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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 11.6 million head on April 1, 2007. The inventory was one percent below April 1, 2006 but seven percent above April 1, 2005. This is the second highest April 1 inventory since the series began in 1996. The inventory included 7.43 million steers and steer calves, down four percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 64 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.14 million head, up four percent from 2006.

Placements in feedlots during March totaled 1.97 million, seven percent above 2006 and 12 percent above 2005. Net placements were 1.89 million. During March, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 350,000, 600-699 pounds were 375,000, 700-799 pounds were 640,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 600,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during March totaled 1.85 million, down six percent from 2006 and six percent below 2005. Other disappearance totaled 72,000 head during March, 20 percent below 2006 but six percent above 2005.

CATTLE ON FEED: U.S. Cattle Placed on Feed, by Weight Groups, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, March 2006, February and March 2007

Month and Year		Less than 600 lbs	600-699 lbs	700-799 lbs	800+ lbs	Total
<i>1,000 head</i>						
March	2006	380	342	565	550	1,837
February	2007	325	334	505	495	1,659
March	2007	350	375	640	600	1,965

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

State	Number on feed March 1		Placed during March 1		Marketed during March		Other disappearance during March		Number on feed April 1	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
<i>1,000 head</i>										
AZ	351	329	30	46	28	33	2	2	351	340
CA	550	530	59	68	68	65	6	3	535	530
CO	1,090	1,010	155	165	165	145	10	10	1,070	1,020
ID	255	250	42	38	45	42	2	1	250	245
IA	520	530	55	72	73	70	2	2	500	530
KS	2,610	2,420	480	510	470	430	30	20	2,590	2,480
NE	2,450	2,510	335	350	370	370	15	10	2,400	2,480
NM	143	130	21	19	23	17	2	1	139	131
OK	365	350	68	68	72	67	1	1	360	350
SD	210	230	36	40	35	37	1	3	210	230
TX	3,010	2,790	485	520	540	495	15	15	2,940	2,800
WA	154	170	26	26	27	32	1	1	152	163
Oth. Sts.	315	350	45	43	42	45	3	3	315	345
U.S.	12,023	11,599	1,837	1,965	1,958	1,848	90	72	11,812	11,644

CHICKENS AND EGGS

FLORIDA

Table eggs sold in mid-April 2007 averaged 55.0 cents down 15.0 cents from mid-March. Table egg production in Florida during March was 235 million eggs, five percent above the previous month.

UNITED STATES

U.S. egg production totaled 7.77 billion during March 2007, down one percent from last year. Production included 6.65 billion table eggs, and 1.12 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.06 billion were broiler-type and 68 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during March 2007 averaged 346 million, down one percent from last year. March egg production per 100 layers was 2,243 eggs, up slightly from March 2006.

All layers in the U.S. on April 1, 2007, totaled 346 million, down one percent from last year. The 346 million layers consisted of 286 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 56.3 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.80 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on April 1, 2007, averaged 73.0 eggs per 100 layers, up slightly from April 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	68.0
March	59.0	70.0
April	34.0	55.0
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**

	Apr 2006	Feb 2007	Mar 2007	Apr 2007
Total layers on hand: Thous.	11,647	11,319	11,113	10,234
Percent of layers: Being molted	6.0	7.0	5.0	7.0
Molt completed	36.0	34.0	40.0	29.5

**LAYERS AND EGG PRODUCTION, MARCH 2007, 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	8,750	1,931	169	29	140	654	0.5	5.5
Arkansas	14,602	2,000	292	111	181	1,091	1.5	13.0
California	19,526	2,233	436			1,667	1.0	32.5
Florida	10,674	2,295	245	235	10	985	7.0	29.5
Georgia	19,780	2,154	426	239	187	1,627	1.0	16.5
Indiana	24,486	2,279	558	545	13	2,161	3.5	33.5
Iowa	52,367	2,217	1,161			4,450	3.0	36.5
Maine	4,021	2,189	88			333	0.0	0.0
Maryland	2,543	2,281	58	57	1	230	3.5	30.5
Michigan	9,133	2,442	223			843	1.0	21.0
Minnesota	10,755	2,287	246	237	9	979	4.0	23.5
Mississippi	6,631	1,991	132	41	91	514	2.0	10.5
Missouri	7,088	2,257	160			630	1.0	16.0
Nebraska	11,223	2,290	257	257	0	1,028	5.0	19.0
New York	4,129	2,422	100			398	3.5	5.0
North Carolina	11,877	2,054	244	100	144	941	0.0	8.0
Ohio	27,687	2,304	638			2,459	2.5	25.0
Pennsylvania	22,679	2,416	548	529	19	2,176	3.0	11.0
South Carolina	4,920	2,093	103	80	23	407	1.0	23.5
Texas	18,895	2,297	434			1,373	2.0	22.5
Virginia	3,256	2,181	71	37	34	265	0.0	12.5
Washington	4,764	2,330	111			442	6.5	39.0
Other States	46,651	2,230	537	406	131	2,049	3.9	24.7
United States	346,437	2,243	7,769	6,646	1,123	30,096	2.8	23.5

^{1/} Production year begins December 1.

HATCHERY PRODUCTION

FLORIDA

The March hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 5,006,000, was 22 percent above a year earlier. Broiler-type eggs in incubators on April 1, at 4,105,000, was one percent above a year ago.

UNITED STATES

Broiler-type chicks hatched during March 2007 totaled 811 million, down one percent from March 2006. Eggs in incubators totaled 667 million on April 1, 2007, up one percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 6.66 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during March 2007, down five percent from March 2006.

Egg-type chicks hatched during March 2007 totaled 40.5 million, up four percent from March 2006. Eggs in incubators totaled 39.5 million on April 1, 2007, up 11 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 316,000 during March 2007, up 21 percent from March 2006.

HATCHERY PRODUCTION, UNITED STATES

Item	2006	2007	2007% of 2006
-- Thousands --			
EGG-TYPE:			
Eggs in incubators: Apr 1	35,672	39,493	111
Chicks hatched during Mar	38,805	40,537	104
Pullets hatched during Mar for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks 7-18 months earlier ^{1/}	261	316	121
	2,795	2,970	106
BROILER-TYPE:			
Eggs in incubators: Apr 1	660,060	666,950	101
Chicks hatched during Mar	817,842	810,732	99
Pullets hatched during Mar for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks 7-15 months earlier ^{2/}	7,012	6,660	95
	63,416	64,389	102

^{1/}2007 includes pullet chicks hatched Sep 2005 through Aug 2006.

^{2/}2007 includes pullet chicks hatched Dec 2005 through Aug 2006.

MILK PRODUCTION

FLORIDA

Florida dairy farms produced 213 million pounds of milk during March 2007, down two percent from the previous March. Production per cow in March of 1,640 pounds was unchanged from last year. Milk cow numbers on Florida dairy farms in March totaled 130,000, two percent below last year.

UNITED STATES

Milk production in the 23 major States during March totaled 14.8 billion pounds, up 1.1 percent from March 2006. February revised production, at 13.1 billion pounds, was up 0.6 percent from February 2006. The February revision represented a decrease of 31 million pounds or 0.2 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,782 pounds for March, seven pounds above March 2006.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.28 million head, 58,000 head more than March 2006, and 5,000 head more than February 2007

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:				
March 2006	133	1,640	218	
February 2007	130	1,415	184	
March 2007	130	1,640	213	
23 MAJOR STATES:				
March 2006	8,224	1,775	14,599	
February 2007	8,277	1,582	13,098	
March 2007	8,282	1,782	14,760	
UNITED STATES:				
March 2006	9,106	1,753	15,966	
February 2007	9,126	1,567	14,300	
March 2007	9,130	1,765	16,114	

MILK PRODUCTION BY QUARTERS, UNITED STATES

Month	Milk cows ^{1/}		Milk per cow ^{2/}		Milk Production	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	Thousand		Pounds		Mil. Lbs.	
Jan-Mar	9,092	9,128	5,010	5,039	45,547	45,999
Apr-Jun	9,128		5,141		46,930	
Jul-Sep	9,113		4,906		44,710	
Oct-Dec	9,115		4,894		44,611	
Annual Total	9,112		19,951		181,798	

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

^{2/} Excludes milk fed to calves.

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

Commercial red meat production in Florida for March 2007 was 7.0 million pounds, 32 percent above the same month last year. Commercial production of red meat in the United States for March at 4.01 billion pounds was two percent below 2006.

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER AND RED MEAT PRODUCTION, FLORIDA AND UNITED STATES

Source and kind	March 2006	February 2007	March 2007	Year to date 2006	Year to date 2007
FLORIDA					
HOGS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	8	7	7	19	21
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	1,033	1,055	1,076	2,511	3,195
SHEEP AND LAMBS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.5
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	13	9	12	27	26
Red meat production (million pounds)	5.3	6.2	7.0	14.9	19.9
UNITED STATES					
CATTLE:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	2,854	2,562	2,793	7,843	8,153
Total liveweight (million pounds)	3,608	3,251	3,505	9,991	10,352
Average liveweight (pounds)	1,269	1,274	1,259	1,279	1,274
Beef production (million pounds)	2,204	1,953	2,118	6,081	6,235
CALVES:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	59	67	71	168	212
Total liveweight (million pounds)	21	20	23	60	67
Average liveweight (pounds)	359	307	321	357	318
Veal production (million pounds)	13	12	14	36	40
HOGS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	9,236	8,117	9,203	26,207	26,686
Total liveweight (million pounds)	2,504	2,184	2,485	7,115	7,204
Average liveweight (pounds)	271	269	270	272	270
Pork production (million pounds)	1,878	1,636	1,861	5,335	5,395
SHEEP AND LAMBS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	250	204	279	677	700
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	36	29	39	97	98
Lamb and Mutton	18	14	20	49	49
Red meat production (million pounds)	4,112	3,616	4,012	11,501	11,720