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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 10.4 million head on October 1, 2008. The inventory was five percent below October 1, 2007 and nine percent below October 1, 2006. The inventory included 6.51 million steers and steer calves, down five percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 63 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.85 million head, down five percent from 2007.

Placements in feedlots during September totaled 2.28 million, six percent below 2007 but two percent above 2006. Net placements were 2.23 million head. During September, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 445,000, 600-699 pounds were 415,000, 700-799 pounds were 541,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 880,000. Marketings of fed cattle during September totaled 1.81 million, seven percent above 2007 and three percent above 2006. Other disappearance totaled 51,000 head during September, six percent below 2007 and 25 percent below 2006.

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

Month and Year		Less than 600 lbs	600-699 lbs	700-799 lbs	800+ lbs	Total
<i>1,000 head</i>						
September	2007	610	505	565	735	2,415
August	2008	365	410	566	720	2,061
September	2008	445	415	541	880	2,281

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

State	Number on feed September 1		Placed during September 1		Marketed during September		Other disappearance during September		Number on feed October 1	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
<i>1,000 head</i>										
AZ	348	362	28	24	24	25	2	1	350	360
CA	530	505	60	55	47	53	3	2	540	505
CO	850	770	255	255	160	150	5	5	940	870
ID	205	180	48	57	41	41	2	1	210	195
IA	490	470	100	81	79	75	1	1	510	475
KS	2,140	2,090	540	485	355	400	15	15	2,310	2,160
NE	1,930	1,960	540	550	320	390	10	10	2,140	2,110
NM	131	167	17	27	13	20	2	1	133	173
OK	310	305	72	60	56	49	1	1	325	315
SD	175	165	43	56	37	44	1	2	180	175
TX	2,740	2,580	590	510	480	490	10	10	2,840	2,590
WA	148	138	36	44	29	24	1	1	154	157
Oth. Sts.	305	305	86	77	55	51	1	1	335	330
U.S.	10,302	9,997	2,415	2,281	1,696	1,812	54	51	10,967	10,415

CHICKENS AND EGGS

FLORIDA

Table egg production in Florida during September was 203 million eggs, down four percent from the previous month. Total egg production was 209 million eggs compared to 218 million eggs the previous month.

UNITED STATES

U.S. egg production totaled 7.34 billion during September 2008, down one percent from last year. Production included 6.28 billion table eggs, and 1.06 billion hatching eggs, of which 990 million were broiler-type and 65 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during September 2008 averaged 334 million, down two percent from last year. September egg production per 100 layers was 2,194 eggs, up one percent from September 2007.

All layers in the U.S. on October 1, 2008, totaled 333 million, down two percent from last year. The 333 million layers consisted of 277 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 53.2 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.90 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on October 1, 2008, averaged 73.4 eggs per 100 layers, up one percent from October 1, 2007.

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

Month	Cents per dozen	
	2007	2008
January	75.0	134.0
February	68.0	130.0
March	70.0	135.0
April	55.0	97.0
May	65.0	68.0
June	49.0	88.0
July	79.0	68.0
August	73.0	78.0
September	97.0	90.0
October	85.0	
November	100.0	
December	137.0	

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

	Oct. 2007	Aug. 2008	Sept. 2008	Oct. 2008
Total layers on hand: Thous.	10,752	9,826	9,930	9,834
Percent of layers: Being molted	5.0	7.5	6.5	6.5
Molt completed	33.0	31.0	29.0	32.0

**LAYERS AND EGG PRODUCTION, SEPTEMBER 2008, PRODUCTION YEAR-TO-DATE, EGG PRODUCTION
FOR SELECTED STATES AND UNITED 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	9,332	1,886	176	33	143	1,794	1.5	4.5
Arkansas	13,125	2,004	263	92	171	2,684	1.0	11.5
California	19,613	2,177	427			4,214	4.0	34.0
Florida	9,930	2,105	209	203	6	2,295	6.5	32.0
Georgia	18,178	2,002	364	199	165	3,861	2.5	12.0
Indiana	23,791	2,215	527	515	12	5,449	5.0	34.0
Iowa	53,214	2,208	1,175	1,159	16	11,985	4.0	34.5
Maine	3,678	2,202	81			1,866	0.0	0.0
Maryland	2,396	2,295	55	53	2	565	6.0	12.0
Michigan	9,241	2,402	222			2,197	3.5	21.5
Minnesota	9,726	2,313	225	217	8	2,304	2.5	23.5
Mississippi	6,171	1,993	123	35	88	1,255	2.0	10.5
Missouri	6,429	2,318	149			1,547	1.5	8.5
Nebraska	9,772	2,425	237	237	0	2,329	0.0	4.5
New York	3,997	2,452	98			965	1.0	5.0
North Carolina	12,060	2,015	243	114	129	2,568	0.0	12.0
Ohio	26,021	2,275	592			5,979	5.0	17.0
Pennsylvania	21,856	2,343	512	492	20	5,203	1.5	11.0
South Carolina	4,342	2,050	89	68	21	938	4.0	19.5
Texas	18,612	2,165	403			4,108	4.0	25.5
Virginia	2,968	1,988	59	29	30	622	6.5	13.5
Washington	5,641	2,269	128			1,262	5.0	27.0
Other States	44,281	2,156	482	359	130	5,499	3.4	23.6
United States	334,374	2,194	7,336	6,281	1,055	75,055	3.5	21.9

^{1/} Production year begins December 1.

HATCHERY PRODUCTION

FLORIDA

The September hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 4,627,000, were four percent below a year earlier. Broiler-type eggs in incubators on October 1, at 3,558,000, were 13 percent below a year ago.

UNITED STATES

Broiler-type chicks hatched during September 2008 totaled 757 million, down three percent from September 2007. Eggs in incubators totaled 606 million on October 1, 2008, down six percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 6.89 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during September 2008, down six percent from September 2007.

Egg-type chicks hatched during September 2008 totaled 36.4 million, up three percent from September 2007. Eggs in incubators totaled 35.5 million on October 1, 2008, up five percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 210 thousand during September 2008, down 30 percent from September 2007.

HATCHERY PRODUCTION, UNITED STATES

Item	2007	2008	2008 % of 2007
EGG-TYPE			
Eggs in incubators: Oct. 1	33,695	35,493	105
Chicks hatched during Sept.	35,327	36,428	103
Pullets hatched during Sept. for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks 7-18 months earlier ^{1/}	300	210	70
	2,880	3,042	106
BROILER-TYPE			
Eggs in incubators: Oct. 1	647,140	606,189	94
Chicks hatched during Sept.	782,152	756,565	97
Pullets hatched during Sept. for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks 7-15 months earlier ^{2/}	7,346	6,886	94
	64,410	65,943	102

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

^{2/}2008 includes pullet chicks hatched June 2007 through Feb 2008.

MILK PRODUCTION

FLORIDA

Florida dairy farms produced 140 million pounds of milk during September 2008, six percent below the previous September. Production per cow in September of 1,165 pounds was six percent below September of last year. Milk cow numbers on Florida dairy farms in September totaled 120,000, four percent below last year.

UNITED STATES

Milk production in the 23 major States during September totaled 14.0 billion pounds, up 1.9 percent from September 2007. August revised production at 14.6 billion pounds, was up 1.7 percent from August 2007. The August revision represented an increase of 24 million pounds or 0.2 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,652 pounds for September, seven pounds above September 2007.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.46 million head, 118,000 head more than September 2007, but 8,000 head less than August 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			
September 2007	125	1,150	144
August 2008	120	1,240	149
September 2008	120	1,165	140
23 MAJOR STATES			
September 2007	8,341	1,645	13,718
August 2008	8,467	1,720	14,563
September 2008	8,459	1,652	13,976
UNITED STATES			
September 2007	9,166	1,622	14,871
August 2008	9,279	1,698	15,754
September 2008	9,269	1,631	15,118

MILK PRODUCTION BY QUARTERS, UNITED STATES

Month	Milk cows ^{1/}		Milk per cow ^{2/}		Milk Production	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	<i>Thousand</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	5,249	47,419	48,683
Jul-Sep	9,159	9,277	5,034	5,049	46,110	46,841
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 production in Florida for September 2008 was 8.6 million pounds, 19 percent above the same month last year. Commercial production of red meat in the United States for September, at 4.27 billion pounds was 11 percent above 2007.

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER AND RED MEAT PRODUCTION, FLORIDA AND UNITED STATES

Source and kind	September 2007	August 2008	September 2008	Year to date 2007	Year to date 2008
FLORIDA					
HOGS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	9	7	5	67	66
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	1,060	769	622	9,470	8,398
SHEEP AND LAMBS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	0.3	0.3	0.5	2.0	2.2
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	22	17	25	114	133
Red meat production (million pounds)*	7.2	9.1	8.6	63.2	75.0
UNITED STATES					
CATTLE:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	2,665	2,911	2,889	25,683	26,189
Total liveweight (million pounds)	3,426	3,727	3,737	32,358	33,283
Average liveweight (pounds)	1,290	1,274	1,298	1,264	1,275
Beef production (million pounds)	2,095	2,269	2,270	19,688	20,181
CALVES:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	56	79	88	574	685
Total liveweight (million pounds)	16	19	22	177	178
Average liveweight (pounds)	284	245	251	311	263
Veal production (million pounds)	9	11	13	105	105
HOGS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	8,773	9,267	9,959	78,777	86,231
Total liveweight (million pounds)	2,334	2,415	2,643	21,074	23,948
Average liveweight (pounds)	266	261	266	268	267
Pork production (million pounds)	1,746	1,804	1,974	15,780	17,248
SHEEP AND LAMBS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	211	201	221	1,980	1,906
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	27	26	29	269	262
Lamb and Mutton	14	13	14	137	130
Red meat production (million pounds)	3,864	4,097	4,270	35,808	37,663

*Includes cattle and calf slaughter. Data not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.