,000	310,000	345,000	111,000	77,000	61,000	61,000
Missouri	370,000	2,680,000	3,050,000	1,245,000	550,000	465,000	420,000
Tennessee	18,000	122,000	140,000	40,000	23,000	23,000	36,000
United States	6,157,000	58,953,000	65,110,000	21,364,000	14,459,000	11,737,000	11,394,000
2006							
Alabama	19,000	146,000	165,000	62,000	29,000	26,000	29,000
Arkansas	85,000	175,000	260,000	125,000	15,000	15,000	20,000
Georgia	38,000	207,000	245,000	96,000	46,000	35,000	30,000
Louisiana	2,000	12,000	14,000	4,000	3,000	2,000	3,000
Mississippi	35,000	300,000	335,000	125,000	69,000	53,000	53,000
Missouri	360,000	2,440,000	2,800,000	1,130,000	490,000	475,000	345,000
Tennessee	22,000	198,000	220,000	73,000	40,000	40,000	45,000
United States	6,087,000	56,402,000	62,490,000	20,462,000	13,928,000	11,275,000	10,738,000

**Annual Farrowings: Number of Sows, Pigs Per Litter and Pig Crop,
by Selected States and United States, December ¹ – November 2006-2007**

State	Sows Farrowing		Pigs Per Litter		Pig Crop	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
Alabama	32,000	33,000	8.66	8.73	277,000	288,000
Arkansas	160,000	166,000	9.64	9.67	1,543,000	1,605,000
Florida	8,000	8,000	7.00	7.00	56,000	56,000
Georgia	83,000	75,000	8.90	8.91	739,000	668,000
Kentucky	75,000	74,000	9.08	9.35	681,000	692,000
Louisiana	3,700	3,000	7.03	6.97	26,000	20,900
Mississippi	74,500	75,500	9.33	9.46	695,000	714,000
Missouri	680,000	750,000	9.04	9.16	6,146,000	6,872,000
North Carolina	2,200,000	2,190,000	9.11	9.09	20,048	19,901
Oklahoma	745,000	760,000	8.90	9.28	6,632,000	7,050,000
South Carolina	55,000	52,000	9.24	9.10	508,000	473,000
Tennessee	37,000	43,000	8.89	9.07	329,000	390,000
Texas	182,000	201,000	9.12	9.08	1,660,000	1,825,000
Virginia	62,000	59,000	8.84	9.31	548,000	549,000
West Virginia	2,200	1,900	7.00	7.58	15,400	14,400
United States	11,629,000	11,960,000	9.08	9.19	105,618,000	109,937,000

¹ December preceding year.

Mississippi Hog Inventory, 1947-2007



Mississippi: Leading Commodities for Cash Receipts, 2006

Rank	Items	Value of Receipts	Percent of Total Receipts	Cumulative Percent ¹	Percent of U.S. Value ²	Value of U.S. Receipts
		1,000 Dollars		Percent		1,000 Dollars
	All Commodities	3,788,510	100.00	--	1.6	239,271,907
	Livestock and Products	2,543,526	67.1	--	2.1	119,320,429
	Crops	1,244,984	32.9	--	1.0	119,951,478
1	Broilers	1,771,560	46.8	46.8	9.4	18,851,949
2	Cotton	553,857	14.6	61.4	9.0	6,172,887
3	Soybeans	289,814	7.6	69.0	1.7	16,920,732
4	Aquaculture	269,210	7.1	76.1	28.7	937,378
5	Cattle and Calves	205,567	5.4	81.6	0.4	49,148,366
6	Chicken Eggs	159,891	4.2	85.8	3.7	4,340,076
7	Rice	125,918	3.3	89.1	7.1	1,773,340
8	Corn	90,345	2.4	91.5	0.4	21,716,106
9	Hogs	69,155	1.8	93.3	0.5	14,085,345
10	Sweet Potatoes	51,836	1.4	94.7	17.9	290,182
11	Dairy Products	49,494	1.3	96.0	0.2	23,421,987
12	Greenhouse/nursery	45,510	1.2	97.2	0.3	16,891,934
13	Hay	23,102	0.6	97.8	0.5	4,912,144
14	Wheat	15,649	0.4	98.2	0.2	7,317,737
15	Peanuts	7,680	0.2	98.4	1.3	602,080
16	Watermelons	6,109	0.2	98.6	1.4	434,861
17	Blueberries	6,040	0.2	98.7	1.1	557,742
18	Farm Chickens	4,749	0.1	98.9	9.0	52,642
19	Sorghum grain	3,154	0.1	98.9	0.4	725,384
20	Pecans	3,100	0.1	99.0	1.0	320,643
21	Honey	1,441	0.0	99.1	0.9	161,314
	Wool	³	--	--	--	--
	Government payments ⁴	633,490	--	--	4.0	15,789,146
	Net farm income ⁵	1,230,264	--	--	2.1	59,005,486

-- = Not applicable.

Numbers may not add due to rounding.

¹ The Cumulative percentage is the sum of the percent of total receipts for each commodity and all preceding commodities.

² Percent State receipts are of U.S. receipts for same line item.

³ Commodities at the bottom of the above ranked list of commodities and having no accompanying data would have appeared within the ranked list of leading commodities, but were excluded to avoid disclosure of confidential information about individual producers.

⁴ Government payments made directly to farmers in cash or Payment-in-kind.

⁵ Net farm income, a value of production measure, is the farm operator's share of the sectors's net value added to the National economy from production activities within a calendar year.

Source: Economic Research Service.

United States Catfish: Average Prices and Ending Inventory, November 2006-2007

Item	Sales Volume		Average Price ¹		Ending Inventory	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	1,000 Pounds		Dollars Per Pound		1,000 Pounds	
Fresh						
Whole Fish	2,426	2,541	1.76	1.56	245	121
Fillets	3,549	3,473	3.24	2.93	770	398
Other	768	670	1.74	1.54	159	98
Total Fresh	6,743	6,684	2.54	2.27	1,174	617
Frozen						
Whole Fish	869	881	2.24	2.06	765	794
Fillets	7,719	7,946	3.07	2.70	12,352	9,696
Other	4,138	3,380	1.60	1.35	4,393	2,568
Total Frozen	12,726	12,207	2.54	2.28	17,510	13,058
Total Fresh & Frozen	19,469	18,891	2.54	2.28	18,684	13,675

¹ Gross value f.o.b. plant.

Farm-Raised Catfish: Imports and Exports, United States, 2006-2007

Month	Imports ¹				Exports ¹			
	Ictalurus spp.		Total ²		Fresh		Frozen	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	1,000 Pounds							
January	415	4,381	2,644	12,056	73.5	69.7	34.3	0.0
February	417	3,030	2,491	7,582	63.7	69.1	15.3	29.9
March	388	2,101	3,267	6,430	78.8	252.8	8.6	14.3
April	403	1,139	3,119	5,097	68.4	73.5	21.2	0.0
May	356	1,394	3,306	5,434	58.3	51.8	19.0	5.1
June	909	388	4,424	5,469	49.7	69.3	12.5	24.3
July	547	401	5,232	5,718	83.0	117.2	36.7	0.0
August	819	80	8,991	8,839	106.6	77.6	15.2	0.0
September	391	607	9,091	6,741	73.6	99.0	10.5	43.2
October	1,406	1,061	10,672	7,111	56.4	126.3	11.8	11.8
November	2,399		12,830		40.1		23.5	
December	3,421		8,897		79.3		4.9	

¹ Data compiled by the U.S. Census Bureau.

² Includes freshwater imports for consumption of *Ictalurus* spp., *Pangasius* spp., and other catfish of the order Siluriformes.

Chicken Eggs in Incubators, by Region and United States, December 1, 2006-2007

Region	Broiler-Type			Egg-Type		
	2006	2007	2007/2006	2006	2007	2007/2006
	1,000		Percent	1,000		Percent
North Atlantic	12,173	13,122	108	4,612	4,899	106
East North Central	9,459	11,325	120	7,251	7,245	100
West North Central	28,384	29,854	105	7,845	8,349	106
South Atlantic	244,422	250,071	102	4,385	5,121	117
South Central	333,232	348,033	104	5,506	5,003	91
West	26,261	25,400	97	4,094	5,298	129
United States	653,931	677,805	104	33,693	35,915	107

November Layers and Egg Production, by Selected States and United States, 2006-2007

State	All Layers on Hand ¹		Table Eggs ²		Hatching Eggs ²	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	1,000			Million Eggs		
Alabama	8,872	9,476	40	32	126	147
Arkansas	13,920	13,946	103	96	165	175
Florida	10,967	10,864	242	231	7	7
Georgia	19,392	19,310	222	219	181	183
Mississippi	6,290	6,353	39	39	85	87
North Carolina	11,398	12,462	89	120	135	134
South Carolina	4,865	4,563	86	76	21	21
Virginia	3,229	3,231	34	33	33	33
United States	346,936	342,905	6,506	6,420	1,043	1,090

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

² Data by type of flock not shown for some States to avoid disclosing individual operations, data included in US totals.

November Broiler-type Chicks Hatched, by Selected States and United States, 2006-2007

State	During November			January-November		
	2006	2007	2007/2006	2006	2007	2007/2006
	1,000		Percent	1,000		Percent
Alabama	103,361	104,849	101	1,239,290	1,232,852	99
Arkansas	92,598	92,972	100	1,114,814	1,110,269	100
Florida	4,883	4,881	100	54,108	54,355	100
Georgia	115,631	120,012	104	1,354,115	1,388,826	103
Mississippi	58,384	64,865	111	717,763	743,854	104
North Carolina	64,781	68,594	106	734,086	767,664	105
South Carolina	18,033	18,363	102	206,342	213,613	104
Texas	48,215	51,926	108	593,096	591,059	100
Virginia	20,748	22,075	106	252,391	251,294	100
United States	729,946	761,402	104	8,631,027	8,770,461	102

**Young Chickens Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight,
by Selected States and United States, September-October 2007**

State	Number Slaughtered		Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	1,000 Head		1,000 Pounds		Pounds	
Alabama	86,572	99,651	480,787	562,224	5.55	5.64
Arkansas	89,915	104,433	484,864	575,343	5.39	5.51
Georgia	107,240	119,608	569,661	642,545	5.31	5.37
Kentucky	23,064	27,044	124,708	149,278	5.41	5.52
Louisiana	15,541	18,067	89,773	106,801	5.78	5.91
Mississippi	63,790	70,480	354,884	401,107	5.56	5.69
Missouri	32,309	37,507	152,919	180,578	4.73	4.81
North Carolina	55,345	63,306	378,114	438,627	6.83	6.93
South Carolina	22,977	27,076	142,466	171,535	6.20	6.34
Tennessee	21,750	25,380	110,168	130,375	5.07	5.14
Texas	51,477	59,316	274,688	318,582	5.34	5.37
Virginia	24,663	27,927	128,445	145,307	5.21	5.20
United States	707,937	810,298	3,916,963	4,545,250	5.53	5.61

**Young Chickens Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations,
by Selected States and United States, September-October 2007**

State	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified ¹		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			Carcass and Parts		Percent ²	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	1,000 Pounds		Percent			
Alabama	352,477	412,063	2,982	3,534	0.84	0.85
Arkansas	352,677	417,880	3,986	4,624	1.12	1.09
Georgia	425,373	481,258	3,105	3,374	0.72	0.70
Kentucky	92,041	109,826	554	768	0.60	0.69
Louisiana	65,757	78,380	308	402	0.47	0.51
Mississippi	259,899	293,136	2,489	2,661	0.95	0.90
Missouri	112,602	132,691	1,030	1,142	0.91	0.85
North Carolina	288,988	335,633	3,715	4,145	1.27	1.22
South Carolina	104,817	126,183	778	922	0.74	0.73
Tennessee	79,291	94,316	785	858	0.98	0.90
Texas	209,911	242,760	1,903	2,051	0.90	0.84
Virginia	90,154	101,681	631	674	0.70	0.66
United States	2,887,564	3,349,140	28,001	32,109	0.96	0.95

¹ Ready-to-cook weights.

² Pounds condemned as percent of pounds certified plus post-mortem condemnations.

Farm Labor: Employment and Wage Rates, United States
October 7-13, 2007, with Comparisons ¹

Farm Employment	October 8-14, 2006	July 8-14, 2007	October 7-13, 2007
	1,000		
Hired Workers	800	843	806
150 Days or More	595	596 *	590
149 Days or Less	205	247 *	216
Agricultural Services			
Workers Working on Farms	286	363	316
Hired Farm & Service Workers	1,086	1,206 *	1,122
	Hours per Week		
Hours Worked			
Hired	41.9	41.4 *	42.1
	Dollars per Hour		
Wage Rate for			
All Hired Workers ^{2,3}	9.96	9.99 *	10.33
Type or Worker			
Field & Livestock Combined	9.30	9.37 *	9.72
Field	9.26	9.24 *	9.62
Livestock	9.42	9.73 *	9.98

* Revised.

¹ Excludes AK.² Benefits, such as housing and meals, are provided some workers but the values are not included in the wage rates.³ Excludes Agricultural Service Workers.

Hired Workers: Wage Rates for Type of Workers and All Hired Workers,
by Selected Regions and United States, October 8-14, 2006 and October 7-13, 2007 ¹

United States and Region	Type of Worker						Wage Rates for All Hired Workers	
	Field		Livestock		Field & Livestock Combined			
	Oct 8-14, 2006	Oct 7-13, 2007	Oct 8-14, 2006	Oct 7-13, 2007	Oct 8-14, 2006	Oct 7-13, 2007	Oct 8-14, 2006	Oct 7-13, 2007
	Dollars Per Hour							
Appalachian I	9.15	8.66	8.26	8.60	8.90	8.64	9.35	8.97
Southeast	8.76	8.53	8.65	8.33	8.72	8.47	9.10	9.08
Florida	8.50	8.70	9.10	8.95	8.58	8.74	9.42	9.76
Delta	7.83	8.26	8.09	8.24	7.90	8.25	8.32	8.53
Northern Plains	10.13	10.68	9.59	9.82	9.95	10.45	10.20	10.78
Southern Plains	8.14	8.59	10.09	10.46	9.02	9.45	9.60	10.05
United States ²	9.26 *	9.62	9.42 *	9.98	9.30 *	9.72	9.96 *	10.33

* Revised.

¹ Excludes Agricultural Service Workers.² Excludes Alaska.

Hired Workers: Number and Hours Worked by Selected States, Region and United States, October 8-14, 2006 and October 7-13, 2007 ¹

United States and Region	Hired						Number of Hours Worked	
	Number or Workers		Expected to be Employed					
			150 Days or More		149 Days or Less			
	Oct 8-14, 2006	Oct 7-13, 2007	Oct 8-14, 2006	Oct 7-13, 2007	Oct 8-14, 2006	Oct 7-13, 2007	Oct 8-14, 2006	Oct 7-13, 2007
	1,000						Hours per Week	
Appalachian I	32	43	23	30	9	13	36.8	37.7
Appalachian II	27	31	15	18	12	13	35.7	38.0
Southeast	29	28	24	21	5	7	39.1	37.1
Florida	44	43	40	39	4	4	41.1	41.8
Delta	34	30	24	20	10	10	44.0	43.0
Southern Plains	49	69	36	55	13	14	39.7	39.0
United States ²	800 *	806	595 *	590	205	216	41.9 *	42.1

* Revised.

¹ Excludes Agricultural Service Workers.

² Excludes Alaska.

Region: Appalachian I – NC, VA; Appalachian II – KY, TN, WV; Delta – AR, LA, MS; Northern Plains – KS, NE, ND, SD; Southeast – AL, GA, SC; Southern Plains – OK, TX.