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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 11.4 million head on October 1, 2006. The inventory was nine percent above October 1, 2005 and eight percent above October 1, 2004. This is the highest October 1 inventory since the series began in 1996. The inventory included 7.20 million steers and steer calves, up five percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 63 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.12 million head, up 16 percent from 2005.

Placements in feedlots during September totaled 2.23 million, five percent below 2005 and six percent below 2004. Net placements were 2.16 million. During September, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 725,000; 600-699 pounds were 412,000; 700-799 pounds were 450,000; and 800 pounds and greater were 645,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during September totaled 1.77 million, three percent below 2005 and two percent below 2004. This is the second lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of September since the series began in 1996. Other disappearance totaled 68,000 during September, 19 percent above 2005, and 11 percent above 2004.

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

Month		Less than 600 lbs	600-699 lbs	700-799 lbs	800+ lbs	Total
1,000 head						
September	2005	565	505	550	735	2,355
August	2006	680	*430	535	650	*2,295
September	2006	725	412	450	645	2,232

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

State	Number on feed Sept 1		Placed during Sept 1		Marketed during Sept		Other disappearance during Sept		Number on feed October 1	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
1,000 head										
AZ	314	336	29	28	24	26	1	2	318	336
CA	530	520	68	72	57	64	6	3	535	525
CO	770	960	280	245	145	140	5	5	900	1,060
ID	250	235	69	72	48	41	1	1	270	265
IA	395	455	90	81	74	73	1	3	410	460
KS	2,210	2,390	510	500	455	420	15	20	2,250	2,450
NE	1,770	2,050	500	500	320	320	10	10	1,940	2,220
NM	135	142	26	21	22	16	3	4	136	143
OK	320	345	69	71	53	59	1	2	335	355
SD	132	155	40	50	40	34	2	1	130	170
TX	2,800	2,960	550	495	510	510	10	15	2,830	2,930
WA	139	158	40	37	25	23	1	1	153	171
Oth. Sts.	235	280	84	60	43	39	1	1	275	300
U.S.	10,000	10,986	2,355	2,232	1,816	1,765	57	68	10,482	11,385



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CHICKENS AND EGGS

FLORIDA

Table eggs sold in mid-October 2006 averaged 41.0 cents, down 3.0 cents from mid-September. Table egg production in Florida during September was 226 million eggs, down three percent from the previous month.

UNITED STATES

U.S. egg production totaled 7.42 billion during September 2006, up one percent from last year. Production included 6.38 billion table eggs, and 1.04 billion hatching eggs, of which 977 million were broiler-type and 63 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during September 2006 averaged 343 million, up slightly from last year. September egg production per 100 layers was 2,165 eggs, up slightly from September 2005.

All layers in the U.S. on October 1, 2006, totaled 343 million, up slightly from last year. These layers consisted of 288 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 53.2 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.65 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on October 1, 2006, averaged 71.7 eggs per 100 layers, down slightly from October 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	32.0
August	29.0	45.0
September	50.0	44.0
October	36.0	41.0
November	51.0	
December	60.0	

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

	Oct 2005	Aug 2006	Sep 2006	Oct 2006
Total layers on hand: Thous.	11,405	10,466	10,529	10,702
Percent of layers:				
Being molted	5.0	3.0	7.5	10.5
Molt completed	28.0	36.5	41.0	40.0

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

Selected States	Average layers on hand	Eggs per 100 layers	Egg production				Layers	
			Total	Table	Hatching	Year to date ^{1/}	Being molted	Molt Completed
	<i>Thousand</i>		<i>Millions</i>				<i>Percent</i>	
Alabama	8,748	1,875	164	37	127	1,666	0.0	5.0
Arkansas	13,964	1,905	266	99	167	2,728	3.5	12.5
California	19,006	2,157	410			4,126	5.0	37.0
Florida	10,616	2,195	233	226	7	2,449	10.5	40.0
Georgia	18,806	2,042	384	213	171	3,908	4.0	11.0
Indiana	24,373	2,220	541	529	12	5,491	5.0	30.0
Iowa	51,155	2,178	1,114			10,360	5.5	35.5
Maine	3,994	2,103	84			895	0.0	0.0
Maryland	2,746	2,258	62	60	2	1,150	4.5	42.0
Michigan	9,121	2,237	204			1,960	7.0	23.0
Minnesota	10,838	2,178	236	228	8	2,450	4.5	36.0
Mississippi	6,257	1,998	125	37	88	1,294	2.0	13.5
Missouri	7,267	2,202	160			1,575	4.0	22.0
Nebraska	11,556	2,241	259	259	0	2,603	4.0	25.5
New York	4,277	2,315	99			989	3.5	10.5
North Carolina	11,157	1,954	218	85	133	2,187	2.0	9.5
Ohio	28,003	2,196	615			6,305	7.0	26.5
Pennsylvania	23,180	2,338	542	522	20	5,577	1.5	16.5
South Carolina	4,865	2,097	102	81	21	1,065	4.5	40.0
Texas	18,723	2,217	415			4,170	1.5	23.5
Virginia	3,201	2,031	65	32	33	670	0.0	20.5
Washington	4,775	2,262	108			1,078	4.0	57.5
Other States	45,978	2,122	520	378	122	5,136	3.6	25.6
United States	342,606	2,165	7,419	6,379	1,040	75,572	4.2	25.7

^{1/} Production year begins December 1.

HATCHERY PRODUCTION

FLORIDA

The September hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 4,734,000 was two percent below a year earlier. Broiler-type eggs in incubators on October 1, at 4,117,000 were five percent above a year ago.

UNITED STATES

Broiler-type chicks hatched during September 2006 totaled 772 million, up slightly from September 2005. Eggs in incubators totaled 632 million on October 1, 2006, up slightly from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 7.06 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during September 2006, down one percent from September 2005.

Egg-type chicks hatched during September 2006 totaled 36.8 million, up ten percent from September 2005. Eggs in incubators totaled 35.2 million on October 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 243,000 during September 2006, down 35 percent from September 2005.

HATCHERY PRODUCTION, UNITED STATES

Item	2005	2006	2006 % of 2005
-- Thousands --			
EGG-TYPE:			
Eggs in incubators: Oct 1	33,782	35,152	104
Chicks hatched during Sept	33,623	36,845	110
Pullets hatched during Sept for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks	375	243	65
7-18 months earlier ^{1/}	2,963	2,864	97
BROILER-TYPE:			
Eggs in incubators: Oct 1	631,849	632,413	100
Chicks hatched during Sept	771,146	771,719	100
Pullets hatched during Sept for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks	7,132	7,063	99
7-15 months earlier ^{2/}	62,707	64,154	102

^{1/}2006 includes pullet chicks hatched March 2005 through February 2006.

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

MILK PRODUCTION

FLORIDA

Florida dairy farms produced 146 million pounds of milk during September 2006, down one percent from the previous September. Production per cow in September of 1,125 pounds was two percent above last year. Milk cow numbers on Florida dairy farms in September totaled 130,000, three percent below last year.

UNITED STATES

Milk production in the 23 major States during September totaled 13.3 billion pounds, up two percent from September 2005. August production, unrevised at 13.9 billion pounds, is up 1.6 percent from August 2005.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,615 pounds for September, 16 pounds above September 2005.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.25 million head, 79,000 head more than September 2005, but 6,000 head less than August 2006.

Milk production in the U.S. during the July-September quarter totaled 44.7 billion pounds, up 1.4 percent from the July-September quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the U.S. during the quarter was 9.12 million head, 57,000 head more than the same period last year.

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:			
September 2005	134	1,105	148
August 2006	130	1,180	153
September 2006	130	1,125	146
23 MAJOR STATES:			
September 2005	8,167	1,599	13,057
August 2006	8,252	1,680	13,861
September 2006	8,246	1,615	13,318
UNITED STATES:			
September 2005	9,066	1,572	14,260
August 2006	9,116	1,655	15,085
September 2006	9,107	1,591	14,493

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	9,094	4,816	5,009	43,350	45,553
Apr-Jun	9,041	9,133	5,069	5,136	45,831	46,908
Jul-Sep	9,060	9,117	4,871	4,907	44,134	44,737
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 September 2006 was 5.5 million pounds, 25 percent above the same month last year. Commercial production of red meat in the United States for September at 3.93 billion pounds, was slightly above 2005.

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER AND RED MEAT PRODUCTION, FLORIDA AND UNITED STATES

Source and kind	September 2005	August 2006	September 2006	Year to date 2005	Year to date 2006
FLORIDA					
HOGS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	9	8	8	71	64
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	1,111	1,063	1,015	9,478	8,713
SHEEP AND LAMBS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	0.2	0.2	0.2	1.9	2.1
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	12	11	13	111	129
Red meat production (million pounds)	4.4	6.3	5.5	40.4	47.2
UNITED STATES					
CATTLE:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	2,776	*3,133	2,766	24,374	25,380
Total liveweight (million pounds)	3,538	3,996	3,546	30,420	32,170
Average liveweight (pounds)	1,275	1,275	1,282	1,248	1,268
Beef production (million pounds)	2,158	2,442	2,162	18,473	19,585
CALVES:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	61	67	58	563	514
Total liveweight (million pounds)	22	23	21	196	186
Average liveweight (pounds)	363	347	365	348	363
Veal production (million pounds)	13	14	13	116	114
HOGS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	8,871	*9,095	8,833	76,096	76,851
Total liveweight (million pounds)	2,349	2,388	2,352	20,384	20,690
Average liveweight (pounds)	265	263	266	268	269
Pork production (million pounds)	1,743	1,774	1,774	15,160	15,391
SHEEP AND LAMBS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	231	227	219	2,015	2,011
Total liveweight (million pounds)	31	29	28	279	276
LAMB AND MUTTON:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	16	15	14	139	139
Red meat production (million pounds)	3,930	4,245	3,933	33,889	35,229

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