



LIVESTOCK, DAIRY AND POULTRY

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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 12.0 million head on January 1, 2007. The inventory was one percent above January 1, 2006 and six percent above January 1, 2005. This is the highest January 1 inventory since the series began in 1996. The inventory included 7.57 million steers and steer calves, up slightly from the previous year. This group accounted for 63 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.30 million head, up four percent from January 1, 2006.

Placements in feedlots during December totaled 1.71 million, nine percent below 2005 and seven percent below 2004. Net placements were 1.63 million. During December, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 470,000, 600-699 pounds were 504,000, 700-799 pounds were 420,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 320,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during December totaled 1.63 million, five percent below 2005 and nine percent below 2004. This is the lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of December since the series began in 1996.

Other disappearance totaled 88,000 head during December, three percent below 2005 and four percent below 2004.

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

Month		Less than 600 lbs	600-699 lbs	700-799 lbs	800+ lbs	Total
1,000 head						
December	2005	375	554	430	325	1,884
November	2006	555	*560	404	365	*1,884
December	2006	470	504	420	320	1,714

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

State	Number on feed December 1		Placed during December 1		Marketed during December		Other disappearance during December		Number on feed January 1	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2006	2007
1,000 head										
AZ	328	341	35	26	27	31	2	2	334	334
CA	550	540	69	77	60	63	9	4	550	550
CO	1,070	1,120	155	135	140	150	5	5	1,080	1,100
ID	280	270	48	39	50	41	3	8	275	260
IA	500	500	65	82	53	59	2	3	510	520
KS	2,470	2,550	495	410	435	390	30	30	2,500	2,540
NE	2,400	2,510	350	390	305	350	15	10	2,430	2,540
NM	137	137	20	15	13	15	1	1	143	136
OK	365	350	64	46	57	42	2	4	370	350
SD	190	210	46	50	28	32	3	3	205	225
TX	2,940	2,900	465	370	470	385	15	15	2,920	2,870
WA	161	185	26	24	34	24	1	1	152	184
Oth. Sts.	335	360	46	50	43	43	3	2	335	365
U.S.	11,726	11,973	1,884	1,714	1,715	1,625	91	88	11,804	11,974

CHICKENS AND EGGS

FLORIDA

Table eggs sold in mid-January 2007 averaged 75.0 cents up 9.0 cents from mid-December. Table egg production in Florida during December was 247 million eggs, two percent above the previous month.

UNITED STATES

U.S. egg production totaled 7.78 billion during December 2006, down slightly from last year. Production included 6.68 billion table eggs, and 1.09 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.03 billion were broiler-type and 66 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during December 2006 averaged 348 million, down slightly from last year. December egg production per 100 layers was 2,234 eggs, down slightly from December 2005.

All layers in the U.S. on January 1, 2007, totaled 348 million, down slightly from last year. The 348 million layers consisted of 290 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 55.1 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.86 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on January 1, 2007, averaged 71.1 eggs per 100 layers, down one percent from January 1, 2006.

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

Month	Cents per dozen	
	2006	2007
January	60.0	75.0
February	36.0	
March	59.0	
April	34.0	
May	27.0	
June	45.0	
July	32.0	
August	45.0	
September	44.0	
October	41.0	
November	68.0	
December	66.0	

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

	Jan 2006	Nov 2006	Dec 2006	Jan 2007
Total layers on hand: Thous.	11,647	11,511	11,262	11,301
Percent of layers: Being molted	6.0	6.0	5.0	7.0
Molt completed	36.0	39.0	40.0	32.5

LAYERS AND EGG PRODUCTION, DECEMBER 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	8,823	1,961	173	40	133	173	1.5	4.5
Arkansas	14,069	1,962	276	103	173	276	2.5	11.5
California	19,650	2,198	432			432	5.5	35.0
Florida	11,262	2,273	256	247	9	256	7.0	32.5
Georgia	19,791	2,117	419	232	187	419	4.5	14.0
Indiana	24,676	2,278	562	549	13	562	4.5	31.0
Iowa	52,022	2,220	1,155			1,155	6.5	35.0
Maine	3,939	2,158	85			85	0.0	0.0
Maryland	2,602	2,306	60	58	2	60	5.5	40.0
Michigan	9,215	2,355	217			217	2.0	34.0
Minnesota	11,135	2,290	255	247	8	255	1.0	30.5
Mississippi	6,401	2,047	131	40	91	131	3.0	9.5
Missouri	7,271	2,256	164			164	4.0	18.5
Nebraska	11,535	2,315	267	267	0	267	5.0	21.0
New York	4,073	2,504	102			102	1.5	7.5
North Carolina	11,516	2,093	241	99	142	241	0.0	10.5
Ohio	27,544	2,305	635			635	3.5	25.5
Pennsylvania	23,598	2,377	561	541	20	561	3.5	14.5
South Carolina	4,875	2,236	109	88	21	109	3.5	32.0
Texas	18,996	2,279	433			433	6.5	23.5
Virginia	3,184	2,104	67	32	35	67	0.0	13.0
Washington	4,973	2,272	113			113	9.5	40.0
Other States	46,967	2,195	520	395	125	520	4.3	24.0
United States	348,108	2,234	7,777	6,683	1,094	7,777	4.4	24.4

^{1/} Production year begins December 1.

HATCHERY PRODUCTION

FLORIDA

The December hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 4,874,000, was three percent below a year earlier. Broiler-type eggs in incubators on January 1, at 4,014,000, was 24 percent below a year ago.

UNITED STATES

Broiler-type chicks hatched during December 2006 totaled 795 million, down two percent from December 2005. Eggs in incubators totaled 652 million on January 1, 2007, down one percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 7.20 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during December 2006, up one percent from December 2005.

Egg-type chicks hatched during December 2006 totaled 33.4 million, down seven percent from December 2005. Eggs in incubators totaled 34.4 million on January 1, 2007 down three percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 205,000 during December 2006, down 17 percent from December 2005.

HATCHERY PRODUCTION, UNITED STATES

Item	2005	2006	2006% of 2005
-- Thousands --			
EGG-TYPE:			
Eggs in incubators: Jan 1	35,547	34,383	97
Chicks hatched during Dec	35,917	33,430	93
Pullets hatched during Dec for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks	247	205	83
7-18 months earlier ^{1/}	2,874	2,834	99
BROILER-TYPE:			
Eggs in incubators: Jan 1	660,613	652,471	99
Chicks hatched during Dec	808,525	795,445	98
Pullets hatched during Dec for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks	7,112	7,196	101
7-15 months earlier ^{2/}	63,509	64,040	101

^{1/}2006 includes pullet chicks hatched June 2005 through May 2006.

^{2/}2006 includes pullet chicks hatched September 2005 through May 2006.

MILK PRODUCTION

FLORIDA

Florida dairy farms produced 177 million pounds of milk during December 2006, down four percent from the previous December. Production per cow in December of 1,360 pounds was unchanged from last year. Milk cow numbers on Florida dairy farms in December totaled 130,000, four percent below last year.

UNITED STATES

Milk production in the 23 major States during December totaled 14.0 billion pounds, up 2.7 percent from December 2005. November revised production, at 13.3 billion pounds, was up 2.6 percent from November 2005. The November revision represented an increase of 13 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,689 pounds for December, 26 pounds above December 2005.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.27 million head, 86,000 head more than December 2005, and 14,000 head more than November 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:			
December 2005	135	1,360	184
November 2006	130	1,240	161
December 2006	130	1,360	177
23 MAJOR STATES:			
December 2005	8,179	1,663	13,599
November 2006	8,251	1,617	13,341
December 2006	8,265	1,689	13,963
UNITED STATES:			
December 2005	9,063	1,639	14,854
November 2006	9,113	1,596	14,542
December 2006	9,126	1,667	15,217

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	44,739
Oct-Dec	9,060	9,116	4,821	4,897	43,674	44,639
Annual						
Total	9,041	9,115	19,576	19,949	176,989	181,839

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

^{2/} Excludes milk fed to calves.

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

Commercial red meat output in Florida for December 2006 was 6.6 million pounds, 50 percent above the same month last year. Commercial production of red meat in the United States for December at 3.86 billion pounds, was two percent below 2005.

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER AND RED MEAT PRODUCTION, FLORIDA AND UNITED STATES

Source and kind	December 2005	November 2006	December 2006	Year to date 2005	Year to date 2005
FLORIDA					
HOGS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	11	10	13	96	96
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	1,162	1,340	1,622	12,657	12,849
SHEEP AND LAMBS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	0.2	0.2	0.2	2.6	2.7
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	14	15	16	160	171
Red meat production (million pounds)	4.4	7.0	6.6	53.9	66.8
UNITED STATES					
CATTLE:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	2,667	2,841	2,609	32,388	33,686
Total liveweight (million pounds)	3,415	3,669	3,383	40,690	42,901
Average liveweight (pounds)	1,280	1,291	1,297	1,256	1,274
Beef production (million pounds)	2,057	2,217	2,040	24,682	26,070
CALVES:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	60	67	68	735	713
Total liveweight (million pounds)	22	23	24	260	256
Average liveweight (pounds)	371	351	346	353	360
Veal production (million pounds)	14	14	14	156	156
HOGS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	9,235	9,368	8,883	103,522	104,738
Total liveweight (million pounds)	2,511	2,553	2,418	27,829	28,258
Average liveweight (pounds)	272	273	272	269	270
Pork production (million pounds)	1,866	1,890	1,793	20,685	20,998
SHEEP AND LAMBS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	231	224	224	2,699	2,694
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	33	31	30	375	368
LAMB AND MUTTON:					
	17	15	15	188	185
Red meat production (million pounds)	3,954	4,137	3,863	45,711	47,411