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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 11.8 million head on February 1, 2012. The inventory was two percent above February 1, 2011.

Placements in feedlots during January totaled 1.85 million, two percent below 2011. Net placements were 1.77 million head. During January, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 445,000, 600-699 pounds were 430,000, 700-799 pounds were 525,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 447,000. Marketing of fed cattle during January totaled 1.82 million, two percent below 2011. Other disappearance totaled 81,000 during January, 42 percent above 2011.

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) |
|---------------|------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| January..... | 2011 | 460 | 475 | 544 | 410 | 1,889 |
| December..... | 2011 | 550 | 385 | 360 | 378 | 1,673 |
| January..... | 2012 | 445 | 430 | 525 | 447 | 1,847 |

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

| State | Number on feed January | | Placed during January | | Marketed during January | | Other disappearance during January | | Number on feed February 1 | |
|-----------------|---------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|
| | 2011 (1,000 head) | 2012 (1,000 head) | 2011 (1,000 head) | 2012 (1,000 head) | 2011 (1,000 head) | 2012 (1,000 head) | 2011 (1,000 head) | 2012 (1,000 head) | 2011 (1,000 head) | 2012 (1,000 head) |
| Arizona..... | 258 | 279 | 36 | 28 | 27 | 30 | 1 | 1 | 266 | 276 |
| California..... | 470 | 510 | 54 | 55 | 51 | 57 | 3 | 3 | 470 | 505 |
| Colorado..... | 1,080 | 1,150 | 185 | 190 | 190 | 190 | 5 | 10 | 1,070 | 1,140 |
| Idaho..... | 240 | 230 | 31 | 47 | 40 | 41 | 1 | 1 | 230 | 235 |
| Iowa..... | 640 | 620 | 93 | 103 | 69 | 70 | 4 | 3 | 660 | 650 |
| Kansas..... | 2,280 | 2,250 | 435 | 410 | 435 | 415 | 10 | 15 | 2,270 | 2,230 |
| Nebraska..... | 2,430 | 2,550 | 430 | 430 | 385 | 395 | 15 | 15 | 2,460 | 2,570 |
| Oklahoma..... | 375 | 375 | 66 | 50 | 64 | 68 | 2 | 2 | 375 | 355 |
| South Dakota | 260 | 260 | 51 | 45 | 40 | 44 | 1 | 1 | 270 | 260 |
| Texas..... | 2,840 | 2,940 | 430 | 400 | 390 | 415 | 10 | 25 | 2,870 | 2,900 |
| Washington... | 209 | 232 | 31 | 35 | 30 | 39 | 2 | 1 | 207 | 227 |
| Other States.. | 432 | 465 | 47 | 54 | 53 | 52 | 3 | 4 | 423 | 463 |
| United States. | 11,514 | 11,861 | 1,889 | 1,847 | 1,774 | 1,816 | 57 | 81 | 11,571 | 11,811 |

Layers and Eggs

Florida

Table egg production during January 2012 was 231 million eggs, five percent below the previous month. Total egg production was 236 million eggs compared to 247 million eggs the previous month.

United States

United States egg production totaled 7.83 billion during January 2012, down slightly from last year. Production included 6.78 billion table eggs, and 1.05 billion hatching eggs, of which 972 million were broiler-type and 73 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during January 2012 averaged 338 million, down one percent from last year. January egg production per 100 layers was 2,319 eggs, up one percent from January 2011.

All layers in the United States on February 1, 2012 totaled 337 million, down one percent from last year. The 337 million layers consisted of 284 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 50.5 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.97 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on February 1, 2012, averaged 73.4 eggs per 100 layers, down slightly from February 1, 2011.

Hatchery Production

Florida

The January broiler-type chicks hatched; at 4.89 million was four percent above last year. The broiler-type eggs in incubators on February 1, 2012, were 4.06 million, slightly above a year ago.

United States

Broiler-type chicks hatched during January 2012 totaled 752 million, down four percent from January 2011. Eggs in incubators totaled 602 million on February 1, 2012, down five percent from a year earlier. Leading breeders placed 6.71 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during January 2012, down four percent from January 2011.

Egg-type chicks hatched during January 2012 totaled 40.3 million, down three percent from January 2011. Eggs in incubators totaled 39.4 million on February 1, 2012, down one percent from a year ago. Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 263 thousand during January 2012, up 20 percent from January 2011.

Milk Production

Florida

Florida dairy farms produced 209 million pounds of milk during January 2011, one percent above the previous January. Production per cow in January of 1,740 pounds was two percent below January of last year. Milk cow numbers on Florida dairy farms in January totaled 120 thousand, three percent above January of last year.

United States

Milk production in the 23 major States during January totaled 15.8 billion pounds, up 3.7 percent from January 2011. December revised production at 15.4 billion pounds, was up 2.7 percent from December 2010. The December revision represented an increase of 1 million pounds or less than 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,857 pounds for January, 46 pounds above January 2011. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.50 million head, 93,000 head more than January 2011, and 13,000 head more than December 2011.

Layers and Egg Production for Selected States and United States: January 2012

| Selected States | Average layers on hand | Egg production | Eggs per 100 for all layers |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|
| | (1,000) | (millions) | (number) |
| Alabama..... | 9,023 | 177 | 1,962 |
| Arkansas..... | 11,637 | 243 | 2,088 |
| California..... | 19,598 | 454 | 2,317 |
| Colorado..... | 4,792 | 116 | 2,421 |
| Connecticut..... | 2,306 | 53 | 2,298 |
| Florida..... | 9,718 | 236 | 2,428 |
| Georgia..... | 16,241 | 362 | 2,229 |
| Illinois..... | 4,408 | 109 | 2,473 |
| Indiana..... | 23,468 | 547 | 2,331 |
| Iowa..... | 51,732 | 1,202 | 2,324 |
| Maine..... | 3,562 | 85 | 2,386 |
| Maryland..... | 1,956 | 50 | 2,556 |
| Michigan..... | 10,828 | 273 | 2,521 |
| Minnesota..... | 10,105 | 237 | 2,345 |
| Mississippi..... | 5,650 | 119 | 2,106 |
| Missouri..... | 6,721 | 162 | 2,410 |
| Nebraska..... | 9,104 | 233 | 2,559 |
| New York..... | 4,516 | 112 | 2,480 |
| North Carolina..... | 12,727 | 266 | 2,090 |
| Ohio..... | 28,248 | 653 | 2,312 |
| Oregon..... | 2,313 | 60 | 2,594 |
| Pennsylvania..... | 25,578 | 629 | 2,459 |
| South Carolina..... | 4,317 | 98 | 2,270 |
| South Dakota..... | 2,410 | 57 | 2,365 |
| Texas..... | 18,048 | 427 | 2,366 |
| Utah..... | 3,518 | 80 | 2,274 |
| Virginia..... | 2,929 | 60 | 2,048 |
| Washington..... | 6,888 | 164 | 2,381 |
| Wisconsin..... | 4,854 | 116 | 2,390 |
| Other States ¹ | 20,332 | 447 | 2,199 |
| United States..... | 337,527 | 7,827 | 2,319 |

¹ Includes data for States not listed in this table.

Hatchery Production - United States

| Item | 2011 | 2012 | 2012 as % of 2011 |
|--|---------|---------|-------------------|
| | (1,000) | (1,000) | |
| Egg Type | | | |
| Eggs in incubators: February 1..... | 39,701 | 39,379 | 99 |
| Chicks hatched during January..... | 41,366 | 40,277 | 97 |
| Pullets hatched during January for intended placements: | | | |
| Hatchery supply flocks..... | 220 | 263 | 120 |
| Cumulative potential placements 7-18 months earlier ¹ | 3,292 | 2,920 | 89 |
| Broiler-Type | | | |
| Eggs in incubators February 1..... | 634,192 | 602,319 | 95 |
| Chicks hatched during January..... | 781,123 | 751,870 | 96 |
| Pullets hatched during January for intended placements: | | | |
| Hatchery supply flocks..... | 6,989 | 6,711 | 96 |
| Cumulative potential placements 7-15 months earlier ² | 62,996 | 64,366 | 102 |

¹ 2012 includes pullet chicks hatched July 2010 through June 2011.

² 2012 includes pullet chicks hatched October 2010 through June 2011.

U.S. broiler-type chicks hatched in January were 752 million, down four percent, while egg-type chicks hatched were down three percent from a year ago. January egg production at 7.83 billion was down slightly from a year ago.

Milk Production by Quarters - United States

| Month | Milk cows ¹ | | Milk per cow ² | | Milk Production ² | |
|-----------------------|------------------------|---------|---------------------------|----------|------------------------------|------------------|
| | 2011 | 2012 | 2011 | 2012 | 2011 | 2012 |
| | (1,000) | (1,000) | (pounds) | (pounds) | (million pounds) | (million pounds) |
| January-March..... | 9,168 | | 5,286 | | 48,459 | |
| April-June..... | 9,191 | | 5,489 | | 50,448 | |
| July-September..... | 9,200 | | 5,292 | | 48,684 | |
| October-December..... | 9,216 | | 5,279 | | 48,654 | |
| Annual Total..... | 9,194 | | 21,345 | | 196,245 | |

¹ Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh.

² Excludes milk fed to calves.

Florida dairy farms produced 209 million pounds of milk during January 2012, one percent above the previous January.

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 | | | |
| January 2011..... | 116 | 1,775 | 206 |
| December 2011..... | 120 | 1,630 | 196 |
| January 2012..... | 120 | 1,740 | 209 |
| 23 Major States | | | |
| January 2011..... | 8,405 | 1,811 | 15,219 |
| December 2011..... | 8,485 | 1,818 | 15,426 |
| January 2012..... | 8,498 | 1,857 | 15,782 |
| United States | | | |
| January 2011..... | 9,160 | 1,790 | 16,393 |
| December 2011..... | 9,223 | 1,795 | 16,556 |
| January 2012..... | 9,236 | 1,835 | 16,945 |

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 January 2012 was 10.2 million pounds, seven percent above last month but 19 percent above last year.

United States

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.12 billion pounds in January 2012, up two percent from 4.04 billion pounds produced in January 2011.

Beef and Veal Production: Beef production, at 2.11 billion pounds, was slightly below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.72 million head, down one percent from January 2011. The average live weight was down one pound from the previous year, at 1,300 pounds. Veal production totaled 10.4 million pounds, three percent below January a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 67,700 head, six percent below January 2011. The average live weight was unchanged from last year, at 262 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.99 billion pounds, five percent above the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.54 million head, five percent above January 2011. The average live weight was unchanged from the previous year, at 278 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 12.1 million pounds, was eight percent above January 2011. Sheep slaughter totaled 164,800 head, two percent above last year. The average live weight was 147 pounds, up eight pound from January a year ago.

Commercial Slaughter and Red Meat Production - Florida and United States

| Source and kind | January 2011 | December 2011 | January 2012 | Year to date 2011 | Year to date 2012 |
|---|--------------|---------------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Florida | | | | | |
| Hogs: | | | | | |
| Head slaughtered 1,000 head | 5.3 | 4.1 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.3 |
| Total liveweight 1,000 pounds | 812 | 635 | 693 | 812 | 693 |
| Sheep and Lambs: | | | | | |
| Head slaughtered 1,000 head | - | 0.1 | 0.1 | - | 0.1 |
| Total liveweight 1,000 pounds | - | 6 | 7 | - | 7 |
| Red meat production ¹ million pounds | 8.6 | 9.5 | 10.2 | 8.6 | 10.2 |
| United States | | | | | |
| Cattle: | | | | | |
| Head slaughtered 1,000 head | 2,735.3 | 2,754.8 | 2,715.7 | 2,735.3 | 2,715.7 |
| Total liveweight million pounds | 3,545 | 3,564 | 3,524 | 3,545 | 3,524 |
| Average liveweight pounds | 1,301 | 1,297 | 1,300 | 1,301 | 1,300 |
| Beef production million pounds | 2,123.7 | 2,127.2 | 2,113.8 | 2,123.7 | 2,113.8 |
| Calves: | | | | | |
| Head slaughtered 1,000 head | 71.8 | 72.9 | 67.7 | 71.8 | 67.7 |
| Total liveweight million pounds | 18 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 18 |
| Average liveweight pounds | 262 | 253 | 262 | 262 | 262 |
| Veal production million pounds | 10.8 | 10.7 | 10.4 | 10.8 | 10.4 |
| Hogs: | | | | | |
| Head slaughtered 1,000 head | 9,104.6 | 9,943.5 | 9,537.7 | 9,104.6 | 9,537.7 |
| Total liveweight million pounds | 2,530 | 2,763 | 2,653 | 2,530 | 2,653 |
| Average liveweight pounds | 278 | 278 | 278 | 278 | 278 |
| Pork production million pounds | 1,896.4 | 2,065.9 | 1,987.0 | 1,896.4 | 1,987.0 |
| Sheep and Lambs: | | | | | |
| Head slaughtered 1,000 head | 161.1 | 179.9 | 164.8 | 161.1 | 164.8 |
| Total liveweight million pounds | 22 | 25 | 24 | 22 | 24 |
| Lamb and Mutton million pounds | 11.2 | 12.5 | 12.1 | 11.2 | 12.1 |
| Red meat production ¹ million pounds | 4,042.0 | 4,216.4 | 4,123.4 | 4,042.0 | 4,123.4 |

- Represents zero

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