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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 October 1, 2011. The inventory was five percent above October 1, 2010. This is the second highest October 1 inventory since the series began in 1996. The inventory included 6.95 million steers and steer calves, up five percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 61 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.32 million head, up five percent from 2010.

Placements in feedlots during September totaled 2.47 million head, slightly above 2011. Net placements were 2.40 million head. During September, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 685,000, 600-699 pounds were 415,000, 700-799 pounds were 504,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 865,000. Marketing of fed cattle during September totaled 1.81 million, one percent above 2010. Other disappearance totaled 74,000 during September, 37 percent above 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)
September.....	2010	510	455	603	895	2,463
August.....	2011	715	370	479	695	2,259
September.....	2011	685	415	504	865	2,469

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

State	Number on feed September		Placed during September		Marketed during September		Other disappearance during September		Number on feed October 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.....	240	283	22	19	21	21	1	1	240	280
California.....	435	475	55	70	43	49	2	6	445	490
Colorado.....	890	990	295	275	180	185	5	10	1,000	1,070
Idaho.....	190	195	57	67	41	41	1	1	205	220
Iowa.....	560	550	122	115	108	92	4	3	570	570
Kansas.....	2,200	2,210	510	500	370	375	10	15	2,330	2,320
Nebraska.....	2,050	2,010	540	560	360	350	10	10	2,220	2,210
Oklahoma.....	355	365	87	88	71	79	1	4	370	370
South Dakota	195	190	57	51	45	35	2	1	205	205
Texas.....	2,550	2,900	580	560	475	490	15	20	2,640	2,950
Washington...	170	193	45	54	33	38	1	1	181	208
Other States..	346	369	93	110	55	58	2	2	382	419
United States.	10,181	10,730	2,463	2,469	1,802	1,813	54	74	10,788	11,312

Layers and Eggs

Florida

Table egg production in Florida during September 2011 was 215 million eggs, one percent below the previous month. Total egg production was 221 million eggs compared to 223 million eggs the previous month.

United States

United States egg production totaled 7.51 billion during September 2011, down slightly from last year. Production included 6.49 billion table eggs, and 1.02 billion hatching eggs, of which 952 million were broiler-type and 68 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during September 2011 averaged 336 million, down one percent from last year. September egg production per 100 layers was 2,236 eggs, up one percent from September 2010.

All layers in the United States on October 1, 2011 totaled 335 million, down slightly from last year. The 335 million layers consisted of 281 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 51.2 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.95 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on October 1, 2011, averaged 74.6 eggs per 100 layers, up one percent from October 1, 2010.

Hatchery Production

Florida

The September hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 4.78 million, was the same as last year. The Broiler-type, eggs in incubators on October 1, 2011, was 3.78 million, down one percent from a year ago.

United States

Broiler-type chicks hatched during September 2011 totaled 721 million, down five percent from September 2010. Eggs in incubators totaled 572 million on October 1, 2011, down eight percent from a year earlier. Leading breeders placed 6.66 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during September 2011, down seven percent from September 2010.

Egg-type chicks hatched during July 2011 totaled 40.3 million, up slightly from September 2010. Eggs in incubators totaled 36.5 million on October, 2011, down eight percent from a year ago. Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 274 thousand during September 2011, down nine percent from September 2010.

Milk Production

Florida

Florida dairy farms produced 158 million pounds of milk during September 2011, 11 percent above the previous September. Production per cow in September of 1,330 pounds was six percent above September of last year. Milk cow numbers on Florida dairy farms in September totaled 119 thousand, five percent above September of last year.

United States

Milk production in the 23 major States during September totaled 14.8 billion pounds, up 1.9 percent from September 2010. August revised production at 15.3 billion pounds, was up 2.3 percent from August 2010. The August 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 1,742 pounds for September, 12 pounds above September 2010. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.47 million head, 101,000 head more than September 2010, and 1,000 head more than August 2011.

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

Selected States	Average layers on hand	Egg production	Eggs per 100 for all layers
	(1,000)	(millions)	(number)
Alabama.....	9,231	174	1,885
Arkansas.....	11,561	233	2,015
California.....	19,747	447	2,264
Colorado.....	4,625	103	2,227
Connecticut.....	2,232	53	2,375
Florida.....	9,553	221	2,313
Georgia.....	16,284	352	2,162
Hawaii.....	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Illinois.....	4,379	103	2,352
Indiana.....	22,720	525	2,311
Iowa.....	52,917	1,175	2,220
Maine.....	3,567	79	2,215
Maryland.....	1,874	42	2,241
Michigan.....	10,175	236	2,319
Minnesota.....	10,125	229	2,262
Mississippi.....	5,790	118	2,038
Missouri.....	7,097	170	2,395
Nebraska.....	8,981	218	2,427
New York.....	4,367	106	2,427
North Carolina.....	12,351	261	2,113
Ohio.....	27,974	624	2,231
Oregon.....	2,356	54	2,292
Pennsylvania.....	25,280	594	2,350
South Carolina.....	4,196	95	2,264
South Dakota.....	2,422	61	2,519
Texas.....	18,084	400	2,212
Utah.....	3,544	85	2,398
Virginia.....	2,974	62	2,085
Washington.....	6,894	159	2,306
Wisconsin.....	4,543	107	2,355
Other States ¹	19,995	423	2,116
United States.....	335,838	7,509	2,236

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: October 1.....	39,705	36,546	92
Chicks hatched during September....	40,130	40,298	100
Chicks hatched January through September.....	371,304	367,990	99
Pullets hatched during September for intended placements:			
Hatchery supply flocks.....	251	274	109
Cumulative potential placements 7-18 months earlier ¹	3,432	2,922	85
Broiler-Type			
Eggs in incubators October 1.....	623,126	572,344	92
Chicks hatched during September....	762,494	721,214	95
Chicks hatched January through September.....	6,981,448	6,890,874	99
Pullets hatched during September for intended placements:			
Hatchery supply flocks.....	7,128	6,657	93
Cumulative potential placements 7-15 months earlier ²	61,663	63,576	103

¹ 2011 includes pullet chicks hatched March 2010 through February 2011.

² 2011 includes pullet chicks hatched June 2010 through February 2011

U.S. broiler-type chicks hatched in September were 721 million, down five percent, while egg-type chicks hatched were down eight percent from a year ago. September egg production at 7.51 was down slightly from a year ago.

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	9,165	5,212	5,283	47,392	48,421
April-June.....	9,119	9,198	5,462	5,483	49,809	50,432
July-September.....	9,126	9,209	5,267	5,291	48,070	48,725
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.

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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			
September 2010.....	113	1,255	142
August 2011.....	119	1,400	167
September 2011.....	119	1,330	158
23 Major States			
September 2010.....	8,371	1,730	14,481
August 2011.....	8,471	1,812	15,347
September 2011.....	8,472	1,742	14,760
United States			
September 2010.....	9,121	1,704	15,540
August 2011.....	9,209	1,784	16,432
September 2011.....	9,209	1,716	15,803

¹ Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh.

² Excludes milk fed to calves.

Livestock Slaughter

Florida

Commercial red meat production in Florida for September 2011 was 10.9 million pounds, five percent above last month and nine percent above last year.

United States

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.19 billion pounds in September 2011, up one percent from 4.16 billion pounds produced in September 2010. January to September 2011 commercial red meat production was 36.5 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 2010. Accumulated beef production was up 1 percent from last year, veal was down 3 percent, pork was up 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 8 percent.

Beef and Veal Production: Beef production, at 2.22 billion pounds, was 2 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.88 million head, down 1 percent from September 2010. The average live weight was down 11 pounds from the previous year, at 1,278 pounds. Veal production totaled 10.7 million pounds, 5 percent below September 2010. Calf slaughter totaled 73,800 head, up 4 percent from September 2010. The average live weight was down 22 pounds from last year, at 252 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.95 billion pounds, up 4 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.69 million head, up 4 percent from September 2010. The average live weight was unchanged from the previous year, at 270 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 11.8 million pounds, was down 10 percent from September 2010. Sheep slaughter totaled 177,000 head, 14 percent below last year, and the average live weight was 134 pounds, up 5 pounds.

Commercial Slaughter and Red Meat Production - Florida and United States

Source and kind	September 2010	August 2011	September 2011	Year to date 2010	Year to date 2011
Florida					
Hogs:					
Head slaughtered 1,000 head	7.5	11.6	10.6	55.3	71.7
Total liveweight 1,000 pounds	870	1,195	1,054	7,471	8,817
Sheep and Lambs:					
Head slaughtered 1,000 head	(D)	0.4	0.2	(D)	1.7
Total liveweight 1,000 pounds	(D)	23	10	(D)	102
Red meat production ¹ million pounds	10.0	10.4	10.9	85.0	87.3
United States					
Cattle:					
Head slaughtered 1,000 head	2,897.4	3,096.7	2,876.2	25,594.8	25,694.6
Total liveweight million pounds	3,722	3,921	3,664	32,451	32,587
Average liveweight pounds	1,289	1,270	1,278	1,272	1,272
Beef production million pounds	2,252.2	2,368.7	2,215.4	19,563.5	19,707.4
Calves:					
Head slaughtered 1,000 head	71.2	79.9	73.8	656.5	633.1
Total liveweight million pounds	19	19	18	168	163
Average liveweight pounds	274	247	252	260	266
Veal production million pounds	11.3	11.3	10.7	99.9	97.2
Hogs:					
Head slaughtered 1,000 head	9,346.6	9,527.0	9,688.0	80,634.4	80,972.2
Total liveweight million pounds	2,525	2,529	2,618	21,802	22,139
Average liveweight pounds	270	266	270	271	274
Pork production million pounds	1,883.5	1,891.5	1,953.8	16,310.2	16,572.8
Sheep and Lambs:					
Head slaughtered 1,000 head	204.7	198.2	177.0	1,820.6	1,619.7
Total liveweight million pounds	26	26	24	242	224
Lamb and Mutton million pounds	13.1	13.1	11.8	121.3	111.8
Red meat production ¹ million pounds	4,160.0	4,302.6	4,191.8	36,094.9	36,489.2

D Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

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