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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 10.8 million head on May 1, 2009. The inventory was three percent below May 1, 2008.

Placements in feedlots during April totaled 1.60 million, four percent above 2008. Net placements were 1.53 million head. During April, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 355,000, 600-699 pounds were 315,000, 700-799 pounds were 405,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 525,000. Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 1.87 million, seven percent below 2008. Other disappearance totaled 69,000 head during April, eight percent below 2008. This is the second lowest other disappearance for the month of April since the series began in 1996.

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

Month and Year		Less than 600 lbs	600-699 lbs	700-799 lbs	800+ lbs	Total
<i>1,000 head</i>						
April	2008	315	278	428	515	1,536
March	2009	*305	340	*593	570	*1,808
April	2009	355	315	405	525	1,600

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

State	Number on feed April 1		Placed during April 1		Marketed during April		Other disappearance during April		Number on feed May 1	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
<i>1,000 head</i>										
AZ	374	330	34	21	37	38	1	2	370	311
CA	530	445	64	68	70	61	4	2	520	450
CO	1,020	1,040	115	150	165	165	20	15	950	1,010
ID	230	210	28	30	32	29	1	1	225	210
IA	550	*530	59	79	77	68	2	1	530	540
KS	2,420	2,280	360	330	470	410	20	20	2,290	2,180
NE	2,450	2,320	340	350	400	395	10	5	2,380	2,270
NM	158	137	9	11	16	25	1	3	150	120
OK	340	330	40	52	74	66	1	1	305	315
SD	225	225	33	39	37	33	1	1	220	230
TX	2,880	2,810	360	395	540	510	10	15	2,690	2,680
WA	152	160	33	26	29	24	1	1	155	161
Oth. Sts.	355	345	61	49	63	47	3	2	350	345
U.S.	11,684	*11,162	1,536	1,600	2,010	1,871	75	69	11,135	10,822

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CHICKENS AND EGGS

FLORIDA

Table egg production in Florida during April was 215 million eggs, the same as the previous month. Total egg production at 222 million eggs were unchanged from the previous month.

UNITED STATES

U.S. egg production totaled 7.46 billion during April 2009, up one percent from last year. Production included 6.41 billion table eggs, and 1.05 billion hatching eggs, of which 980 million were broiler-type and 71 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during April 2009 averaged 340 million, down slightly from last year. April egg production per 100 layers was 2,196 eggs, up two percent from April 2008.

All layers in the U.S. on May 1, 2009, totaled 339 million, down slightly from last year. The 339 million layers consisted of 282 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 53.9 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 3.01 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on May 1, 2009, averaged 72.4 eggs per 100 layers, up one percent from May 1, 2008.

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

Month	Cents per dozen	
	2008	2009
January	134.0	90.0
February	130.0	65.0
March	135.0	63.0
April	97.0	85.0
May	68.0	
June	88.0	
July	68.0	
August	78.0	
September	90.0	
October	83.0	
November	89.0	
December	85.0	

PERCENT OF ALL LAYERS IN FLORIDA BEING MOLTED AND MOLTED COMPLETE

	May 2008	April 2009	May 2009
Being molted ^{1/}	8.5	2.5	8.5
Molt completed ^{1/}	30.0	34.0	30.0

^{1/} As of first of month.

LAYERS AND EGG PRODUCTION, APRIL 2009, 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	9,260	1,890	175	32	143	881	1.5	5.5
Arkansas	12,467	1,957	244	83	161	1,242	2.0	9.0
California	19,774	2,190	433			2,185	27.5	26.0
Florida	9,894	2,244	222	215	7	1,110	8.5	30.0
Georgia	17,779	2,081	370	209	161	1,885	5.0	10.0
Indiana	24,091	2,262	545	530	15	2,714	5.5	35.5
Iowa	53,742	2,207	1,186	1,171	15	5,960	3.5	34.0
Maine	3,417	2,136	73			376	0.0	0.0
Maryland	2,173	2,071	45	43	2	234	3.5	19.0
Michigan	9,790	2,257	221			1,144	8.5	16.5
Minnesota	10,250	2,244	230	222	8	1,156	5.0	23.5
Mississippi	6,101	1,967	120	35	85	604	2.5	8.0
Missouri	7,064	2,336	165			818	4.0	11.5
Nebraska	9,766	2,324	227	227	0	1,133	0.0	1.5
New York	4,096	2,441	100			497	0.0	6.5
North Carolina	12,784	2,042	261	135	126	1,299	0.0	10.5
Ohio	27,293	2,224	607			3,077	6.0	18.0
Pennsylvania	22,699	2,383	541	521	20	2,669	3.5	11.0
South Carolina	4,388	2,028	89	67	22	463	6.5	14.5
Texas	18,184	2,183	397			2,016	5.5	19.0
Virginia	2,886	2,010	58	28	30	296	3.0	9.0
Washington	6,165	2,287	141			702	9.5	29.5
United States ^{1/}	339,640	2,196	7,459	6,408	1,051	37,521	4.5	20.5

^{1/} Production year begins March 1.

HATCHERY PRODUCTION

FLORIDA

The April hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 3,476,000, was 31 percent below a year earlier. Broiler-type eggs in incubators on May 1, at 2,971,000, was 26 percent below a year ago.

UNITED STATES

Broiler-type chicks hatched during April 2009 totaled 756 million, down six percent from April 2008. Eggs in incubators totaled 628 million on May 1, 2009, down six percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 6.16 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during April 2009, down 13 percent from April 2008.

Egg-type chicks hatched during April 2009 totaled 40.6 million, down four percent from April 2008. Eggs in incubators totaled 35.8 million on May 1, 2009, down 12 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 307,000 during April 2009, up 16 percent from April 2008.

HATCHERY PRODUCTION, UNITED STATES

Item	2008	2009	2009 % of 2008
EGG-TYPE			
Eggs in incubators: Apr. 1	40,422	35,766	88
Chicks hatched during Mar.	42,329	40,621	96
Pullets hatched during Mar. for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks 7-18 months earlier ^{1/}	264 2,905	307 2,879	116 99
 BROILER-TYPE			
Eggs in incubators: Apr. 1	668,011	628,222	94
Chicks hatched during Mar.	801,548	755,862	94
Pullets hatched during Dec. for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks 7-15 months earlier ^{2/}	7,119 65,567	6,158 65,173	87 99

^{1/}2009 includes pullet chicks hatched Oct 2007 through Sep 2008.

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

MILK PRODUCTION

FLORIDA

Florida dairy farms produced 199 million pounds of milk during April 2009, six percent above the previous April. Production per cow in April of 1,705 pounds was nine percent above April of last year. Milk cow numbers on Florida dairy farms in April totaled 117,000, two percent below last year.

UNITED STATES

Milk production in the 23 major States during April totaled 14.9 billion pounds, up slightly from April 2008. March revised production at 15.2 billion pounds, was up 0.1 percent from March 2008. The March revision represented an increase of 47 million pounds or 0.3 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,758 pounds for April, one pound above April 2008.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.48 million head, 3,000 head less than April 2008, and 2,000 head less than March 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			
April 2008	120	1,568	188
March 2009	117	1,760	206
April 2009	117	1,705	199
23 MAJOR STATES			
April 2008	8,482	1,757	14,901
March 2009	8,481	1,794	15,211
April 2009	8,479	1,758	14,906
UNITED STATES			
April 2008	9,307	1,733	16,125
March 2009	9,286	1,773	16,463
April 2009	9,284	1,736	16,115

MILK PRODUCTION BY QUARTERS, UNITED STATES

Month	Milk cows ^{1/}		Milk per cow ^{2/}		Milk Production	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
	<i>Thousands</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Mil. Lbs.</i>	
Jan-Mar	9,286	9,297	5,127	5,093	47,610	47,351
Apr-Jun	9,315		5,236		48,774	
Jul-Sep	9,330		5,025		46,881	
Oct-Dec	9,330		5,008		46,727	
Annual Total	9,315		20,396		189,992	

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

^{2/} Excludes milk fed to calves.

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

Commercial red meat production in Florida for April 2009 was 8.5 million pounds, six percent above the same month last year. Commercial production of red meat in the United States for April, at 4.08 billion pounds was five percent below 2009.

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER AND RED MEAT PRODUCTION, FLORIDA AND UNITED STATES

Source and kind	April 2008	March 2009	April 2009	Year to date 2008	Year to date 2009
FLORIDA					
HOGS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	6.6	6.9	6.2	28.6	22.0
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	1,001	1,163	1,088	4,154	3,785
SHEEP AND LAMBS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	0.3	0.6	0.4	0.7	1.5
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	19	32	19	45	77
Red meat production (million pounds) ^{1/}	8.0	8.1	8.5	30.5	32.3
UNITED STATES					
CATTLE:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	2,961.1	*2,730.2	2,772.1	11,231.5	10,748.1
Total liveweight (million pounds)	3,716	3,550	3,526	14,296	13,913
Average liveweight (pounds)	1,259	1,305	1,276	1,278	1,299
Beef production (million pounds)	2,255.4	*2,144.6	2,133.1	8,627.4	8,381.2
CALVES:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	73.3	79.8	68.0	284.9	306.7
Total liveweight (million pounds)	20	21	19	77	79
Average liveweight (pounds)	278	263	281	273	261
Veal production (million pounds)	11.9	12.2	11.2	45.5	46.4
HOGS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	9,996.0	9,652.8	9,431.1	39,596.7	37,919.4
Total liveweight (million pounds)	2,690	2,623	2,564	10,715	10,303
Average liveweight (pounds)	269	272	272	271	272
Pork production (million pounds)	2,015.6	1,969.0	1,924.1	8,039.2	7,735.2
SHEEP AND LAMBS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	221.2	222.0	229.1	876.6	820.7
Total liveweight (million pounds)	31	32	31	123	120
Lamb and Mutton (million pounds)	15.3	15.9	15.5	61.0	57.4
Red meat production (million pounds)	4,298.2	*4,141.6	4,083.9	16,773.1	16,220.2

^{1/}Includes cattle and calf slaughter. Data not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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