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Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.2 million head on June 1, 2006. The inventory was four percent above June 1, 2005 and five percent above June 1, 2004. This is the highest June 1 inventory since the series began in 1996.

Placements in feedlots during May totaled 1.91 million, 14 percent below 2005 and 19 percent below 2004. Net placements were 1.80 million. During May, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 440,000, 600-699 pounds were 370,000, 700-799 pounds were 503,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 600,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during May totaled 2.17 million, nine percent above 2005 and seven percent above 2004.

Other disappearance totaled 115,000 during May, 20 percent above 2005 and 46 percent above 2004.

CATTLE ON FEED: U.S. Cattle Placed on Feed, by Weight Groups, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, May 2005, April and May 2006

Month	Less than 600 lbs	600-699 lbs	700-799 lbs	800+ lbs	Total
1,000 head					
May, 2005	435	390	663	735	2,223
April, 2006	385	270	444	530	1,629
May, 2006	440	370	503	600	1,913

CATTLE AND CALVES ON FEED, 1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS, MAJOR STATES AND UNITED STATES

State	Number on feed May 1		Placed during May 1		Marketed during May		Other disappearance during May		Number on feed June 1	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
1,000 head										
AZ	330	*345	32	29	29	27	2	6	331	341
CA	500	530	82	80	62	70	5	5	515	535
CO	970	1,060	165	175	150	185	15	20	970	1,030
ID	240	245	61	37	54	47	2	5	245	230
IA	455	495	55	51	73	74	2	2	435	470
KS	2,260	2,530	510	415	465	520	25	25	2,280	2,400
NE	2,190	2,320	360	340	480	520	20	20	2,050	2,120
NM	114	132	30	25	16	21	1	1	127	135
OK	305	340	86	76	64	70	2	1	325	345
SD	200	200	28	33	38	34	4	4	186	195
TX	2,630	2,910	750	590	480	520	10	20	2,890	2,960
WA	147	152	26	20	34	30	2	1	137	141
Oth. Sts.	300	300	38	42	52	52	6	5	280	285
U.S.	10,641	*11,559	2,223	1,913	1,997	2,170	96	115	10,771	11,187

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CHICKENS AND EGGS

FLORIDA

Table eggs sold in mid-June 2006 averaged 45.0 cents, up 18.0 cents from mid-May. Table egg production in Florida during May was 241 million eggs, slightly above the previous month.

UNITED STATES

U.S. egg production totaled 7.63 billion during May 2006, up one percent from last year. Production included 6.52 billion table eggs, and 1.11 billion hatching eggs, of which 104 billion were broiler-type and 70 million were egg-type. The number of layers during May 2006 averaged 345 million, up one percent from last year. May egg production per 100 layers was 2,213 eggs, down slightly from May 2005.

All layers in the U.S. on June 1, 2006, totaled 343 million, up one percent from last year. The 343 million layers consisted of 286 million layers producing table-type eggs, 54.7 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.84 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on June 1, 2006, averaged 71.2 eggs per 100 layers, down slightly from June 1, 2005.

MID-MONTH TABLE EGG PRICES RECEIVED BY FLORIDA EGG PRODUCERS.

Month	Cents per dozen	
	2005	2006
January	40.0	60.0
February	36.0	36.0
March	33.0	59.0
April	30.0	34.0
May	27.0	27.0
June	25.0	45.0
July	34.0	
August	29.0	
September	50.0	
October	36.0	
November	51.0	
December	60.0	

FLORIDA: Layers on hand first of month, percent molting and molted

	June 2005	Apr 2006	May 2006	June 2006
Total layers on hand: Thous.	10,877	11,111	10,751	10,708
Percent of layers:				
Being molted	7.5	4.0	10.0	4.0
Molt completed	23.5	37.5	35.5	36.0

LAYERS AND EGG PRODUCTION, MAY 2006, PRODUCTION YEAR-TO-DATE EGG PRODUCTION FOR SELECTED STATES

Selected States	Average layers on hand <i>Thousand</i>	Eggs per 100 layers	Egg production <i>Millions</i>				Layers <i>Percent</i>	
			Total	Table	Hatching	Year to date ¹⁷	Being molted	Molt Completed
Alabama	8,863	1,884	167	33	134	1,002	1.0	4.0
Arkansas	14,266	1,949	278	95	183	1,651	0.0	10.0
California	19,447	2,108	410			2,515	13.5	37.0
Florida	10,751	2,297	247	241	6	1,505	4.0	36.0
Georgia	19,121	2,081	398	221	177	2,370	6.0	10.5
Indiana	24,644	2,252	555	542	13	3,301	3.5	28.0
Iowa	51,747	2,232	1,155			5,739	4.0	37.0
Maine	4,040	2,178	88			540	0.0	0.0
Maryland	2,698	2,335	63	61	2	901	5.5	32.5
Michigan	8,288	2,401	199			1,157	8.0	21.0
Minnesota	11,038	2,265	250	241	9	1,488	2.5	33.5
Mississippi	6,542	2,018	132	38	94	778	2.0	11.0
Missouri	7,140	2,269	162			924	4.0	23.5
Nebraska	11,598	2,225	258	258	0	1,567	8.5	28.5
New York	4,028	2,408	97			581	1.0	14.5
North Carolina	10,877	2,078	226	84	142	1,312	0.5	10.5
Ohio	28,368	2,245	637			3,856	7.5	22.0
Pennsylvania	23,914	2,392	572	550	22	3,340	4.0	17.5
South Carolina	5,179	2,066	107	87	20	648	5.5	30.0
Texas	18,365	2,265	416			2,496	1.5	26.0
Virginia	3,174	2,111	67	33	34	416	6.0	12.5
Washington	4,860	2,263	110			638	9.0	50.0
Other States	45,787	2,214	522	393	129	3,067	2.9	23.1
United States	344,735	2,213	7,628	6,521	1,107	45,492	4.6	24.7

¹⁷ Production year begins December 1.

HATCHERY PRODUCTION

FLORIDA

The May hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 5,113,000 was three percent below a year earlier. Broiler-type eggs in incubators on June 1, at 3,919,000 was one percent above a year ago.

UNITED STATES

Broiler-type chicks hatched during May 2006 totaled 811 million, down two percent from May 2005. Eggs in incubators totaled 661 million on June 1, 2006, down one percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 7.53 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during May 2006, down three percent from May 2005.

Egg-type chicks hatched during May 2006 totaled 40.3 million, up four percent from May 2005. Eggs in incubators totaled 37.4 million on June 1, 2006 up ten percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 241,000 during May 2006, up 27 percent from May 2005.

HATCHERY PRODUCTION, UNITED STATES

Item	2005	2006	2006 % of 2005
<i>-- Thousands --</i>			
EGG-TYPE:			
Eggs in incubators: June 1	34,064	37,384	110
Chicks hatched during May	38,792	40,320	104
Pullets hatched during May for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks 7-18 months earlier ^{1/}	190 3,112	241 2,878	127 92
BROILER-TYPE:			
Eggs in incubators: June 1	668,018	660,638	99
Chicks hatched during May	823,993	810,908	98
Pullets hatched during May for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks 7-15 months earlier ^{2/}	7,783 63,220	7,531 64,311	97 102

^{1/}2006 includes pullet chicks hatched November 2004 through October 2005.

^{2/}2006 includes pullet chicks hatched February 2005 through October 2005.

MILK PRODUCTION

FLORIDA

Florida dairy farms produced 213 million pounds of milk during May 2006, two percent below the previous May. Production per cow in May of 1,600 pounds was one percent above May of last year. Milk cow numbers on Florida dairy farms in May totaled 133,000, four percent below last year.

UNITED STATES

Milk production in the 23 major States during May totaled 14.7 billion pounds, up 2.8 percent from May 2005. The April revised production, at 14.2 billion pounds, was up 3.7 percent from April 2005. The April revision represented a decrease of 2 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,782 pounds for May, 22 pounds above May 2005.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.26 million head, 128,000 head more than May 2005, and 19,000 head more than April 2006.

MILK COWS AND PRODUCTION, FLORIDA AND U.S.

Month and year	Milk Cows	Monthly milk production	
		Per cow	Monthly Total
	Thous.	Lbs.	Mil. Lbs.
FLORIDA:			
May 2005	138	1,580	218
April 2006	133	1,590	211
May 2006	133	1,600	213
23 MAJOR STATES:			
May 2005	8,131	1,760	14,311
April 2006	8,240	1,727	14,228
May 2006	8,259	1,782	14,714
UNITED STATES:			
May 2005	9,042	1,735	15,697
April 2006	9,125	1,702	15,531
May 2006	9,145	1,757	16,068

MILK PRODUCTION BY QUARTERS, UNITED STATES

Month	Milk cows ^{1/}		Milk per cow ^{2/}		Milk Production	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	Thousand		Pounds		Mil. Lbs.	
Jan-Mar	9,002	9,093	4,816	5,009	43,350	45,546
Apr-Jun	9,041		5,069		45,831	
Jul-Sep	9,060		4,871		44,134	
Oct-Dec	9,060		4,821		43,674	
Annual						
Total	9,041		19,576		176,989	

^{1/} Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh.

^{2/} Excludes milk fed to calves.

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

Commercial red meat output in Florida for May 2006 was 5.4 million pounds, 20 percent above the same month last year. Commercial production of red meat in the United States for May at 4.05 billion pounds, was nine percent above 2005.

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER AND RED MEAT PRODUCTION, FLORIDA AND UNITED STATES

Source and kind	May 2005	April 2006	May 2006	Year to date 2005	Year to date 2006
FLORIDA					
HOGS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	8	7	7	36	33
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	1,017	1,021	1,004	5,036	4,621
SHEEP AND LAMBS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	0.2	0.5	0.2	1.1	1.1
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	10	32	11	62	70
Red meat production (million pounds)	4.5	4.9	5.4	22.1	25.1
UNITED STATES					
CATTLE:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	2,793	2,607	3,039	12,949	13,487
Total liveweight (million pounds)	3,415	3,249	3,771	16,032	17,045
Average liveweight (pounds)	1,222	1,246	1,241	1,238	1,264
Beef production (million pounds)	2,074	1,973	2,297	9,686	10,348
CALVES:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	59	48	57	319	273
Total liveweight (million pounds)	22	18	22	108	101
Average liveweight (pounds)	376	379	378	342	371
Veal production (million pounds)	13	11	13	64	61
HOGS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	8,032	7,956	8,537	42,015	42,697
Total liveweight (million pounds)	2,167	2,168	2,317	11,355	11,622
Average liveweight (pounds)	270	272	271	270	272
Pork production (million pounds)	1,611	1,613	1,722	8,453	8,657
SHEEP AND LAMBS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	208	249	226	1,133	1,151
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	30	34	33	159	164
LAMB AND MUTTON:					
	15	17	16	80	82
Red meat production (million pounds)	3,713	3,614	4,049	18,283	19,149