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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 11.3 million head on December 1, 2008. The inventory was six percent below December 1, 2007 and five percent below December 1, 2006.

Placements in feedlots during November totaled 2.02 million, five percent below 2007 but seven percent above 2006. Net placements were 1.95 million head. During November, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 565,000, 600-699 pounds were 630,000, 700-799 pounds were 450,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 370,000. Marketings of fed cattle during November totaled 1.58 million, nine percent below 2007 and 12 percent below 2006. This is the second lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of November since the series began in 1996. Other disappearance totaled 67,000 during November, 18 percent above 2007 and 19 percent below 2006.

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

Month		Less than 600 lbs	600-699 lbs	700-799 lbs	800+ lbs	Total
<i>1,000 head</i>						
November	2007	685	660	420	360	2,125
October	2008	700	615	543	580	2,438
November	2008	565	630	450	370	2,015

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	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
<i>1,000 head</i>										
AZ	360	362	37	26	27	28	3	1	367	359
CA	555	500	73	48	61	50	2	3	555	495
CO	1,030	960	190	185	145	130	5	5	1,070	1,010
ID	235	210	48	65	42	49	1	1	240	225
IA	550	485	96	92	75	75	1	2	570	500
KS	2,420	2,230	450	405	355	310	15	15	2,500	2,310
NE	2,520	2,310	485	440	355	355	10	15	2,520	2,380
NM	149	172	31	20	23	23	2	2	149	167
OK	335	320	62	69	50	52	2	2	345	335
SD	205	200	50	57	38	35	2	2	215	220
TX	3,000	2,710	510	510	490	395	10	15	3,010	2,810
WA	166	163	31	36	27	29	2	1	168	169
Oth. Sts.	380	350	62	62	50	44	2	3	390	365
U.S.	12,099	10,972	2,125	2,015	1,738	1,575	57	67	12,099	11,345

CHICKENS AND EGGS

FLORIDA

Table egg production in Florida during November was 225 million eggs, four percent above the previous month. Total egg production was 231 million eggs compared to 223 million eggs the previous month.

UNITED STATES

U.S. egg production totaled 7.51 billion during November 2008, down slightly from last year. Production included 6.47 billion table eggs, and 1.04 billion hatching eggs, of which 970 million were broiler-type and 71 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during November 2008 averaged 339 million, down two percent from last year. November egg production per 100 layers was 2,217 eggs, up one percent from November 2007.

All layers in the U.S. on December 1, 2008, totaled 341 million, down one percent from last year. The 341 million layers consisted of 285 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 52.4 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 3.03 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on December 1, 2008, averaged 74.2 eggs per 100 layers, up one percent from December 1, 2007.

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

Selected States	Avg. layers on hand	Egg production	Rate of lay
	<i>Thousands</i>	<i>Millions</i>	
Alabama	9,370	177	63.0
Arkansas	12,740	250	65.4
California	20,534	451	73.2
Florida	10,272	231	75.0
Georgia	18,263	382	69.4
Indiana	23,968	531	75.5
Iowa	53,170	1,203	71.7
Maine	3,615	79	71.2
Maryland	2,360	50	72.3
Michigan	9,640	231	82.6
Minnesota	10,016	236	76.4
Mississippi	6,222	127	66.1
Missouri	6,728	147	71.5
Nebraska	9,601	222	77.0
New York	4,168	101	79.9
North Carolina	12,360	256	67.9
Ohio	27,090	606	73.2
Pennsylvania	21,935	522	80.1
South Carolina	4,415	93	70.9
Texas	18,840	426	75.2
Virginia	2,909	59	68.1
Washington	5,874	134	74.4
Other States	44,281	490	74.5
United States	338,926	7,513	73.0

HOGS AND PIGS

Florida inventory of all hogs and pigs was estimated at 20,000 head on December 1, 2008, unchanged from a year earlier. Breeding inventory at 5,000 head remained the same as last year's total. Market hog inventory of 15,000 head was unchanged from the previous year. The pig crop for December 2007 through November 2008 totaled 56,000 unchanged from the previous year.

UNITED STATES HOG AND PIGS

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2008 was 66.7 million head. This was down two percent from both December 1, 2007 and September 1, 2008.

Breeding inventory, at 6.08 million head, was down two percent from last year, but up slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 60.6 million head, was down two percent from both last year and last quarter.

The September-November 2008 pig crop, at 28.4 million head, was down four percent from 2007 but up six percent from 2006. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.99 million head, down six percent from 2007 but up one percent from 2006. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 49 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 9.50 for the September-November 2008 period, compared to 9.28 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.50 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 9.60 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

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

Item	2007	2008	2008 as % of 2007
	<i>1,000 head</i>		
DECEMBER 1 INVENTORY:			
All hogs and pigs	68,177	66,708	98
Kept for breeding	6,233	6,081	98
Market	61,944	60,627	98
MARKET HOGS AND PIGS			
BY WEIGHT GROUPS:			
Under 60 pounds	22,545	21,297	94
60 - 119 pounds	15,173	15,096	99
120 - 179 pounds	12,658	12,716	100
180 pounds	11,569	11,518	100
SOWS FARROWING:			
December ^{1/} -February	2,905	3,071	106
March-May	3,030	3,055	101
December ^{1/} -May	5,935	6,126	103
June-August	3,133	3,075	98
September-November	3,180	2,990	94
June-November	6,312	6,065	96
PIG CROP:			
December ^{1/} -February	26,395	28,387	108
March-May	27,870	28,657	103
June-August	29,095	29,250	101
September-November	29,513	28,410	96

^{1/} December preceeding year.

HATCHERY PRODUCTION

FLORIDA

The November hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 4,389,000, was ten percent below a year earlier. Broiler-type eggs in incubators on December 1, at 3,827,000, were six percent above a year ago.

UNITED STATES

Broiler-type chicks hatched during November 2008 totaled 706 million, down seven percent from November 2007. Eggs in incubators totaled 629 million on December 1, 2008, down seven percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 7.22 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during November 2008, down five percent from November 2007.

Egg-type chicks hatched during November 2008 totaled 36.6 million, up one percent from November 2007. Eggs in incubators totaled 34.8 million on December 1, 2008, down three percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 317,000 during November 2008, up 13 percent from November 2007.

HATCHERY PRODUCTION, UNITED STATES

Item	2007	2008	2008 as % of 2007
EGG-TYPE:			
Eggs in incubators: Dec 1	35,753	34,820	97
Chicks hatched during Nov	36,232	36,607	101
Pullets hatched during Nov for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks	281	317	113
7-18 months earlier ^{1/}	2,955	2,961	100
BROILER-TYPE:			
Eggs in incubators Dec 1	677,856	629,093	93
Chicks hatched during Nov	760,033	705,587	93
Pullets hatched during Nov for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks	7,606	7,221	95
7-15 months earlier ^{2/}	64,145	65,467	102

^{1/}2008 includes pullet chicks hatched May 2007 through Apr 2008.

^{2/}2008 includes pullet chicks hatched Aug 2007 through Apr 2008.

MILK PRODUCTION

FLORIDA

Florida dairy farms produced 155 million pounds of milk during November 2008, three percent above the previous November. Production per cow in November of 1,300 pounds was eight percent above November of last year. Milk cow numbers on Florida dairy farms in November totaled 119,000, five percent below last year.

UNITED STATES

Milk production in the 23 major States during November totaled 14.0 billion pounds, up 1.4 percent from November 2007. October revised production at 14.4 billion pounds, was up 1.6 percent from October 2007. The October revision represented an increase of 6 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,657 pounds for November, three pounds below November 2007.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.47 million head, 99,000 head more than November 2007, but 6,000 head more than October 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:			
November 2007	125	1,200	150
October 2008	119	1,230	146
November 2008	119	1,300	155
23 MAJOR STATES:			
November 2007	8,369	1,654	13,843
October 2008	8,462	1,701	14,398
November 2008	8,468	1,657	14,032
UNITED STATES:			
November 2007	9,196	1,633	15,013
October 2008	9,271	1,680	15,575
November 2008	9,276	1,637	15,182

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 output in Florida for November 2008 was 7.6 million pounds, seven percent below the same month last year. Commercial production of red meat in the United States for November at 3.87 billion pounds was ten percent below 2007.

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER AND RED MEAT PRODUCTION, FLORIDA AND UNITED STATES

Source and kind	November 2007	October 2008	November 2008	Year to date 2007	Year to date 2008
FLORIDA					
HOGS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	8	6	6	82	80
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	1,137	936	856	11,780	10,190
SHEEP AND LAMBS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	0.1	0.3	0.3	2.3	2.8
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	11	15	16	142	164
Red meat production (million pounds)*	8.2	9.3	7.6	79.6	91.9
UNITED STATES					
CATTLE:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	2,831	2,991	2,519	31,617	31,698
Total liveweight (million pounds)	3,677	3,884	3,268	40,053	40,435
Average liveweight (pounds)	1,304	1,303	1,302	1,271	1,280
Beef production (million pounds)	2,229	2,342	1,961	24,359	24,483
CALVES:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	59	96	81	697	863
Total liveweight (million pounds)	17	23	19	305	263
Average liveweight (pounds)	291	244	240	307	259
Veal production (million pounds)	10	14	11	127	130
HOGS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	10,049	**10,747	9,325	99,481	106,317
Total liveweight (million pounds)	2,735	2,894	2,525	26,680	29,367
Average liveweight (pounds)	272	269	271	268	268
Pork production (million pounds)	2,045	**2,160	1,887	19,970	21,297
SHEEP AND LAMBS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	237	225	194	2,465	2,325
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	32	30	26	334	318
LAMB AND MUTTON:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	16	15	13	168	159
Red meat production (million pounds)	4,300	4,531	3,872	44,624	46,068

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

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