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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 11.2 million head on January 1, 2009. The inventory was seven percent below January 1, 2008 and six percent below January 1, 2007. The inventory included 7.07 million steers and steer calves, down eight percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 63 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.10 million head, down six percent from 2008.

Placements in feedlots during December totaled 1.65 million, three percent below 2007 and four percent below 2006. Net placements were 1.57 million head. During December, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 425,000, 600-699 pounds were 490,000, 700-799 pounds were 407,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 325,000. Marketings of fed cattle during December totaled 1.68 million, two percent above 2007 and four percent above 2006. Other disappearance totaled 76,000 head during December, 31 percent above 2007 but 14 percent below 2006.

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

Month and Year		Less than 600 lbs	600-699 lbs	700-799 lbs	800+ lbs	Total
<i>1,000 head</i>						
December	2007	480	505	420	296	1,701
November	2008	565	630	*451	370	*2,016
December	2008	425	490	407	325	1,647

*Revised

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

State	Number on feed December 1		Placed during December 1		Marketed during December		Other disappearance during December		Number on feed January 1	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2008	2009
<i>1,000 head</i>										
AZ	367	359	26	29	24	29	1	1	368	358
CA	555	495	67	59	60	60	2	4	560	490
CO	1,070	1,010	170	150	135	155	5	5	1,100	1,000
ID	240	225	39	36	42	39	2	2	235	220
IA	570	500	71	66	69	64	2	2	570	500
KS	2,500	2,310	385	380	390	405	15	15	2,480	2,270
NE	2,520	2,380	355	345	335	340	10	15	2,530	2,370
NM	149	*168	26	16	13	18	2	2	160	164
OK	345	335	44	49	37	46	2	3	350	335
SD	215	220	50	38	33	37	2	1	230	220
TX	3,010	2,810	380	405	420	405	10	20	2,960	2,790
WA	168	169	25	28	28	38	1	2	164	157
Oth. Sts.	390	365	63	46	59	47	4	4	390	360
U.S.	12,099	*11,346	1,701	1,647	1,645	1,683	58	76	12,097	11,234

*Revised

235 million eggs, four percent above the previous month. Total egg production was 241 million eggs compared to 218 million eggs the previous month.

UNITED STATES

U.S. egg production totaled 7.78 billion during December 2008, down slightly from last year. Production included 6.71 billion table eggs, and 1.07 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.00 million were broiler-type and 67 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during December 2008 averaged 341 million, down one percent from last year. December egg production per 100 layers was 2,281 eggs, up one percent from December 2007.

All layers in the U.S. on January 1, 2009, totaled 341 million, down one percent from last year. The 341 million layers consisted of 285 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 53.6 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.81 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on January 1, 2009, averaged 72.9 eggs per 100 layers, up one percent from January 1, 2008.

	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	85.0

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

	Jan. 2008	Nov. 2008	Dec. 2008	Jan. 2009
Total layers on hand: Thous.	10,970	10,176	10,914	10,293
Percent of layers: Being molted	3.0	4.0	1.5	4.5
Molt completed	35.0	37.5	39.5	37.5

LAYERS AND EGG PRODUCTION, DECEMBER 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	9,392	1,948	183	34	149	183	0.5	6.5
Arkansas	13,045	1,993	260	89	171	260	1.5	7.5
California	20,060	2,273	456			456	2.5	33.5
Florida	10,330	2,333	241	235	6	241	4.5	37.5
Georgia	18,439	2,131	393	225	168	393	1.0	10.5
Indiana	24,271	2,307	560	547	13	560	3.5	34.5
Iowa	53,470	2,287	1,223	1,209	14	1,223	3.5	29.0
Maine	3,584	2,204	79			79	0.0	0.0
Maryland	2,328	2,191	51	49	2	51	10.0	5.0
Michigan	9,644	2,457	237			237	8.0	22.0
Minnesota	10,041	2,330	234	225	9	234	2.0	26.5
Mississippi	6,045	2,068	125	39	86	125	2.0	10.0
Missouri	6,903	2,301	163			163	3.0	6.0
Nebraska	9,760	2,398	234	234	0	234	0.0	3.5
New York	4,145	2,485	103			103	1.0	5.5
North Carolina	12,540	2,111	265	132	133	265	2.0	11.0
Ohio	27,556	2,384	657			657	2.5	17.5
Pennsylvania	21,997	2,450	539	522	17	539	3.0	10.5
South Carolina	4,420	2,195	97	74	23	97	3.0	15.5
Texas	18,506	2,286	423			423	3.5	19.0
Virginia	2,996	2,136	64	35	29	64	0.0	16.5

The December hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 4,698,000, was six percent below a year earlier. Broiler-type eggs in incubators on January 1, at 3,073,000, was 24 percent below a year ago.

UNITED STATES

Broiler-type chicks hatched during December 2008 totaled 779 million, down five percent from December 2007. Eggs in incubators totaled 630 million on January 1, 2009, down seven percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 6.58 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during December 2008, down nine percent from December 2007.

Egg-type chicks hatched during December 2008 totaled 36.4 million, up one percent from December 2007. Eggs in incubators totaled 36.7 million on January 1, 2009, up two percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 199,000 during December 2008, down 19 percent from December 2007.

HATCHERY PRODUCTION, UNITED STATES

Item	2008	2009	2009 % of 2008
EGG-TYPE			
Eggs in incubators: Jan. 1	35,828	36,665	102
Chicks hatched during Dec.	35,866	36,393	101
Pullets hatched during Dec. for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks 7-18 months earlier ^{1/}	245 2,905	199 2,997	81 103
BROILER-TYPE			
Eggs in incubators: Jan. 1	677,028	630,209	93
Chicks hatched during Dec.	821,281	779,160	95
Pullets hatched during Dec. for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks 7-15 months earlier ^{2/}	7,248 64,597	6,,580 65,892	91 102

^{1/}2009 includes pullet chicks hatched June 2007 through May 2008.

^{2/}2009 includes pullet chicks hatched Sep 2007 through May 2008.

Florida dairy farms produced 176 million pounds of milk during December 2008, four percent above the previous December. Production per cow in December of 1,490 pounds was ten percent above December of last year. Milk cow numbers on Florida dairy farms in December totaled 118,000, five percent below last year.

UNITED STATES

Milk production in the 23 major States during December totaled 14.6 billion pounds, up 1.5 percent from December 2007. November revised production at 14.0 billion pounds, was up 1.3 percent from November 2007. The November revision represented a decrease of 11 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,726 pounds for December, eight pounds above December 2007.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.48 million head, 90,000 head more than December 2007, and 7,000 head more than November 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			
December 2007	124	1,360	169
November 2008	119	1,320	157
December 2008	118	1,490	176
23 MAJOR STATES			
December 2007	8,389	1,718	14,414
November 2008	8,472	1,655	14,021
December 2008	8,479	1,726	14,633
UNITED STATES			
December 2007	9,217	1,696	15,632
November 2008	9,284	1,636	15,191
December 2008	9,292	1,706	15,854

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	9,278	5,034	5,048	46,110	46,835
Oct-Dec	9,198	9,283	5,003	5,024	46,015	46,640

Commercial red meat production in Florida for December 2008 was 7.7 million pounds, seven percent above the same month last year. Commercial production of red meat in the United States for December, at 4.16 billion pounds was two percent above 2007.

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER AND RED MEAT PRODUCTION, FLORIDA AND UNITED STATES

Source and kind	December 2007	November 2008	December 2008	Year to date 2007	Year to date 2008
FLORIDA					
HOGS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	7	6	10	89	90
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	1,014	856	967	12,794	11,157
SHEEP AND LAMBS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	0.1	0.3	0.3	2.4	3.1
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	6	16	19	148	183
Red meat production (million pounds)*	7.2	7.6	7.7	86.8	99.6
UNITED STATES					
CATTLE:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	2,648	2,519	2,617	34,265	34,370
Total liveweight (million pounds)	3,434	3,268	3,468	43,487	43,903
Average liveweight (pounds)	1,302	1,302	1,303	1,273	1,282
Beef production (million pounds)	2,061	1,961	2,082	26,420	26,565
CALVES:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	61	81	94	758	957
Total liveweight (million pounds)	17	19	23	322	286
Average liveweight (pounds)	288	240	245	305	257
Veal production (million pounds)	10	11	13	137	143
HOGS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	9,690	9,325	10,145	109,171	116,462
Total liveweight (million pounds)	2,633	2,525	2,739	29,313	32,106
Average liveweight (pounds)	272	271	270	269	268
Pork production (million pounds)	1,973	1,887	2,052	21,943	23,349
SHEEP AND LAMBS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	229	194	231	2,694	2,556
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	31	26	31	365	349
Lamb and Mutton	15	13	15	183	174
Red meat production (million pounds)	4,060	3,872	4,163	48,684	50,231

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