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# Farm Facts For South Carolina



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### CHICKEN AND EGG PRODUCTION

SOUTH CAROLINA'S laying flocks produced 98 million eggs during December, up 1 percent from last year. Production totaled 78 million table eggs and 20 million hatching eggs. The number of layers averaged 4,303,000 birds, up 1 percent from 4,270,000 a year ago. December egg production per 100 layers was 2,277 eggs, compared with 2,272 in 2010.

UNITED STATES egg production totaled 7.93 billion during December 2011, up slightly from last year. Production included 6.89 billion table eggs, and 1.04 billion hatching eggs, of which 973 million were broiler-type and 68 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during December 2011 averaged 338 million, down 1 percent from last year. December egg production per 100 layers was 2,344 eggs, up 1 percent from December 2010.

#### Average Layers and Egg Production, DECEMBER 2011

Selected States	Average No. of Layers	Eggs Produced	Eggs per 100 Layers
	Thousand	Million	Number
Alabama	8,989	179	1,991
Florida	10,003	247	2,469
Georgia	16,530	374	2,263
North Carolina	12,706	267	2,101
<b>South Carolina</b>	<b>4,303</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>2,277</b>
United States	338,209	7,929	2,344

### BROILER HATCHERY PRODUCTION

During the month of December, SOUTH CAROLINA'S broiler hatcheries produced 19.3 million chicks, down 3 percent from last year's 19.9 million chicks.

THE UNITED STATES broiler-type chicks hatched during December 2011 totaled 760 million, down 3 percent from December 2010. Eggs in incubators totaled 634 million on January 1, 2012, down slightly from a year ago.

#### CHICKS HATCHED by Type, South Carolina and U.S., December 2011

Flock Type and Area	December 2011	Cumulative, 2011
	Thousand	
<i>Broiler Type:</i>		
<b>SOUTH CAROLINA</b>	<b>19,305</b>	<b>229,125</b>
United States	760,188	9,072,519
<i>Egg Type:</i>		
United States	38,879	482,222

### SHEEP AND GOATS

Based on January 1, 2012 estimates, SOUTH CAROLINA'S **milk goat inventory** is estimated at 3,000 head, up 7 percent from 2011. **Meat and other goats** totaled 43,500 head, up 2 percent from a year ago.

**All goat inventory** in the United States on January 1, 2012, totaled 2.86 million head, down 4 percent from 2011. **Breeding goat inventory** totaled 2.38 million head down 4 percent from 2011. **All Market goats and kids** totaled 487,000 head, down 4 percent from a year ago. On January 1, 2012, **meat and all other goats** totaled 2.36 million head, down 5 percent from 2011. **Milk goat** inventory was 360,000 head, unchanged from January 1, 2011, while **angora goats** were down 15 percent, totaling 146,000 head. The 2011 **kid crop** totaled 1.88 million head for all goats, down 2 percent from 2010.

**Mohair production** in the United States during 2011 was 865 thousand pounds. **Goats and kids clipped** totaled 149,000 head. Average weight per clip was 5.8 pounds. **Mohair price** was \$4.12 per pound with a value of 3.56 million dollars.

#### Milk Goats: Number by State and United States, 2010-2011

States	2011	2012
	Head	Head
Alabama	4,000	3,300
Florida	5,000	6,000
Georgia	3,000	2,900
North Carolina	7,000	6,300
<b>South Carolina</b>	<b>2,800</b>	<b>3,000</b>
United States	360,000	360,000

## 2011 SOUTH CAROLINA FARM NUMBERS DOWN FROM 2010

The number of farms in **SOUTH CAROLINA** in 2011 is estimated at 26,500, down 300 farms from 2010, the USDA NASS South Carolina Field Office announced today. Total land in farms for 2011 is 4.90 million acres, unchanged from 2010. The average size of farms in 2011 was 185 acres, up 2 acres from 2010. Farms with \$100,000 or more in sales totaled 2,200 in 2011, up 5 percent from 2010 and accounting for 8.3 percent of all farms.

The number of farms in the United States in 2011 is estimated at 2.2 million, down slightly from 2010. Total land in farms, at 917 million acres, decreased 1.85 million acres from 2010. The average farm size is 420 acres, up 1 acre from the previous year. However, average farm sizes declined in some of the sales classes partially due to smaller farms moving up to higher sales classes.

**NUMBER OF FARMS, LAND IN FARMS, AND AVERAGE SIZE, SOUTH CAROLINA, 2006 – 2011 1/**

YEAR	SOUTH CAROLINA		
	Number of Farms	Land in Farms	Average Size Farms
	- Number -	- Thou. Acres -	- Acres -
2006	24,600	4,890	199
2007	25,900	4,900	189
2008	26,900	4,900	182
2009	27,000	4,900	181
2010	26,800	4,900	183
2011 2/	26,500	4,900	185

1/ A farm is any establishment from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were sold or would normally be sold during the year. 2/ Preliminary.

## CATTLE

All cattle and calves on **SOUTH CAROLINA** farms on January 1, 2012 were estimated at 370,000 head, down 4 percent from January 1, 2011 estimate of 385,000. South Carolina ranks 39<sup>th</sup> among all states while Texas ranks first at 11.9 million head with Nebraska and Kansas coming in second and third at 6.45 and 6.10 million head, respectively.

**SOUTH CAROLINA** total inventory of 370,000 head includes 184,000 beef cows and 16,000 milk cows. Also included are 16,000 bulls, 36,000 beef replacement heifers, 6,000 milk replacement heifers, 15,000 other heifers, and 11,000 steers, all weighing 500 pounds or more. Calves weighing less than 500 pounds totaled 86,000. The South Carolina calf crop for 2011 totaled 160,000 head, down 3 percent from 2010.

### ALL CATTLE AND CALVES

#### Number by Class and Calf Crop, Selected States, January 1, 2011 and 2012

Selected States	All Cattle and Calves		All Cows That Have calved		Beef Cows That Have Calved		Beef Cow Replacement		Milk Cow Replacement	
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012
	<i>1,000 Head</i>									
Florida	1,630.0	1,710.0	1,040.0	1,060.0	926.0	940.0	110.0	115.0	30.0	35.0
Georgia	1,030.0	1,020.0	580.0	590.0	502.0	512.0	66.0	71.0	23.0	31.0
North Carolina	800.0	810.0	400.0	405.0	356.0	360.0	65.0	65.0	21.0	21.0
<b>South Carolina</b>	<b>385.0</b>	<b>370.0</b>	<b>200.0</b>	<b>200.0</b>	<b>184.0</b>	<b>184.0</b>	<b>36.0</b>	<b>36.0</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>6.0</b>
Texas	13,300.0	11,900.0	5,450.0	4,800.0	5,025.0	4,365.0	610.0	550.0	230.0	210.0
United States	92,682.4	90,768.5	39,999.2	39,112.4	30,849.6	29,882.9	5,138.0	5,211.6	4,568.2	4,527.0

### LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

#### COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION: Selected States, and United States, December 2011

Selected States	Dec 2010	Nov 2011	Dec 2011	December 2011 as % of 2010
	Million Pounds			Percent
Florida	8.9	10.3	9.5	107
Georgia	11.4	12.8	12.0	105
Kansas	461.4	424.8	416.6	90
Nebraska	629.8	612.5	606.6	96
North Carolina	215.3	212.4	203.1	94
<b>SOUTH CAROLINA</b>	<b>20.5</b>	<b>21.3</b>	<b>21.3</b>	<b>104</b>
Texas	437.8	402.2	404.4	92
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>4,352.8</b>	<b>4,259.7</b>	<b>4,216.4</b>	<b>97</b>

Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb, and mutton. Totals and percentages based on unrounded data.

#### COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION: United States, December 2011

Class	Dec 2010	Nov 2011	Dec 2011	December 2011 as % of	
				Dec 2010	Nov 2011
	Million Pounds			Percent	
Beef	2,270.9	2,149.4	2,127.2	94	99
Veal	11.7	10.8	10.7	91	99
Pork	2,055.4	2,086.9	2,065.9	101	99
Lamb and Mutton	14.9	12.6	12.5	84	100
<b>Total Red Meat</b>	<b>4,352.8</b>	<b>4,259.7</b>	<b>4,216.4</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>99</b>

Totals, accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data.

## VEGETABLES

South Carolina's harvested fresh market vegetable and melon acreage for 6 major crops totaled 14,300 for the 2011 crop year. Total acreage was up 3 percent from 2010's acreage of 13,900. Fresh market snap beans acreage for harvest was estimated at 200 acres, down 50 percent from a year ago. Harvested acreage for fresh market cucumbers was 1,700 acres, up 21 percent from the previous year. Harvested acreage of fresh market tomatoes was 2,500 acres, up 4 percent from the 2010 acreage. Harvested acreage for cantaloupes was 1,400 acres, up 17 percent from the 2010 acreage. Squash harvested acreage was 1,500 acres, up 200 percent from the previous year. Watermelon acreage for harvest for harvest was set at 7,000 acres, down 13 percent from the previous year.

### FRESH MARKET VEGETABLES: Acres Planted and Harvested, Yield, Production, and Value, South Carolina, 2009-2011

Fresh Market Vegetables	2009	2010	2011	2009	2010	2011
	Acres Planted			Acres Harvested		
Snap Beans	1,000	500	300	900	400	200
Cantaloupes	1,300	1,600	1,600	1,200	1,200	1,400
Cucumbers	1,800	1,500	1,800	1,700	1,400	1,700
Cucumbers for pickles 1/	2,200	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Squash	1,100	600	1,600	1,000	500	1,500
Tomatoes	2,000	2,500	2,700	1,900	2,400	2,500
Watermelons	7,500	8,500	7,800	6,500	8,000	7,000
	Yield per Acre (Cwt.)			Production		
Snap Beans	55	45	33	50	18	7
Cantaloupes	250	195	325	300	234	455
Cucumbers	230	180	200	391	252	340
Cucumbers for pickles 1/	6.00	3.00	3.00	12,000	6,000	6,000
Squash	140	130	130	141	66	195
Tomatoes	175	170	195	333	408	488
Watermelons	230	330	380	1,495	2,640	2,660
	Value per Cwt. (Dollars)			Total Value (Thou. Dollars)		
Snap Beans	43.00	52.00	90.00	2,150	936	630
Cantaloupes	20.00	15.30	20.00	6,000	3,580	9,100
Cucumbers	18.00	24.00	26.00	7,038	6,048	8,840
Cucumbers for pickles 1/	330.00	220.00	220.00	3,960	1,320	1,320
Squash	32.50	31.60	33.00	4,578	2,083	6,435
Tomatoes	48.00	46.00	46.00	15,984	18,768	22,448
Watermelons	9.00	13.50	14.50	13,455	35,640	38,570

1/ Cucumbers for pickles in tons.

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