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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 12.1 million head on December 1, 2007. The inventory was one percent above December 1, 2006 and three percent above December 1, 2005. This is the highest December 1 inventory since the series began in 1996.

Placements in feedlots during November totaled 2.12 million, 12 percent above 2006 and three percent above 2005. Net placements were 2.06 million head. During November, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 685,000, 600-699 pounds were 650,000, 700-799 pounds were 420,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 361,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during November totaled 1.74 million, three percent below 2006 but two percent above 2005. Other disappearance totaled 57,000 head during November, 31 percent below 2006 and 37 percent below 2005.

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

Month		Less than 600 lbs	600-699 lbs	700-799 lbs	800+ lbs	Total
<i>1,000 head</i>						
November	2006	555	560	404	365	1,884
October	2007	855	745	556	560	2,716
November	2007	685	650	420	361	2,116

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

State	Number on feed November 1		Placed during November 1		Marketed during November		Other disappearance during November		Number on feed December 1	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
<i>1,000 head</i>										
AZ	342	360	30	37	29	27	2	3	341	367
CA	530	545	69	73	55	61	4	2	540	555
CO	1,130	1,030	145	190	145	145	10	5	1,120	1,070
ID	285	235	43	48	56	42	2	1	270	240
IA	490	550	82	96	70	75	2	1	500	570
KS	2,550	2,420	405	450	385	355	20	15	2,550	2,500
NE	2,440	2,400	460	485	380	355	10	10	2,510	2,520
NM	141	134	14	22	16	23	2	2	137	131
OK	360	335	50	62	57	50	3	2	350	345
SD	190	205	56	50	35	38	1	2	210	215
TX	2,990	3,000	435	510	500	490	25	10	2,900	3,010
WA	181	166	31	31	26	27	1	2	185	168
Oth. Sts.	340	380	64	62	43	50	1	2	360	390
U.S.	11,969	11,760	1,884	2,116	1,797	1,738	83	57	11,973	12,081

CHICKENS AND EGGS

FLORIDA

Table eggs production in Florida during November was 231 million eggs, two percent below the previous month. Total egg production was 238 million eggs compared to 245 million eggs the previous month.

UNITED STATES

U.S. egg production totaled 7.51 billion during November 2007, down one percent from last year. Production included 6.42 billion table eggs, and 1.09 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.02 billion were broiler-type and 66 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during November 2007 averaged 343 million, down one percent from last year. November egg production per 100 layers was 2,190 eggs, up one percent from November 2006.

All layers in the U.S. on December 1, 2007, totaled 343 million, down two percent from last year. The 343 million layers consisted of 284 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 56.0 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.83 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on December 1, 2007, averaged 73.1 eggs per 100 layers, up slightly from December 1, 2006.

LAYERS AND EGGS: Selected States and U.S., November 2007

Selected States	Avg. layers on hand	Egg production	Rate of lay
	<i>Thousands</i>	<i>Millions</i>	
Alabama	9,476	179	63.0
Arkansas	13,946	271	64.8
California	19,258	414	71.7
Florida	10,864	238	73.0
Georgia	19,310	402	69.4
Indiana	24,052	545	75.5
Iowa	53,584	1,152	71.7
Maine	3,887	83	71.2
Maryland	2,814	61	72.3
Michigan	9,116	226	82.6
Minnesota	10,386	238	76.4
Mississippi	6,353	126	66.1
Missouri	6,762	145	71.5
Nebraska	10,176	235	77.0
New York	4,295	103	79.9
North Carolina	12,462	254	67.9
Ohio	26,427	580	73.2
Pennsylvania	21,760	523	80.1
South Carolina	4,563	97	70.9
Texas	19,146	432	75.2
Virginia	3,231	66	68.1
Washington	4,707	105	74.4
Other States	46,330	1,036	74.5
United States	342,905	7,511	73.0

UNITED STATES HOG AND PIGS

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2007 was 65.1 million head. This was up four percent from December 1, 2006, but down one percent from September 1, 2007.

Breeding inventory, at 6.16 million head, was up one percent from last year, and up slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 59.0 million head, was up five percent from last year, but down one percent from last quarter.

The September-November 2007 pig crop, at 28.0 million head, was up four percent from 2006 and up seven percent from 2005. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 3.03 million head, up three percent from 2006 and up four percent from 2005. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 49 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 9.24 for the September-October 2007 period, compared to 9.11 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.40 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 9.30 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

U.S. hog producers intend to have 2.98 million sows farrow during the December 2007-February 2008 quarter, up two percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2007, and up five percent from 2006. Intended farrowings for March-May 2008, at 3.04 million sows, are up slightly from 2007 and up four percent from 2006. 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, up from 38 percent last year.

HOGS AND PIGS: Inventory number, sows farrowing and pig crop, 2006-07, United States

	2006	2007	2007 as % of 2006
	<i>1,000 head</i>		
DECEMBER 1 INVENTORY:			
All hogs and pigs	62,490	65,110	104
Kept for breeding	6,087	6,157	101
Market	56,402	58,953	105
MARKET HOGS AND PIGS			
BY WEIGHT GROUPS:			
Under 60 pounds	20,462	21,364	104
60 - 119 pounds	13,928	14,459	104
120 - 179 pounds	11,275	11,737	104
180 pounds	10,738	11,394	106
SOWS FARROWING:			
December ¹ / ₋ February	2,841	2,905	102
March-May	2,927	3,033	104
December ¹ / ₋ May	5,768	5,938	103
June-August	2,912	2,993	103
September-November	2,949	3,029	103
June-November	5,862	6,022	103
PIG CROP:			
December ¹ / ₋ February	25,662	26,396	103
March-May	26,580	27,896	105
June-August	26,519	27,646	104
September-November	26,857	27,998	104

¹ December preceeding year.

HATCHERY PRODUCTION

FLORIDA

The November hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 4,881,000, was slightly below a year earlier. Broiler-type eggs in incubators on December 1, at 4,085,000, was five percent above a year ago.

UNITED STATES

Broiler-type chicks hatched during November 2007 totaled 761 million, up four percent from November 2006. Eggs in incubators totaled 678 million on December 1, 2007, up four percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 7.44 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during November 2007, down two percent from November 2006.

Egg-type chicks hatched during November 2007 totaled 34.0 million, up eight percent from November 2006. Eggs in incubators totaled 35.9 million on December 1, 2007, up seven percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 281,000 during November 2007, up 36 percent from November 2006.

HATCHERY PRODUCTION, UNITED STATES

Item	2006	2007	2007 as % of 2006
-- Thousands --			
EGG-TYPE:			
Eggs in incubators: Dec 1	33,693	35,915	107
Chicks hatched during Nov	31,554	33,986	108
Pullets hatched during Nov for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks	206	281	136
7-18 months earlier ^{1/}	2,796	2,956	106
BROILER-TYPE:			
Eggs in incubators Dec 1	653,931	677,805	104
Chicks hatched during Nov	729,946	761,402	104
Pullets hatched during Nov for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks	7,618	7,438	98
7-15 months earlier ^{2/}	63,993	64,145	100

^{1/}2007 includes pullet chicks hatched May 2006 through April 2007.

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

MILK PRODUCTION

FLORIDA

Florida dairy farms produced 149 million pounds of milk during November 2007, down eight percent from the previous November. Production per cow in November of 1,190 pounds was four percent below last year. Milk cow numbers on Florida dairy farms in November totaled 125,000, four percent below last year.

UNITED STATES

Milk production in the 23 major States during November totaled 13.8 billion pounds, up 3.8 percent from November 2006. October production, unrevised, at 14.2 billion pounds, was up 4.1 percent from October 2006.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,654 pounds for November, 40 pounds above November 2006.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.36 million head, 101,000 head more than November 2006, and 8,000 head more than October 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:			
November 2006	130	1,245	162
October 2007	125	1,120	140
November 2007	125	1,190	149
23 MAJOR STATES:			
November 2006	8,260	1,614	13,332
October 2007	8,353	1,699	14,190
November 2007	8,361	1,654	13,833
UNITED STATES:			
November 2006	9,111	1,594	14,523
October 2007	9,169	1,677	15,376
November 2007	9,175	1,634	14,989

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	9,130	5,010	5,039	45,547	46,006
Apr-Jun	9,128	9,129	5,141	5,195	46,930	47,429
Jul-Sep	9,113	9,157	4,906	5,037	44,710	46,124
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 output in Florida for November 2007 was 8.2 million pounds, 19 percent above the same month last year. Commercial production of red meat in the United States for November at 4.30 billion pounds was four percent above 2006.

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER AND RED MEAT PRODUCTION, FLORIDA AND UNITED STATES

Source and kind	November 2006	October 2007	November 2007	Year to date 2006	Year to date 2007
FLORIDA					
HOGS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	10	9	8	83	84
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	1,309	1,173	1,137	11,033	11,780
SHEEP AND LAMBS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	0.2	0.2	0.1	2.5	2.5
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	14	17	11	154	152
Red meat production (million pounds)	6.9	8.2	8.2	60.0	79.6
UNITED STATES					
CATTLE:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	2,842	3,100	2,831	31,086	31,614
Total liveweight (million pounds)	3,667	4,015	3,678	39,434	40,043
Average liveweight (pounds)	1,295	1,300	1,304	1,273	1,271
Beef production (million pounds)	2,227	*2,442	2,229	24,102	24,356
CALVES:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	67	65	59	643	697
Total liveweight (million pounds)	22	19	17	223	213
Average liveweight (pounds)	327	288	291	347	307
Veal production (million pounds)	13	11	10	134	127
HOGS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	9,365	*10,655	10,051	95,854	99,481
Total liveweight (million pounds)	2,542	2,870	2,735	25,740	26,679
Average liveweight (pounds)	272	270	272	269	268
Pork production (million pounds)	1,896	2,145	2,045	19,257	19,969
SHEEP AND LAMBS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	224	248	237	2,472	2,463
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	31	33	32	336	324
LAMB AND MUTTON:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	15	16	16	170	168
Red meat production (million pounds)	4,151	4,614	4,301	43,663	44,619

* Revised