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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 11.0 million head on November 1, 2008. The inventory was seven percent below November 1, 2007 and eight percent below November 1, 2006.

Placements in feedlots during October totaled 2.44 million, 11 percent below 2007 but slightly above 2006. Net placements were 2.37 million head. During October, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 700,000, 600-699 pounds were 615,000, 700-799 pounds were 543,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 580,000. Marketings of fed cattle during October totaled 1.81 million, three percent below 2007 but three percent above 2006. Other disappearance totaled 67,000 head during October, 43 percent above 2007 but 17 percent below 2006.

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

Month and Year		Less than 600 lbs	600-699 lbs	700-799 lbs	800+ lbs	Total
<i>1,000 head</i>						
October	2007	865	745	555	560	2,725
September	2008	445	415	541	880	2,281
October	2008	700	615	543	580	2,438

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

State	Number on feed October 1		Placed during October 1		Marketed during October		Other disappearance during October		Number on feed November 1	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
<i>1,000 head</i>										
AZ	350	360	39	31	27	28	2	1	360	362
CA	540	505	67	54	60	57	2	2	545	500
CO	940	870	260	245	165	150	5	5	1,030	960
ID	210	195	69	55	43	39	1	1	235	210
IA	510	475	120	104	79	93	1	1	550	485
KS	2,310	2,160	530	450	410	360	10	20	2,420	2,230
NE	2,140	2,110	620	590	350	375	10	15	2,400	2,310
NM	133	173	31	17	19	17	2	1	143	172
OK	325	315	74	75	63	68	1	2	335	320
SD	180	175	71	70	45	43	1	2	205	200
TX	2,840	2,590	700	630	530	495	10	15	3,000	2,710
WA	154	157	42	38	29	31	1	1	166	163
Oth. Sts.	335	330	102	79	56	58	1	1	380	350
U.S.	10,967	10,415	2,725	2,438	1,876	1,814	47	67	11,769	10,972

CHICKENS AND EGGS

FLORIDA

Table egg production in Florida during October was 217 million eggs, up seven percent from the previous month. Total egg production was 223 million eggs compared to 209 million eggs the previous month.

UNITED STATES

U.S. egg production totaled 7.61 billion during October 2008, down one percent from last year. Production included 6.54 billion table eggs, and 1.08 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.01 million were broiler-type and 69 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during October 2008 averaged 335 million, down two percent from last year. October egg production per 100 layers was 2,276 eggs, up one percent from October 2007.

All layers in the U.S. on November 1, 2008, totaled 336 million, down two percent from last year. The 336 million layers consisted of 280 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 53.3 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.84 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on November 1, 2008, averaged 73.4 eggs per 100 layers, up one percent from November 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	83.0
November	100.0	89.0
December	137.0	

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

	Nov. 2007	Sep. 2008	Oct. 2008	Nov. 2008
Total layers on hand: Thous.	10,813	9,930	10,005	10,176
Percent of layers: Being molted	2.5	6.5	6.5	4.0
Molt completed	38.5	29.0	32.0	37.5

**LAYERS AND EGG PRODUCTION, OCTOBER 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 Complete
	<i>Thousand</i>		<i>Millions</i>				<i>Percent</i>	
Alabama	9,312	1,944	181	34	147	1,975	1.5	5.5
Arkansas	12,854	2,069	266	92	174	2,950	1.0	9.5
California	19,446	2,232	434			4,648	2.0	35.5
Florida	10,005	2,229	223	217	6	2,518	4.0	37.5
Georgia	18,184	2,123	386	215	171	4,247	0.0	13.5
Indiana	23,802	2,281	543	530	13	5,992	3.5	35.0
Iowa	52,897	2,331	1,233	1,21	17	13,201	4.0	36.0
Maine	3,563	2,281	83			1,949	0.0	0.0
Maryland	2,292	2,269	52	50	2	617	6.5	11.0
Michigan	9,398	2,490	234			2,431	1.0	21.5
Minnesota	9,915	2,380	236	228	8	2,540	2.5	25.5
Mississippi	6,280	2,054	129	38	91	1,384	1.0	11.0
Missouri	6,591	2,276	150			1,697	3.0	8.0
Nebraska	9,570	2,445	234	234	0	2,563	0.0	3.5
New York	4,015	2,516	101			1,066	2.5	5.5
North Carolina	11,980	2,087	250	121	129	2,818	0.0	11.0
Ohio	26,567	2,326	618			6,597	4.0	17.0
Pennsylvania	21,747	2,451	533	513	20	5,736	1.0	13.0
South Carolina	4,367	2,107	92	69	23	1,038	0.0	20.0
Texas	18,851	2,297	433			4,541	0.5	28.0
Virginia	2,945	2,003	59	29	30	681	0.0	17.5
Washington	5,852	2,341	137			1,399	6.5	28.0
Other States	44,281	2,199	488	366	122	5,987	2.5	23.5
United States	334,560	2,276	7,613	6,53	1,075	82,668	2.3	22.9

^{1/} Production year begins December 1.

HATCHERY PRODUCTION

FLORIDA

The October hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 4,435,000, was 13 percent below a year earlier. Broiler-type eggs in incubators on November 1, at 3,558,000, were 13 percent below a year ago.

UNITED STATES

Broiler-type chicks hatched during October 2008 totaled 742 million, down seven percent from October 2007. Eggs in incubators totaled 585 million on November 1, 2008, down seven percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 6.84 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during October 2008, down two percent from October 2007.

Egg-type chicks hatched during October 2008 totaled 40.0 million, up ten percent from October 2007. Eggs in incubators totaled 34.4 million on November 1, 2008, down slightly from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 273,000 during October 2008, up 48 percent from October 2007.

HATCHERY PRODUCTION, UNITED STATES

Item	2007	2008	2008 % of 2007
EGG-TYPE			
Eggs in incubators: Nov. 1	34,466	34,424	100
Chicks hatched during Oct.	36,332	39,998	110
Pullets hatched during Oct. for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks 7-18 months earlier ^{1/}	184 2,935	273 2,971	148 106
BROILER-TYPE			
Eggs in incubators: Nov. 1	632,225	585,025	93
Chicks hatched during Oct.	794,846	742,121	93
Pullets hatched during Oct. for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks 7-15 months earlier ^{2/}	6,970 63,909	6,839 65,234	98 102

^{1/}2008 includes pullet chicks hatched April 2007 through March 2008.

^{2/}2008 includes pullet chicks hatched July 2007 through March 2008.

MILK PRODUCTION

FLORIDA

Florida dairy farms produced 143 million pounds of milk during October 2008, two percent above the previous October. Production per cow in October of 1,200 pounds was seven percent above October of last year. Milk cow numbers on Florida dairy farms in October totaled 119,000, five percent below last year.

UNITED STATES

Milk production in the 23 major States during October totaled 14.4 billion pounds, up 1.5 percent from October 2007. September revised production at 14.0 billion pounds, was up 1.8 percent from September 2007. The September revision represented a decrease of 13 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,700 pounds for October, three pounds above October 2007.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.46 million head, 105,000 head more than October 2007, and 1,000 head more than September 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			
October 2007	125	1,120	140
September 2008	120	1,160	139
October 2008	119	1,200	143
23 MAJOR STATES			
October 2007	8,355	1,697	14,176
September 2008	8,459	1,651	13,963
October 2008	8,460	1,700	14,382
UNITED STATES			
October 2007	9,181	1,674	15,370
September 2008	9,269	1,630	15,105
October 2008	9,269	1,679	15,560

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	5,249	47,419	48,683
Jul-Sep	9,159	9,277	5,034	5,048	46,110	46,828
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 October 2008 was 9.3 million pounds, 13 percent above the same month last year. Commercial production of red meat in the United States for October, at 4.53 billion pounds was two percent below 2007.

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER AND RED MEAT PRODUCTION, FLORIDA AND UNITED STATES

Source and kind	October 2007	September 2008	October 2008	Year to date	Year to date 2008
FLORIDA					
HOGS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	9	5	6	76	72
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	1,173	622	936	10,643	9,334
SHEEP AND LAMBS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	0.2	0.5	0.3	2.2	2.5
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	17	17	15	131	148
Red meat production (million pounds)*	8.2	8.6	9.3	71.4	84.3
UNITED STATES					
CATTLE:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	3,102	2,889	2,991	28,786	29,179
Total liveweight (million pounds)	4,018	3,727	3,884	36,376	37,167
Average liveweight (pounds)	1,300	1,298	1,303	1,268	1,278
Beef production (million pounds)	2,443	2,270	2,342	22,130	22,522
CALVES:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	65	88	96	638	782
Total liveweight (million pounds)	19	22	23	288	244
Average liveweight (pounds)	288	251	244	308	261
Veal production (million pounds)	11	13	14	117	119
HOGS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	10,657	**9,970	10,751	89,432	96,992
Total liveweight (million pounds)	2,871	2,643	2,894	23,945	26,842
Average liveweight (pounds)	270	266	269	268	268
Pork production (million pounds)	2,145	**1,976	2,161	17,925	19,410
SHEEP AND LAMBS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	248	221	225	2,228	2,131
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	33	29	30	302	292
Lamb and Mutton	16	14	15	152	146
Red meat production (million pounds)	4,616	**4,273	4,531	40,324	42,196

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

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