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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 March 1, 2009. The inventory was five percent below March 1, 2008.

Placements in feedlots during February totaled 1.68 million, three percent below 2008. Net placements were 1.62 million head. During February, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 320,000, 600-699 pounds were 385,000, 700-799 pounds were 538,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 435,000. Marketings of fed cattle during February totaled 1.68 million, five percent below 2008. Other disappearance totaled 56,000 during February, seven percent below 2008. This is the lowest other disappearance for the month of February since the series began in 1996.

CATTLE ON FEED: U.S. Cattle Placed on Feed, by Weight Groups, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, February 2008, January and February 2009

Month		Less than 600 lbs	600-699 lbs	700-799 lbs	800+ lbs	Total
<i>1,000 head</i>						
February	2008	330	385	533	475	1,723
January	2009	380	505	553	420	1,858
February	2009	320	385	538	435	1,678

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

State	Number on feed February 1		Placed during February 1		Marketed during February		Other disappearance during February		Number on feed March 1	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
<i>1,000 head</i>										
AZ	373	349	36	26	30	32	2	1	377	342
CA	555	480	60	36	63	54	7	2	545	460
CO	1,090	1,020	155	190	190	165	5	5	1,050	1,040
ID	235	215	39	38	38	37	1	1	235	215
IA	570	520	62	62	69	61	3	1	560	520
KS	2,430	2,260	390	420	400	375	10	15	2,410	2,290
NE	2,510	2,400	350	310	360	370	10	10	2,490	2,330
NM	160	158	15	9	14	18	1	1	160	148
OK	355	330	45	51	48	49	2	2	350	330
SD	230	225	47	43	40	39	2	4	235	225
TX	2,930	2,810	440	430	440	410	10	10	2,920	2,820
WA	153	151	30	28	30	25	2	1	151	153
Oth. Sts.	375	370	54	35	54	47	5	3	370	355
U.S.	11,966	11,288	1,723	1,678	1,776	1,682	60	56	11,853	11,228

CHICKENS AND EGGS

FLORIDA

Table egg production in Florida during February was 190 million eggs, 16 percent below the previous month. Total egg production was 195 million eggs compared to 230 million eggs the previous month.

UNITED STATES

U.S. egg production totaled 6.89 billion during February 2009, down three percent from last year. Production included 5.91 billion table eggs, and 985 million hatching eggs, of which 917 million were broiler-type and 68 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during February 2009 averaged 341 million, down one percent from last year. February egg production per 100 layers was 2,023 eggs, down two percent from February 2008.

All layers in the U.S. on March 1, 2009, totaled 341 million, down one percent from last year. The 341 million layers consisted of 283 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 54.3 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 3.07 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on March 1, 2009, averaged 72.3 eggs per 100 layers, up slightly from March 1, 2008.

LAYERS AND EGGS: Selected States and U.S., February 2009

Selected States	Avg. layers on hand	Egg production	Rate of lay
	<i>Thousands</i>	<i>Millions</i>	
Alabama	9,332	161	61.6
Arkansas	12,863	227	63.0
California	19,770	400	72.3
Florida	9,948	195	70.0
Georgia	18,214	347	68.0
Indiana	24,399	495	72.5
Iowa	53,839	1,104	73.3
Maine	3,667	70	68.2
Maryland	2,188	42	68.6
Michigan	9,610	213	79.1
Minnesota	10,176	215	75.5
Mississippi	5,967	112	67.0
Missouri	7,176	153	76.1
Nebraska	9,673	209	77.2
New York	4,103	91	79.2
North Carolina	12,454	243	69.2
Ohio	27,300	551	72.1
Pennsylvania	22,648	494	77.9
South Carolina	4,389	87	70.8
Texas	18,520	372	71.8
Virginia	2,942	53	64.3
Washington	6,129	129	75.2
Other States	45,445	461	70.3
United States	340,742	6,893	72.3

HOGS AND PIGS

UNITED STATES HOG AND PIGS

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 2009 was 65.4 million head. This was down three percent from March 1, 2008 and down two percent from December 1, 2008.

Breeding inventory, at 6.01 million head, was down three percent from last year and down one percent from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 59.4 million head, was down three percent from last year and down two percent from last quarter.

The December 2008-February 2009 pig crop, at 28.2 million head, was down one percent from 2008 but up seven percent from 2007. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.98 million head, down three percent from 2008 but up three percent from 2007. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 50 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 9.48 for the December 2008-February 2009 period, compared to 9.24 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.30 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 9.50 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

U.S. hog producers intend to have 2.96 million sows farrow during the March-May 2009 quarter, down three percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2008 and down two percent from 2007. Intended farrowings for June-August 2009, at 2.95 million sows, are down four percent from 2008 and down six percent from 2007. The total number of hogs under contract owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 45 percent of the total U.S. hog inventory, up from 40 percent last year.

HOGS AND PIGS: Inventory number, sows farrowing and pig crop, 2008-09, United States

Item	2008	2009	2009 as % of 2008
	<i>1,000 head</i>		
MARCH 1 INVENTORY:			
All hogs and pigs	67,218	65,389	97
Kept for breeding	6,200	6,011	97
Market	61,018	59,378	97
MARKET HOGS AND PIGS			
BY WEIGHT GROUPS:			
Under 60 pounds	22,137	21,458	97
60 - 119 pounds	14,490	14,126	97
120 - 179 pounds	13,193	12,862	97
180 pounds	11,199	10,932	98
SOWS FARROWING:			
December ^{1/} -February	3,071	2,978	97
March-May	3,052	2,962	97
December ^{1/} -May	6,123	5,940	97
June-August	3,075	2,952	96
September-November	2,990		
June-November	6,065		
PIG CROP:			
December ^{1/} -February	28,387	28,230	99
March-May	28,630		
June-August	29,240		
September-November	28,410		

^{1/} December preceeding year.

HATCHERY PRODUCTION

FLORIDA

The February hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 3,398,000, was 29 percent below a year earlier. Broiler-type eggs in incubators on March 1, at 3,022,000, was 27 percent below a year ago.

UNITED STATES

Broiler-type chicks hatched during February 2009 totaled 701 million, down nine percent from February 2008. Eggs in incubators totaled 634 million on March 1, 2009, down seven percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 7.22 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during February 2009, down four percent from February 2008.

Egg-type chicks hatched during February 2009 totaled 36.9 million, down two percent from February 2008. Eggs in incubators totaled 37.2 million on March 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 256,000 during February 2009, down nine percent from February 2008.

HATCHERY PRODUCTION, UNITED STATES

Item	2007	2008	2008 as % of 2007
	<i>Thousands</i>		
EGG-TYPE:			
Eggs in incubators: Mar 1	36,531	37,166	107
Chicks hatched during Feb	37,549	36,861	98
Pullets hatched during Feb for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks 7-18 months earlier ^{1/}	280	256	91
	2,871	2,989	104
BROILER-TYPE:			
Eggs in incubators Mar 1	679,081	634,244	93
Chicks hatched during Feb	771,197	700,913	91
Pullets hatched during Feb for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks 7-15 months earlier ^{2/}	7,536	7,215	96
	65,223	65,867	101

^{1/}2008 includes pullet chicks hatched Aug 2007 through July 2008.

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

MILK PRODUCTION

FLORIDA

Florida dairy farms produced 196 million pounds of milk during February 2009, seven percent above the previous February. Production per cow in February of 1,590 pounds was four percent above February of last year. Milk cow numbers on Florida dairy farms in February totaled 117,000, two percent below last year.

UNITED STATES

Milk production in the 23 major States during February totaled 13.7 billion pounds, down 2.5 percent from February 2008. January revised production at 14.9 billion pounds, was up 1.1 percent from January 2008. The January revision represented an increase of 52 million pounds or 0.4 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,608 pounds for February, 48 pounds below February 2008.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.49 million head, 31,000 head more than February 2008, but 16,000 head less than January 2009.

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:			
February 2008	120	1,530	184
January 2009	118	1,660	191
February 2009	117	1,590	196
23 MAJOR STATES:			
February 2008	8,457	1,656	14,907
January 2009	8,504	1,753	14,907
February 2009	8,488	1,608	13,650
UNITED STATES:			
February 2008	9,287	1,634	15,176
January 2009	9,316	1,729	16,105
February 2009	9,298	1,586	14,745

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	9,286	5,040	5,127	46,058	47,610
Apr-Jun	9,138	9,315	5,189	5,236	47,419	48,774
Jul-Sep	9,159	9,330	5,034	5,025	46,110	46,881
Oct-Dec	9,198	9,330	5,003	5,008	46,015	46,727
Annual						
Total	9,158	9,315	20,267	20,396	185,602	189,992

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

^{2/} Excludes milk fed to calves.

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

Commercial red meat output in Florida for February 2009 was 7.4 million pounds, ten percent above the same month last year. Commercial production of red meat in the United States for February at 3.83 billion pounds was four percent below 2008.

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER AND RED MEAT PRODUCTION, FLORIDA AND UNITED STATES

Source and kind	February 2008	January 2009	February 2009	Year to date 2008	Year to date 2009
FLORIDA					
HOGS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	8	4	5	16	9
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	1,009	729	805	2,112	1,534
SHEEP AND LAMBS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.5
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	6	14	12	13	26
Red meat production (million pounds)*	6.7	8.3	7.4	14.9	15.7
UNITED STATES					
CATTLE:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	2,643	2,718	2,727	5,541	5,445
Total liveweight (million pounds)	3,383	3,538	3,299	7,111	6,837
Average liveweight (pounds)	1,285	1,306	1,310	1,285	1,310
Beef production (million pounds)	2,039	2,118	1,985	4,271	4,103
CALVES:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	69	85	74	141	159
Total liveweight (million pounds)	19	20	19	38	39
Average liveweight (pounds)	272	245	257	272	257
Veal production (million pounds)	11	12	11	22	23
HOGS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	9,377	9,922	8,913	19,934	28,847
Total liveweight (million pounds)	2,535	2,697	2,419	5,410	5,116
Average liveweight (pounds)	271	272	272	271	272
Pork production (million pounds)	1,903	2,026	1,816	4,061	3,842
SHEEP AND LAMBS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	212	190	180	425	369
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	30	27	26	60	57
LAMB AND MUTTON:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	15	13	26	30	39
Red meat production (million pounds)	3,967	4,170	3,825	8,383	7,995

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