



United States Department of Agriculture
National Agricultural Statistics Service

LIVESTOCK, DAIRY AND POULTRY



Cooperating with the Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services
2290 Lucien Way, Suite 300, Maitland, FL 32751
(407) 648-6013 · (407) 648-6029 FAX · www.nass.usda.gov/fl

April 2012

TOPICS IN THIS REPORT

Cattle on Feed	Hatchery Production
Layers and Eggs	Milk Production
	Livestock Slaughter

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 11.5 million head on April 1, 2012. The inventory was two percent above April 1, 2011. The inventory included 7.17 million steers and steer calves, up one percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 62 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.25 million head, up four percent from 2011.

Placements in feedlots during March totaled 1.79 million head, six percent below 2011. Net placements were 1.72 million head. During March, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 390,000, 600-699 pounds were 300,000, 700-799 pounds were 500,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 602,000. Marketing of fed cattle during March totaled 1.92 million, four percent below 2011. Other disappearance totaled 369,000 during March, 30 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)
March	2011	380	360	589	585	1,914
February	2012	400	335	469	510	1,714
March	2012	390	300	500	602	1,792

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	
	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	269	279	33	27	25	27	1	1	276	278
California	460	500	48	53	55	61	3	2	450	490
Colorado	1,070	1,090	215	160	190	175	5	5	1,090	1,070
Idaho	220	230	35	34	34	38	1	1	220	225
Iowa	650	670	81	73	78	71	3	2	650	670
Kansas	2,220	2,200	415	375	435	395	10	10	2,190	2,170
Nebraska	2,430	2,570	390	440	430	460	10	20	2,380	2,530
Oklahoma	360	340	75	56	78	74	2	2	355	320
South Dakota	265	260	46	45	44	48	2	2	265	255
Texas	2,830	3,840	490	430	540	470	10	20	2,770	2,780
Washington	205	233	33	37	28	36	3	1	207	233
Other States	407	465	53	62	53	63	3	3	404	461
United States	11,386	11,677	1,914	1,792	1,990	1,918	53	69	11,257	11,482

Layers and Eggs

Florida

Table egg production in Florida during March 2012 was 215 million eggs, eight percent above the previous month. Total egg production was 220 million eggs compared to 205 million eggs the previous month.

United States

United States egg production totaled 7.86 billion during March 2012, up slightly from last year. Production included 6.80 billion table eggs, and 1.06 billion hatching eggs, of which 981 million were broiler-type and 78 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during March 2012 averaged 340 million, down slightly from last year. March egg production per 100 layers was 2,313 eggs, up one percent from March 2011.

All layers in the United States on April 1, 2012 totaled 341 million, down slightly from last year. The 341 million layers consisted of 285 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 52.1 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 3.09 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on April 1, 2011, averaged 75.2 eggs per 100 layers, up one percent from April 1, 2011.

Hatchery Production

Florida

The March hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 4.67 million, was six percent below last year. Eggs in incubators on April 1, 2012, were 5.21 million, up three percent from a year ago.

United States

Broiler-type chicks hatched during March 2012 totaled 764 million, down four percent from March 2011. Eggs in incubators totaled 614 million on April 1, 2012, down five percent from a year earlier. Leading breeders placed 6.73 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during March 2012, down five percent from March 2011.

Egg-type chicks hatched during March 2012 totaled 40.6 million, down seven percent from March 2011. Eggs in incubators totaled 39.3 million on April 1, 2012, down five percent from a year ago. Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 210 thousand during March 2012, down 17 percent from March 2011.

Milk Production

Florida

Florida dairy farms produced 223 million pounds of milk during March 2012, slightly above the previous March. Production per cow in March of 1,830 pounds was two percent below March of last year. Milk cow numbers on Florida dairy farms in March totaled 122,000, three percent above March of last year.

United States

Milk production in the 23 major States during March totaled 16.5 billion pounds, up 4.3 percent from March 2011. February revised production at 15.1 billion pounds, was up 8.2 percent from February 2011. The February revision represented an increase of 13 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Adjusting February production for the additional day due to leap year caused February revised production to be up 4.5 percent on a per day basis. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,931 pounds for March, 59 pounds above March 2011. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.52 million head, 94,000 head more than March 2011, and 9,000 head more than February 2012.

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

Selected States	Average layers on hand	Egg production	Eggs per 100 for all layers
	(1,000)	(millions)	(number)
Alabama.....	9,179	180	1,961
Arkansas.....	12,085	248	2,052
California.....	20,024	472	2,357
Colorado.....	4,782	117	2,447
Connecticut.....	2,303	54	2,345
Florida.....	9,343	220	2,355
Georgia.....	16,700	360	2,156
Illinois.....	4,468	106	2,372
Indiana.....	24,697	567	2,296
Iowa.....	51,062	1,215	2,379
Maine.....	3,583	87	2,428
Maryland.....	2,477	60	2,422
Michigan.....	11,644	287	2,465
Minnesota.....	9,756	227	2,327
Mississippi.....	5,461	114	2,088
Missouri.....	6,661	160	2,402
Nebraska.....	9,276	229	2,469
New York.....	4,534	112	2,470
North Carolina.....	12,855	266	2,069
Ohio.....	27,870	646	2,318
Oregon.....	2,220	57	2,568
Pennsylvania.....	24,912	608	2,441
South Carolina.....	4,310	98	2,274
South Dakota.....	2,278	54	2,371
Texas.....	18,769	435	2,318
Utah.....	3,540	86	2,429
Virginia.....	3,061	63	2,058
Washington.....	6,856	171	2,494
Wisconsin.....	4,881	118	2,418
Other States ¹	20,163	441	2,187
United States.....	339,750	7,858	2,313

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: April 1.....	41,197	39,279	95
Chicks hatched during March.....	43,603	40,622	93
Chicks hatched January through March.....	121,608	120,199	99
Pullets hatched during March for intended placements:			
Hatchery supply flocks.....	253	210	83
Cumulative potential placements 7-18 months earlier ¹	3,130	3,001	96
Broiler-Type			
Eggs in incubators April 1.....	649,146	614,211	95
Chicks hatched during March.....	793,765	764,225	96
Chicks hatched January through March.....	2,283,800	2,221,208	97
Pullets hatched during March for intended placements:			
Hatchery supply flocks.....	7,058	6,728	95
Cumulative potential placements 7-15 months earlier ²	63,250	63,323	100

¹ 2012 includes pullet chicks hatched September 2010 through August 2011.

² 2012 includes pullet chicks hatched December 2010 through August 2011

U.S. broiler-type chicks hatched in March were 764 million, down four percent; while egg-type chicks hatched were down seven percent from a year ago. March egg production at 7.86 billion was up 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	9,254	5,286	5,511	48,459	50,995
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 223 million pounds of milk during March 2012, slightly above the previous March.

Milk Cows and Production - Florida, Selected States and United States

Month and year	Milk Cows ¹	Monthly milk Production ²	
		Per cow	Monthly Total
	(1,000)	(pounds)	(million pounds)
Florida			
March 2011.....	119	1,865	222
February 2012.....	122	1,720	210
March 2012.....	122	1,830	223
23 Selected States			
March 2011.....	8,425	1,872	15,773
February 2012.....	8,510	1,780	15,149
March 2012.....	8,519	1,931	16,452
United States			
March 2011.....	9,180	1,851	16,989
February 2012.....	9,254	1,761	16,297
March 2012.....	9,266	1,910	17,697

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 March 2012 was 9.6 million pounds, 20 percent above last month, but five percent below last year.

United States

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.17 billion pounds in March 2012, down four percent from 4.35 billion pounds produced in March 2011.

Beef and Veal Production: Beef production, at 2.16 billion pounds, was five percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.75 million head, down seven percent from March 2011. The average live weight was up 23 pounds from the previous year, at 1,299 pounds. Veal production totaled 10.0 million pounds, 18 percent below March 2010. Calf slaughter totaled 59,400 head, down 19 percent from March 2011. The average live weight was down one pound from last year, at 283 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.99 billion pounds, down three percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.52 million head, down four percent from March 2011. The average live weight was up one pound from the previous year, at 279 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 14.2 million pounds, was up one percent from March 2011. Sheep slaughter totaled 190,200 head, two percent below last year. The average live weight was 149 pounds, up three pounds from March a year ago.

Commercial Slaughter and Red Meat Production - Florida and United States

Source and kind	March 2011	February 2012	March 2012	Year to date 2011	Year to date 2012
Florida					
Hogs:					
Head slaughtered 1,000 head	6.3	4.1	5.1	16.9	14.5
Total liveweight 1,000 pounds	918	643	773	2,421	2,109
Sheep and Lambs:					
Head slaughtered 1,000 head	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.5
Total liveweight 1,000 pounds	12	9	19	20	35
Red meat production ¹ million pounds	10.1	8.0	9.6	27.5	27.8
United States					
Cattle:					
Head slaughtered 1,000 head	2,959.1	2,557.7	2,751.1	8,314.4	8,024.5
Total liveweight million pounds	3,761	3,336	3,567	10,665	10,427
Average liveweight pounds	1,276	1,307	1,299	1,287	1,302
Beef production million pounds	2,266.2	2,009.0	2,157.6	6,409.5	6,280.4
Calves:					
Head slaughtered 1,000 head	73.0	60.2	59.4	213.8	187.3
Total liveweight million pounds	20	17	17	56	52
Average liveweight pounds	284	276	283	270	273
Veal production million pounds	12.1	9.8	10.0	33.4	30.2
Hogs:					
Head slaughtered 1,000 head	9,872.5	9,044.5	9,521.6	27,482.9	28,103.8
Total liveweight million pounds	2,740	2,515	2,653	7,628	7,821
Average liveweight pounds	278	278	279	278	278
Pork production million pounds	2,054.4	1,882.9	1,987.9	5,718.7	5,857.8
Sheep and Lambs:					
Head slaughtered 1,000 head	193.8	165.4	190.2	510.2	520.4
Total liveweight million pounds	28	25	28	72	77
Lamb and Mutton million pounds	14.1	12.3	14.2	36.2	38.6
Red meat production ¹ million pounds	4,346.7	3,914.0	4,169.7	12,197.8	12,207.0

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