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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 10.0 million head on September 1, 2008. The inventory was three percent below September 1, 2007 and nine percent below September 1, 2006.

Placements in feedlots during August totaled 2.06 million, three percent below 2007 and ten percent below 2006. Net placements were 2.01 million head, the second lowest placements for August since 1996. During August, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 365,000, 600-699 pounds were 410,000, 700-799 pounds were 566,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 720,000. Marketings of fed cattle during August totaled 1.88 million, nine percent below 2007 and nine percent below 2006, the lowest fed cattle marketings for August since 1996. Other disappearance totaled 49,000 during August, two percent below 2007 and 17 percent below 2006.

CATTLE ON FEED: U.S. Cattle Placed on Feed, by Weight Groups, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, August 2007, July and August 2008

Month		Less than 600 lbs	600-699 lbs	700-799 lbs	800+ lbs	Total
<i>1,000 head</i>						
August	2007	490	440	549	640	2,119
July	2008	360	320	*481	505	*1,666
August	2008	365	410	566	720	2,061

*Revised

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

State	Number on feed August 1		Placed during August 1		Marketed during August		Other disappearance during August		Number on feed September 1	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
<i>1,000 head</i>										
AZ	341	357	36	33	28	27	1	1	348	362
CA	340	515	54	37	62	45	2	2	530	505
CO	870	750	170	190	185	165	5	5	850	770
ID	205	180	48	45	47	44	1	1	205	180
IA	500	475	71	72	80	75	1	2	490	470
KS	2,100	2,010	520	520	465	430	15	10	2,140	2,090
NE	1,910	1,920	465	445	435	395	10	10	1,930	1,960
NM	129	164	22	27	19	23	1	1	131	167
OK	305	290	75	70	69	54	1	1	310	305
SD	175	170	37	28	36	32	1	1	175	165
TX	2,780	2,590	520	510	550	510	10	10	2,740	2,580
WA	144	133	35	36	30	30	1	1	148	138
Oth. Sts.	300	315	66	48	60	54	1	4	305	305
U.S.	10,299	9,869	2,119	2,061	2,066	1,884	50	49	10,302	9,997

CHICKENS AND EGGS

FLORIDA

Table egg production in Florida during August was 211 million eggs, one percent below the previous month. Total egg production was 218 million eggs compared to 243 million eggs the previous month.

UNITED STATES

U.S. egg production totaled 7.55 billion during August 2008, down one percent from last year. Production included 6.45 billion table eggs, and 1.10 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.04 billion were broiler-type and 65 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during August 2008 averaged 335 million, down two percent from last year. August egg production per 100 layers was 2,252 eggs, up one percent from August 2007.

All layers in the U.S. on September 1, 2008, totaled 335 million, down two percent from last year. The 335 million layers consisted of 278 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 54.3 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, 2008, averaged 72.8 eggs per 100 layers, up two percent from September 1, 2007.

LAYERS AND EGGS: Selected States and U.S., August 2008

Selected States	Avg. layers on hand	Egg production	Rate of lay
	<i>Thousands</i>	<i>Millions</i>	
Alabama	9,361	180	62.0
Arkansas	13,262	270	65.7
California	19,805	443	72.2
Florida	9,927	218	70.8
Georgia	18,259	378	66.8
Indiana	23,560	540	73.9
Iowa	53,251	1,209	73.2
Maine	3,763	81	69.5
Maryland	2,559	62	78.2
Michigan	9,280	229	79.6
Minnesota	9,737	227	75.2
Mississippi	6,168	128	66.9
Missouri	6,327	150	76.5
Nebraska	9,674	236	78.7
New York	3,904	99	81.8
North Carolina	12,303	259	67.9
Ohio	26,153	604	74.5
Pennsylvania	21,965	526	77.3
South Carolina	4,185	94	72.5
Texas	18,375	407	71.5
Virginia	3,018	63	67.3
Washington	5,497	126	73.9
Other States	44,727	498	71.1
United States	335,060	7,547	72.6

UNITED STATES HOG AND PIGS

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on September 1, 2008 was 68.7 million head. This was up two percent from September 1, 2007, but down two percent from December 1, 2007 and one percent from June 1, 2008.

Breeding inventory, at 6.05 million head, was down three percent from last year, and down one percent from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 62.6 million head, was up three percent from last year, and two percent from last quarter.

The June-August 2008 pig crop, at 29.3 million head, was up one percent from 2007 and up ten percent from 2006. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 3.08 million head, down two percent from 2007 but up six percent from 2006. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 51 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 9.51 for the June-August 2008 period, compared to 9.29 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.80 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 9.60 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

U.S. hog producers intend to have 3.01 million sows farrow during the September-November 2008 quarter, down five percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2007, but up two percent from 2006. Intended farrowings for December 2008-February 2009, at 2.98 million sows, are down three percent from 2008 but up three percent from 2007. The total number of hogs under contract owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 43 percent of the total U. S. hog inventory, up from 40 percent last year.

HOGS AND PIGS: Inventory number, sows farrowing and pig crop, 2007-08, United States

	2007	2008	2008 as % of 2007
	<i>1,000 head</i>		
SEPTEMBER 1 INVENTORY:			
All hogs and pigs	67,279	68,657	102
Kept for breeding	6,209	6,049	97
Market	61,069	62,607	103
MARKET HOGS AND PIGS			
BY WEIGHT GROUPS:			
Under 60 pounds	22,650	22,573	100
60 – 119 pounds	15,262	15,428	101
120 - 179 pounds	12,531	13,295	106
180 pounds	10,627	11,312	106
SOWS FARROWING:			
December ^{1/} -February	2,905	3,071	106
March-May	3,033	3,092	102
December ^{1/} -May	5,938	6,163	104
June-August	3,132	3,076	98
September-November	3,180		
June-November	6,312		
PIG CROP:			
December ^{1/} -February	26,396	28,388	108
March-May	27,896		
June-August	29,094		
September-November	29,511		

^{1/} December preceeding year.

HATCHERY PRODUCTION

FLORIDA

The August hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 4,851,000, were eight percent below a year earlier. Broiler-type eggs in incubators on September 1, at 3,972,000, were three percent above a year ago.

UNITED STATES

Broiler-type chicks hatched during August 2008 totaled 800 million, down three percent from August 2007. Eggs in incubators totaled 639 million on September 1, 2008, down five percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 8.03 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during August 2008, up three percent from August 2007.

Egg-type chicks hatched during August 2008 totaled 36.3 million, down two percent from August 2007. Eggs in incubators totaled 36.3 million on September 1, 2008, up four percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 279,000 during August 2008, up slightly from August 2007.

HATCHERY PRODUCTION, UNITED STATES

Item	2007	2008	2008 as % of 2007
	<i>Thousands</i>		
EGG-TYPE:			
Eggs in incubators: Sep 1	34,771	36,320	104
Chicks hatched during Aug	36,930	36,301	98
Pullets hatched during Aug for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks	278	279	100
7-18 months earlier ^{1/}	2,915	2,927	100
BROILER-TYPE:			
Eggs in incubators Sep 1	669,099	638,539	95
Chicks hatched during Aug	826,599	799,625	97
Pullets hatched during Aug for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks	7,792	8,031	103
7-15 months earlier ^{2/}	64,870	66,490	102

^{1/}2008 includes pullet chicks hatched Feb 2007 through Jan 2008.

^{2/}2008 includes pullet chicks hatched May 2007 through Jan 2008.

MILK PRODUCTION

FLORIDA

Florida dairy farms produced 152 million pounds of milk during August 2008, one percent below the previous August. Production per cow in August of 1,265 pounds was four percent above August of last year. Milk cow numbers on Florida dairy farms in August totaled 120,000, five percent below last year.

UNITED STATES

Milk production in the 23 major States during August totaled 14.5 billion pounds, up 1.5 percent from August 2007. July revised production at 14.8 billion pounds, was up 1.8 percent from July 2007. The July revision represented an increase of 12 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,717 pounds for August, two pounds below August 2007.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.47 million head, 137,000 head more than August 2007, but 3,000 head less than July 2008.

MILK COWS AND PRODUCTION, FLORIDA AND U.S.

Month and year	Milk cows	Monthly milk production		
		Per cow	Monthly Total	
	<i>Thous.</i>	<i>Lbs.</i>	<i>Mil. Lbs.</i>	
FLORIDA:				
August 2007	126	1,215	153	
July 2008	121	1,375	166	
August 2008	120	1,265	152	
23 MAJOR STATES:				
August 2007	8,330	1,719	14,323	
July 2008	8,470	1,743	14,762	
August 2008	8,467	1,717	14,539	
UNITED STATES:				
August 2007	9,159	1,695	15,525	
July 2008	9,286	1,717	15,941	
August 2008	9,282	1,691	15,700	

MILK PRODUCTION BY QUARTERS, UNITED STATES

Month	Milk cows ^{1/}		Milk per cow ^{2/}		Milk Production	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	<i>Thousands</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Mil. Lbs.</i>	
Jan-Mar	9,138	9,249	5,040	5,140	46,058	47,541
Apr-Jun	9,138	9,274	5,189	5,250	47,419	48,684
Jul-Sep	9,159		5,034		46,110	
Oct-Dec	9,198		5,003		46,015	
Annual						
Total	9,158		20,267		185,602	

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

^{2/} Excludes milk fed to calves.

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

Commercial red meat output in Florida for August 2008 was 9.1 million pounds, 25 percent above the same month last year. Commercial production of red meat in the United States for August at 4.10 billion pounds was five percent below 2007.

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER AND RED MEAT PRODUCTION, FLORIDA AND UNITED STATES

Source and kind	August 2007	July 2008	August 2008	Year to date 2007	Year to date 2008
FLORIDA					
HOGS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	8	9	7	58	61
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	1,064	987	769	8,410	7,776
SHEEP AND LAMBS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	0.3	0.3	0.3	1.7	1.7
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	20	19	17	92	108
Red meat production (million pounds)	7.3	9.7	9.1	56.0	66.4
UNITED STATES					
CATTLE:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	3,132	3,064	2,911	23,018	23,300
Total liveweight (million pounds)	3,994	3,888	3,727	28,932	29,546
Average liveweight (pounds)	1,279	1,273	1,284	1,261	1,272
Beef production (million pounds)	2,451	2,373	2,269	17,593	17,911
CALVES:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	66	88	79	518	597
Total liveweight (million pounds)	17	21	19	161	156
Average liveweight (pounds)	268	243	245	314	265
Veal production (million pounds)	10	12	11	96	92
HOGS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	9,395	9,465	9,267	70,004	76,272
Total liveweight (million pounds)	2,471	2,480	2,415	18,740	21,305
Average liveweight (pounds)	263	262	261	268	268
Pork production (million pounds)	1,850	1,853	1,804	14,034	15,274
SHEEP AND LAMBS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	228	208	201	1,769	1,685
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	29	26	26	242	233
LAMB AND MUTTON:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	15	14	13	123	116
Red meat production (million pounds)	4,326	4,252	4,097	31,844	33,392