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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 11.0 million head on September 1, 2006. The inventory was ten percent above September 1, 2005 and ten percent above September 1, 2004. This is the highest September 1 inventory since the series began in 1996.

Placements in feedlots during August totaled 2.30 million, 15 percent above 2005 and nine percent above 2004. Net placements were 2.24 million. During August, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 680,000, 600-699 pounds were 435,000, 700-799 pounds were 535,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 650,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during August totaled 2.08 million, two percent above 2005 and eight percent above 2004.

Other disappearance totaled 59,000 during August, 11 percent above 2005 and five percent above 2004.

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

Month	Less than 600 lbs	600-699 lbs	700-799 lbs	800+ lbs	Total
1,000 head					
August 2005	418	385	540	650	1,993
July 2006	570	403	490	500	1,963
August 2006	680	435	535	650	2,300

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

State	Number on feed Aug 1		Placed during Aug 1		Marketed during Aug		Other disappearance during Aug		Number on feed September 1	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
1,000 head										
AZ	314	339	35	30	34	31	1	2	314	336
CA	530	515	62	66	57	59	5	2	530	520
CO	820	940	155	210	200	185	5	5	770	960
ID	250	225	51	55	50	44	1	1	250	235
IA	400	445	69	80	72	69	2	1	395	455
KS	2,190	2,360	520	590	490	540	10	20	2,210	2,390
NE	1,730	1,950	415	470	365	360	10	10	1,770	2,050
NM	134	144	28	26	24	26	3	2	135	142
OK	320	345	70	77	68	76	2	1	320	345
SD	143	165	24	30	34	37	1	3	132	155
TX	2,890	2,970	480	570	560	570	10	10	2,800	2,960
WA	137	154	30	35	27	30	1	1	139	158
Oth. Sts.	235	270	54	61	52	50	2	1	235	280
U.S.	10,093	10,822	1,993	2,300	2,033	2,077	53	59	10,000	10,986



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**CHICKENS AND EGGS**

**FLORIDA**

Table eggs averaged 44.0 cents per dozen sold in mid-September 2006 down 1.0 cent from last month. Table egg production in Florida during August was 234 million eggs, two percent above the previous month.

**UNITED STATES**

U.S. egg production totaled 7.64 billion during August 2006, up one percent from last year. Production included 6.56 billion table eggs, and 1.08 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.01 billion were broiler-type and 65 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during August 2006 averaged 341 million, up slightly from last year. August egg production per 100 layers was 2,239 eggs, up one percent from August 2005.

All layers in the U.S. on September 1, 2006, totaled 342 million, up one percent from last year. The 342 million layers consisted of 285 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 53.9 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.73 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on September 1, 2006, averaged 72.6 eggs per 100 layers, up one percent from September 2005.

**LAYERS AND EGGS: Selected States and U.S., August 2006**

Selected States	Avg. layers on hand	Egg production	Rate of lay
	Thousands	Millions	
Alabama	8,615	169	63.3
Arkansas	13,988	275	63.4
California	18,986	409	69.5
<b>Florida</b>	<b>10,498</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>74.1</b>
Georgia	18,818	393	67.4
Indiana	24,357	548	72.6
Iowa	50,466	1,186	75.8
Maine	4,026	94	75.3
Maryland	2,608	61	75.5
Michigan	8,850	208	75.8
Minnesota	10,723	239	71.9
Mississippi	6,295	131	67.1
Missouri	7,116	164	74.4
Nebraska	11,649	269	74.5
New York	4,237	106	80.7
North Carolina	10,945	224	66.0
Ohio	27,716	607	70.6
Pennsylvania	23,260	564	78.2
South Carolina	4,958	106	69.0
Texas	18,789	423	72.0
Virginia	3,198	62	62.5
Washington	4,765	108	73.1
Other States	22,534	519	71.2
<b>United States</b>	<b>341,007</b>	<b>7,635</b>	<b>72.2</b>

**UNITED STATES HOG AND PIGS**

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on September 1, 2005 was 62.7 million head. This was up one percent from September 1, 2005, and up two percent from June 1, 2006.

Breeding inventory, at 6.08 million head, was up two percent from last year and up slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 56.6 million head, was up one percent from last year and up two percent from last quarter.

The June - August 2006 U.S. pig crop, at 26.7 million head, was up one percent from 2005 and up two percent from 2004. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.92 million head, up slightly from 2005 and up one percent from 2004. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 48 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 9.14 for the June-August 2006 period, compared to 9.06 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.70 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 9.20 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

U.S. hog producers intend to have 2.92 million sows farrow during the September-November 2006 quarter, up one percent from the actual farrowings in both 2005 and 2004. Intended farrowings for December 2006-February 2007, at 2.90 million sows, are up two percent from both 2006 and 2005. The total number of hogs under contract, owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 39 percent of the total U.S. hog inventory, unchanged from last year.

**HOGS AND PIGS: Inventory number, sows farrowing and pig crop, 2005-06, United States**

	2005	2006	2006 as % of 2005
<i>1,000 head</i>			
<b>SEPTEMBER 1 INVENTORY:</b>			
All hogs and pigs	61,846	62,704	101
Kept for breeding	5,972	6,079	102
Market	55,873	56,625	101
<b>MARKET HOGS AND PIGS</b>			
<b>BY WEIGHT GROUPS:</b>			
Under 60 pounds	20,764	20,998	101
60 - 119 pounds	13,876	13,991	101
120 - 179 pounds	11,404	11,555	101
180 pounds	9,830	10,082	103
<b>SOWS FARROWING:</b>			
December <sup>1/</sup> -February	2,835	2,840	100
March-May	2,882	2,897	101
December <sup>1/</sup> -May	5,716	5,737	100
June-August	2,918	2,924	101
September-November	2,900		
June-November	5,818		
<b>PIG CROP:</b>			
December <sup>1/</sup> -February	25,343	25,658	101
March-May	25,986		
June-August	26,449		
September-November	26,187		

<sup>1/</sup> December preceding year.

## HATCHERY PRODUCTION

### FLORIDA

The August hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 5,301,000 was one percent above a year earlier. Broiler-type eggs in incubators on September 1, at 3,867,000 were five percent below a year ago.

### UNITED STATES

Broiler-type chicks hatched during August 2006 totaled 809 million, down slightly from August 2005. Eggs in incubators totaled 656 million on September 1, 2006, up slightly from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 7.63 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during August 2006, up two percent from August 2005.

Egg-type chicks hatched during August 2006 totaled 34.9 million, down ten percent from August 2005. Eggs in incubators totaled 35.8 million on September 1, 2006, up four percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 253,000 during August 2006, down three percent from August 2005.

### HATCHERY PRODUCTION, UNITED STATES

Item	2005	2006	2006 % of 2005
<i>-- Thousands --</i>			
<b>EGG-TYPE:</b>			
Eggs in incubators: Sep 1	34,505	35,823	104
Chicks hatched during Aug	38,700	34,892	90
Pullets hatched during July for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks	261	253	97
7-18 months earlier <sup>1/</sup>	3,040	2,876	95
<b>BROILER-TYPE:</b>			
Eggs in incubators: Sep 1	654,789	656,333	100
Chicks hatched during Aug	812,474	809,284	100
Pullets hatched during July for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks	7,484	7,631	102
7-15 months earlier <sup>2/</sup>	62,972	64,344	102

<sup>1/</sup>2006 includes pullet chicks hatched February 2005 through January 2006.

<sup>2/</sup>2006 includes pullet chicks hatched May 2005 through January 2006.

## MILK PRODUCTION

### FLORIDA

Florida dairy farms produced 163 million pounds of milk during August 2006, down two percent from the previous August. Production per cow in August of 1,255 pounds was two percent above last year. Milk cow numbers on Florida dairy farms in August totaled 130,000, four percent below last year.

### UNITED STATES

Milk production in the 23 major States during August totaled 13.9 billion pounds, up 1.6 percent from August 2005. July revised production, at 13.9 billion pounds, was up 1.5 percent from July 2005. The July revision represented an increase of 6 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,680 pounds for August, nine pounds above August 2005.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.25 million head, 88,000 head more than August 2005, but 9,000 head less than July 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.
<b>FLORIDA:</b>			
August 2005	135	1,230	166
July 2006	131	1,340	176
August 2006	130	1,255	163
<b>23 MAJOR STATES:</b>			
August 2005	8,162	1,671	13,640
July 2006	8,259	1,686	13,925
August 2006	8,250	1,680	13,861
<b>UNITED STATES:</b>			
August 2005	9,060	1,643	14,896
July 2006	9,135	1,664	15,205
August 2006	9,125	1,658	15,126

### MILK PRODUCTION BY QUARTERS, UNITED STATES

Month	Milk cows <sup>1/</sup>		Milk per cow <sup>2/</sup>		Milk Production	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	Thousand		Pounds		Mil. Lbs.	
Jan-Mar	9,002	9,094	4,816	5,009	43,350	45,553
Apr-Jun	9,041	9,135	5,069	5,134	45,831	46,902
Jul-Sep	9,060		4,871		44,134	
Oct-Dec	9,060		4,821		43,674	
Annual						
Total	9,041		19,576		176,989	

<sup>1/</sup> Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh.

<sup>2/</sup> Excludes milk fed to calves.

## LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

Commercial red meat output in Florida for August 2006 was 6.3 million pounds, 31 percent above the same month last year. Commercial production of red meat in the United States for August at 4.25 billion pounds, was four percent above 2005.

### COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER AND RED MEAT PRODUCTION, FLORIDA AND UNITED STATES

Source and kind	August 2005	July 2006	August 2006	Year to date 2005	Year to date 2006
<b>FLORIDA</b>					
HOGS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	10	8	8	62	56
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	1,198	1,039	1,063	8,367	7,698
SHEEP AND LAMBS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	0.2	0.1	0.2	1.7	1.9
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	13	7	11	99	116
Red meat production (million pounds)	4.8	5.3	6.3	36.0	41.7
<b>UNITED STATES</b>					
CATTLE:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	2,993	2,834	3,134	21,598	22,614
Total liveweight (million pounds)	3,788	3,605	3,996	26,882	28,624
Average liveweight (pounds)	1,266	1,272	1,275	1,245	1,266
Beef production (million pounds)	2,319	2,204	2,442	16,315	17,423
CALVES:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	66	58	67	502	456
Total liveweight (million pounds)	23	20	23	174	165
Average liveweight (pounds)	347	340	347	347	363
Veal production (million pounds)	14	12	14	103	100
HOGS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	8,994	7,885	9,094	67,225	68,018
Total liveweight (million pounds)	2,360	2,090	2,388	18,035	18,338
Average liveweight (pounds)	262	265	263	268	270
Pork production (million pounds)	1,752	1,553	1,774	13,417	13,647
SHEEP AND LAMBS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	229	202	227	1,784	1,792
Total liveweight (million pounds)	31	26	29	248	248
LAMB AND MUTTON:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	15	13	15	123	125
Red meat production (million pounds)	4,100	3,782	4,245	29,959	31,296