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Cattle on Feed

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 April 1, 2011. The inventory was five percent above April 1, 2010. The inventory included 7.12 million steers and steer calves, up seven 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, up two percent from 2010.

Placements in feedlots during March totaled 1.92 million, three percent above 2010. Net placements were 1.87 million head. During March, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 380,000, 600-699 pounds were 360,000, 700-799 pounds were 588,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 590,000. Marketings of fed cattle during March totaled 1.99 million, four percent above 2010. This is the second highest fed cattle marketings for the month of March since the series began in 1996. Other disappearance totaled 52,000 head during March, 13 percent below 2010.

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

Month	Year	Less than 600 lbs (1,000 head)	600-699 lbs (1,000 head)	700-799 lbs (1,000 head)	800+ lbs (1,000 head)	Total (1,000 head)
March	2010	395	375	601	485	1856
February	2011	400	365	492	410	1667
March	2011	380	360	588	590	1918

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	
	2010 (1,000 head)	2011 (1,000 head)	2010 (1,000 head)	2011 (1,000 head)	2010 (1,000 head)	2011 (1,000 head)	2010 (1,000 head)	2011 (1,000 head)	2010 (1,000 head)	2011 (1,000 head)
Arizona	286	269	20	37	27	23	1	1	278	282
California	425	460	47	48	51	55	6	3	415	450
Colorado	940	1,070	185	215	190	190	5	5	930	1,090
Idaho	195	220	34	35	23	34	1	1	205	220
Iowa	610	650	77	81	84	78	3	3	600	650
Kansas	2,220	2,220	440	415	410	435	10	10	2,240	2,190
Nebraska	2,350	2,430	380	390	430	430	10	10	2,290	2,380
Oklahoma	355	360	64	75	77	78	2	2	340	355
South Dakota	240	265	42	46	45	44	2	2	235	265
Texas	2,650	2,840	490	490	485	540	15	10	2,640	2,780
Washington	168	208	32	33	28	28	1	2	171	211
Other States	410	407	45	53	53	53	4	3	398	404
United States	10,849	11,399	1,856	1,918	1,903	1,988	60	52	10,742	11,277

Hatchery Production

Florida

The March hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 4.96 million, was one percent above a year earlier. Broiler-type eggs in incubators on April 1, 2011, at 4.08 million, was two percent above a year ago.

United States

Broiler-type chicks hatched during March 2011 totaled 794 million, up one percent from March 2010. Eggs in incubators totaled 650 million on April 1, 2011, up one percent from a year earlier. Leading breeders placed 6.73 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during March 2011, up one percent from March 2010.

Egg-type chicks hatched during March 2011 totaled 44.0 million, down two percent from March 2010. Eggs in incubators totaled 40.8 million on April 1, 2011, down five percent from a year ago. Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 275 thousand during March 2011, up six percent from March 2010.

Layers and Eggs

Florida

Table egg production in Florida during March 2011 was 215 million eggs, eight percent above the previous month. Total egg production was 220 million eggs compared to 203 million eggs the previous month.

United States

U.S. egg production totaled 7.83 billion during March 2011, down slightly from last year. Production included 6.75 billion table eggs, and 1.08 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.01 billion were broiler-type and 73 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during March 2011 averaged 340 million, down one percent from last year. March egg production per 100 layers was 2,302 eggs, up slightly from March 2010.

All layers in the U.S. on April 1, 2011 totaled 342 million, down slightly from last year. The 342 million layers consisted of 284 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 54.5 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.93 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on April 1, 2011, averaged 74.5 eggs per 100 layers, down slightly from April 1, 2010.

Layers and Egg Production for Selected States and United States: March 2011

Selected States	Average layers on hand	Egg production	Eggs per 100 for all layers
	(1,000)	(millions)	(number)
Alabama.....	9,777	184	1,882
Arkansas.....	11,964	245	2,048
California.....	19,324	452	2,339
Colorado.....	3,816	90	2,358
Connecticut.....	2,270	53	2,335
Florida.....	9,468	220	2,324
Georgia.....	17,178	379	2,206
Hawaii.....	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Illinois.....	4,460	102	2,287
Indiana.....	23,599	565	2,394
Iowa.....	53,428	1,236	2,313
Maine.....	3,426	84	2,452
Maryland.....	2,266	53	2,339
Michigan.....	10,422	261	2,504
Minnesota.....	10,448	240	2,297
Mississippi.....	6,020	123	2,043
Missouri.....	7,255	172	2,371
Nebraska.....	9,430	235	2,492
New York.....	4,236	106	2,502
North Carolina.....	13,310	270	2,029
Ohio.....	27,291	647	2,371
Oregon.....	2,413	61	2,528
Pennsylvania.....	25,282	623	2,464
South Carolina.....	4,429	98	2,213
South Dakota.....	2,307	57	2,471
Texas.....	18,309	419	2,288
Utah.....	3,481	86	2,471
Virginia.....	2,947	57	1,934
Washington.....	6,554	164	2,502
Wisconsin.....	4,583	107	2,335
Other States ¹	20,684	445	2,151
United States.....	340,377	7,834	2,302

NA Not available.

¹ Includes data for States not listed in this table.

Hatchery production - United States

Item	2010	2011	2011 as % of 2010
	(1,000)	(1,000)	
Egg Type			
Eggs in incubators: April 1.....	43,031	40,848	95
Chicks hatched during March.....	44,914	43,974	98
Chicks hatched January through March.....	122,951	122,676	100
Pullets hatched during March for intended placements:			
Hatchery supply flocks.....	260	275	106
Cumulative potential placements 7-18 months earlier ¹	3,308	3,130	95
Broiler-Type			
Eggs in incubators April 1.....	641,715	649,752	101
Chicks hatched during March.....	787,939	793,957	101
Chicks hatched January through March.....	2,263,420	2,283,804	101
Pullets hatched during March for intended placements:			
Hatchery supply flocks.....	6,673	6,733	101
Cumulative potential placements 7-15 months earlier ²	62,142	63,250	102

¹ 2011 includes pullet chicks hatched September 2009 through August 2010.

² 2011 includes pullet chicks hatched December 2009 through August 2010.

Milk Production

Florida

Florida dairy farms produced 219 million pounds of milk during March 2011, six percent above the previous March. Production per cow in March of 1,860 pounds was two percent above March of last year. Milk cow numbers on Florida dairy farms in March totaled 118 thousand, four percent above March of last year.

United States

Milk production in the 23 major States during March totaled 15.8 billion pounds, up 2.4 percent from March 2010. February revised production at 14.0 billion pounds, was up 2.3 percent from February 2010. The February revision represented a decrease of 14 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,872 pounds for March, 24 pounds above March 2010. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.42 million head, 93,000 head more than March 2010, and 17,000 head more than February 2011.

Milk Production by Quarters - United States

Month	Milk cows ¹		Milk per cow ²		Milk Production ²	
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)
January-March	9,093	9,163	5,212	5,286	47,392	48,432
April-June	9,119		5,462		49,809	
July-September.....	9,126		5,267		48,070	
October-December.....	9,130		5,208		47,548	
Annual Total.....	9,117		21,149		192,819	

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 2010	113	1,820	206
February 2011	118	1,690	199
March 2011	118	1,860	219
23 Major States			
March 2010	8,329	1,848	15,389
February 2011	8,405	1,664	13,987
March 2011	8,422	1,872	15,763
United States			
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Livestock Slaughter

Commercial red meat production in Florida for March 2011 was 10.1 million pounds, 15 percent above last month but one percent below last year. Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.35 billion pounds in March 2011, up two percent from 4.28 billion pounds produced in March 2010.

Commercial Slaughter and Red Meat Production - Florida and United States

Source and kind	March 2010	February 2011	March 2011	Year to date 2010	Year to date 2011
FLORIDA					
Hogs:					
Head slaughtered 1,000 head	6.9	5.3	6.3	18.4	16.9
Total liveweight 1,000 pounds	1,007	691	918	2,692	2,421
Red meat production ¹ million pounds	10.2	8.8	10.1	27.2	27.5
UNITED STATES					
Cattle:					
Head slaughtered 1,000 head	2,911.5	2,622.3	2,959.2	8,163.8	8,316.8
Total liveweight million pounds	3,692	3,360	3,762	10,433	10,667
Average liveweight pounds	1,273	1,286	1,276	1,282	1,287
Beef production million pounds	2,211.2	2,021.2	2,266.3	6,248.3	6,411.1
Calves:					
Head slaughtered 1,000 head	79.9	68.8	72.9	236.8	213.5
Total liveweight million pounds	20	18	20	57	56
Average liveweight pounds	259	264	283	248	270
Veal production million pounds	12.2	10.5	12.1	34.5	33.3
Hogs:					
Head slaughtered 1,000 head	10,031.5	8,508.6	9,873.0	27,629.9	27,486.2
Total liveweight million pounds	2,724	2,359	2,740	7,489	7,629
Average liveweight pounds	272	277	278	271	278
Pork production million pounds	2,040.1	1,768.7	2,054.6	5,607.3	5,719.7
Sheep and Lambs:					
Head slaughtered 1,000 head	263.2	155.1	193.9	628.6	510.1
Total liveweight million pounds	35	22	28	85	72
Lamb and Mutton million pounds	17.7	10.9	14.1	42.9	36.2
Red meat production ¹ million pounds	4,281.1	3,811.3	4,347.0	11,933.0	12,200.3

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