



LIVESTOCK, DAIRY AND POULTRY

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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 April 1, 2010. The inventory was four percent below April 1, 2009. The inventory included 6.71 million steers and steer calves, down four percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 62 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.02 million head, down three percent from 2009.

Placements in feedlots during March totaled 1.86 million, three percent above 2009. Net placements were 1.80 million head. During March, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 395,000, 600-699 pounds were 375,000, and 700-799 pounds were 602,000 and 800 pounds and greater were 485,000. Marketings of fed cattle during March totaled 1.90 million, four percent above 2009. Other disappearance totaled 60,000 during March, 20 percent above 2009. This is the second lowest other disappearance for the month of March since the series began in 1996.

Cattle Placed on Feed by Weight Group, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, by Month - United States

Month	Year	Less than 600 lbs	600-699 lbs	700-799 lbs	800+ lbs	Total
		(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
March	2009	305	340	593	570	1,808
February	2010	320	*370	*519	*465	*1,674
March	2010	395	375	602	485	1,857

*Revised

Cattle and Calves on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, by Month, State, and United States

State	Number on feed March 1		Placed during March		Marketed during March		Other disappearance during March		Number on feed April 1	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Arizona	342	286	24	20	35	27	1	1	330	278
California	460	450	48	47	60	51	3	6	445	440
Colorado	1,040	940	165	185	155	190	10	5	1,040	930
Idaho	215	195	26	34	30	23	1	1	210	205
Iowa	520	*610	77	77	66	84	1	3	530	600
Kansas	2,290	2,220	395	440	395	410	10	10	2,280	2,240
Nebraska	2,330	2,350	360	380	365	430	5	10	2,320	2,290
New Mexico	148	(D)	10	(D)	19	(D)	2	(D)	137	(D)
Oklahoma	330	355	68	64	66	77	2	2	330	340
South Dakota	225	240	46	42	44	45	2	2	225	235
Texas	2,820	2,650	510	490	510	485	10	15	2,810	2,640
Washington	153	168	35	32	27	28	1	1	160	171
Other States ¹	355	410	44	46	52	52	2	4	345	400
United States	11,228	*10,874	1,808	1,857	1,824	1,902	50	60	11,162	10,769

* Revised

D Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

¹ Beginning in July 2009, New Mexico is included in other states total.

Hatchery Production

Florida

The March hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 4.89 million, was 34 percent above a year earlier. Broiler-type eggs in incubators on April 1, at 4.00 million, was 36 percent above a year ago.

United States

Broiler-type chicks hatched during March 2010 totaled 787 million, up slightly from March 2009. Eggs in incubators totaled 640 million on April 1, 2010, up two percent from a year earlier. Leading breeders placed 6.61 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during March 2010, down two percent from March 2009.

Egg-type chicks hatched during March 2010 totaled 45.2 million, up eight percent from March 2009. Eggs in incubators totaled 42.9 million on April 1, 2010, up 14 percent from a year ago. Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 260 thousand during March 2010, down six percent from March 2009.

Chickens and Eggs

Florida

Table egg production in Florida during March 2010 was 224 million eggs, 14 percent above the previous month. Total egg production was 228 million eggs compared to 201 million eggs the previous month. During April 4.0 percent of the laying flock was being molted, 36.5 percent had completed at least one molt.

United States

U.S. egg production totaled 7.81 billion during March 2010, up one percent from last year. Production included 6.71 billion table eggs, and 1.10 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.03 billion were broiler-type and 76 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during March 2010 averaged 341 million, up slightly from last year. March egg production per 100 layers was 2,292 eggs, up one percent from March 2009.

All layers in the U.S. on April 1, 2010 totaled 342 million, up slightly from last year. The 342 million layers consisted of 283 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 55.4 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 3.03 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on April 1, 2010, averaged 74.8 eggs per 100 layers, up one percent from April 1, 2009.

Hatchery production - United States

Item	2009	2010	2010 as % of 2009
	(1,000)	(1,000)	
Egg Type			
Eggs in incubators: April 1	37,735	42,941	114
Chicks hatched during March	41,737	45,151	108
Chicks hatched January thru March..	116,344	124,065	107
Pullets hatched during March for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks.....	277	260	94
7-18 months earlier ¹	2,969	3,308	111
Broiler-Type			
Eggs in incubators April 1	627,232	640,266	102
Chicks hatched during March	785,851	786,954	100
Chicks hatched January thru March..	2,270,304	2,262,345	100
Pullets hatched during March for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks.....	6,773	6,610	98
7-15 months earlier ¹	65,535	62,142	95

¹ 2010 includes pullet chicks hatched September 2008 through August 2009.

² 2010 includes pullet chicks hatched December 2008 through August 2009.

Layers and Egg Production for Selected States and United States: March 2010

Selected States	Average layers on hand	Egg production	Rate of lay per 100 layers
	(1,000)	(millions)	(number)
Alabama.....	9,816	186	61.1
Arkansas.....	12,299	249	65.3
California.....	19,541	464	76.6
Colorado.....	3,702	92	80.2
Connecticut.....	2,622	61	75.0
Florida.....	9,560	228	76.9
Georgia.....	17,640	391	71.5
Hawaii.....	306	5.7	60.1
Illinois.....	4,547	108	76.6
Indiana.....	23,886	562	75.9
Iowa.....	54,327	1,253	74.4
Maine.....	3,625	89	79.2
Maryland.....	2,340	55	75.8
Michigan.....	10,273	252	79.1
Minnesota.....	10,453	243	75.0
Mississippi.....	6,050	126	67.2
Missouri.....	7,058	164	75.0
Nebraska.....	9,432	230	78.7
New York.....	3,943	98	80.2
North Carolina.....	13,358	279	67.4
Ohio.....	27,805	632	73.3
Oregon.....	2,329	57	78.9
Pennsylvania.....	23,672	589	80.3
South Carolina.....	4,417	97	70.8
South Dakota.....	2,430	58	77.0
Texas.....	17,957	413	74.2
Utah.....	3,388	76	72.4
Virginia.....	3,476	70	65.0
Washington.....	6,459	154	76.9
Wisconsin.....	4,826	111	74.2
Other States ¹	19,382	421	70.1
United States ².....	340,919	7,814	74.8

¹ Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

² Production year begins December 1.

Milk Production

Florida

Florida dairy farms produced 192 million pounds of milk during March 2010, seven percent below the previous March. Production per cow in March of 1,700 pounds was three percent below March of last year. Milk cow numbers on Florida dairy farms in March totaled 113 thousand, three percent below last year.

United States

Milk production in the 23 major States during March totaled 15.4 billion pounds, up 0.9 percent from March 2009. February revised production at 13.7 billion pounds, was up 0.3 percent from February 2009. The February revision represented an increase of 17 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,846 pounds for March, 51 pounds above March 2009. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.32 million head, 162,000 head less than March 2009, but 1,000 head more than February 2010.

Milk Production by Quarters - United States

Month	Milk cows ¹		Milk per cow ²		Milk Production ²	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)
January-March	9,295	9,089	5,097	5,208	47,374	47,331
April-June	9,262		5,278		48,888	
July-September	9,155		5,111		46,793	
October-December	9,090		5,090		46,265	
Annual Total	9,201		20,576		189,320	

¹ Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh.

² Excludes milk fed to calves.

Milk Cows and Production - Florida and United States

Month and year	Milk Cows ¹	Monthly milk Production ²	
		Per cow	Monthly Total
	(1,000)	(pounds)	(million pounds)
Florida			
March 2009	117	1,760	206
February 2010	113	1,595	180
March 2010	113	1,700	192
23 Major States			
March 2009	8,482	1,795	15,222
February 2010	8,319	1,642	13,660
March 2010	8,320	1,846	15,355
United States			
March 2009	9,283	1,776	16,485
February 2010	9,090	1,622	14,745
March 2010	9,090	1,824	16,576

¹ Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh.

² Excludes milk fed to calves.

Livestock Slaughter

Commercial red meat production in Florida for March 2010 was 10.2 million pounds, 26 percent above last month and last year. Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.28 billion pounds in March, up three percent from 4.14 billion pounds produced in March 2009.

Commercial Slaughter and Red Meat Production - Florida and United States

Source and kind	March 2009	February 2010	March 2010	Year to date 2009	Year to date 2010
FLORIDA					
Hogs:					
Head slaughtered 1,000 head	6.9	6.0	6.9	15.8	18.4
Total liveweight 1,000 pounds	1,163	807	1,007	2,697	2,692
Sheep and Lambs:					
Head slaughtered 1,000 head	0.6	(2)	(2)	1.1	(2)
Total liveweight 1,000 pounds	32	(2)	(2)	58	(2)
Red meat production ¹ million pounds	8.1	8.1	10.2	23.8	27.2
UNITED STATES					
Cattle:					
Head slaughtered 1,000 head	2,729.5	2,547.6	2,912.7	7,975.7	8,167.5
Total liveweight million pounds	3,549	3,261	3,693	10,388	10,435
Average liveweight pounds	1,305	1,285	1,273	1,307	1,282
Beef production million pounds	2,144.0	1,955.7	2,212.1	6,247.9	6,250.8
Calves:					
Head slaughtered 1,000 head	79.8	74.0	79.8	238.5	236.6
Total liveweight million pounds	21	18	20	60	57
Average liveweight pounds	263	247	259	255	248
Veal production million pounds	12.2	10.7	12.2	35.2	34.5
Hogs:					
Head slaughtered 1,000 head	9,656.9	8,691.2	10,030.5	28,503.1	27,631.3
Total liveweight million pounds	2,624	2,347	2,724	7,742	7,487
Average liveweight pounds	272	270	272	272	271
Pork production million pounds	1,969.7	1,757.4	2,039.9	5,814.0	5,607.4
Sheep and Lambs:					
Head slaughtered 1,000 head	221.4	*178.5	262.3	590.1	627.3
Total liveweight million pounds	32	25	35	84	86
Lamb and Mutton million pounds	15.9	12.3	17.6	41.9	42.8
Red meat production ¹ million pounds	4,141.9	*3,736.2	4,281.7	12,139.0	11,935.5

* Revised.

¹ Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb, and mutton.

² Included in United States total to avoid disclosing individual operations.