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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 11.1 million head on May 1, 2012. The inventory was one percent below May 1, 2011.

Placements in feedlots during April totaled 1.52 million, 15 percent below 2011. Net placements were 1.44 million head. During April, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 355,000, 600-699 pounds were 250,000, 700-799 pounds were 380,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 536,000. Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 1.82 million, slightly above 2011. Other disappearance totaled 78,000 during April, 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)
April.....	2011	445	310	485	545	1,785
March.....	2012	390	300	500	602	1,792
April.....	2012	355	250	380	536	1,521

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

State	Number on feed April		Placed during April		Marketed during April		Other disappearance during April		Number on feed May 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.....	276	278	25	26	18	27	1	1	282	276
California.....	450	490	57	45	55	58	2	2	450	475
Colorado.....	1,090	1,070	165	120	150	150	5	10	1,100	1,030
Idaho.....	220	225	34	28	23	36	1	2	230	215
Iowa.....	650	670	69	55	76	72	3	3	640	650
Kansas.....	2,190	2,170	380	300	385	380	15	10	2,170	2,080
Nebraska.....	2,380	2,530	370	370	370	420	10	20	2,370	2,460
Oklahoma.....	355	320	76	47	74	70	2	2	355	295
South Dakota	265	255	31	32	39	40	2	2	255	245
Texas.....	2,770	2,780	500	410	530	465	10	15	2,730	2,710
Washington...	207	233	28	28	33	34	2	3	200	224
Other States ¹	404	461	50	60	54	63	7	8	393	450
United States	11,257	11,482	1,785	1,521	1,807	1,815	60	78	11,175	11,110

¹ Other States include: Illinois, Minnesota, New Mexico, Oregon, and Wyoming.

Layers and Eggs

Florida

Table egg production in Florida during April 2012 was 203 million eggs, six percent below the previous month. Total egg production was 207 million eggs compared to 220 million eggs the previous month.

United States

United States egg production totaled 7.58 billion during April 2012, down one percent from last year. Production included 6.54 billion table eggs, and 1.04 billion hatching eggs, of which 964 million were broiler-type and 73 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during April 2012 averaged 339 million, down slightly from last year. April egg production per 100 layers was 2,233 eggs, down slightly from April 2011.

All layers in the United States on May 1, 2012 totaled 338 million, down slightly from last year. The 338 million layers consisted of 283 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 52.8 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.98 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on May 1, 2011, averaged 73.6 eggs per 100 layers, down one percent from May 1, 2011.

Hatchery Production

Florida

The April hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 4.73 million, was three percent below last year. Eggs in incubators on May 1, 2012, were 4.05 million, down three percent from a year ago.

United States

Broiler-type chicks hatched during April 2012 totaled 748 million, down four percent from April 2011. Eggs in incubators totaled 619 million on May 1, 2012, down four percent from a year earlier. Leading breeders placed 6.52 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during April 2012, down seven percent from April 2011.

Egg-type chicks hatched during April 2012 totaled 39.7 million, down eight percent from April 2011. Eggs in incubators totaled 42.0 million on May 1, 2012, up four percent from a year ago. Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 172 thousand during April 2012, down 40 percent from April 2011.

Milk Production

Florida

Florida dairy farms produced 215 million pounds of milk during April 2012, four percent above the previous April. Production per cow in April of 1,760 pounds was one percent above April of last year. Milk cow numbers on Florida dairy farms in April totaled 122,000, three percent above April of last year.

United States

Milk production in the 23 major States during April totaled 16.0 billion pounds, up 3.3 percent from April 2011. March revised production at 16.4 billion pounds, was up 4.3 percent from March 2011. The March revision represented a decrease of 5 million pounds or less than 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,875 pounds for April, 40 pounds above April 2011. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.53 million head, 94,000 head more than April 2011, and 4,000 head more than March 2012.

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

Selected States	Average layers on hand	Egg production	Eggs per 100 for all layers
	(1,000)	(millions)	(number)
Alabama.....	9,270	177	1,909
Arkansas.....	12,258	243	1,982
California.....	19,935	446	2,237
Colorado.....	4,734	112	2,366
Connecticut.....	2,324	54	2,324
Florida.....	8,899	207	2,326
Georgia.....	16,803	349	2,077
Illinois.....	4,258	99	2,325
Indiana.....	24,207	543	2,243
Iowa.....	51,544	1185	2,299
Maine.....	3,563	84	2,358
Maryland.....	2,373	55	2,318
Michigan.....	11,803	279	2,364
Minnesota.....	10,076	225	2,233
Mississippi.....	5,623	112	1,992
Missouri.....	6,797	159	2,339
Nebraska.....	9,244	226	2,445
New York.....	4,426	106	2,395
North Carolina.....	12,752	258	2,023
Ohio.....	27,840	621	2,231
Oregon.....	2,334	58	2,485
Pennsylvania.....	24,427	572	2,342
South Carolina.....	4,349	94	2,161
South Dakota.....	2,285	53	2,319
Texas.....	18,802	423	2,250
Utah.....	3,533	80	2,264
Virginia.....	3,116	62	1,990
Washington.....	6,722	156	2,321
Wisconsin.....	4,763	109	2,288
Other States ¹	20,278	431	2,125
United States.....	339,338	7,578	2,233

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: May 1.....	40,521	41,984	104
Chicks hatched during April.....	42,959	39,702	92
Chicks hatched January through April.....	164,567	159,901	97
Pullets hatched during April for intended placements:			
Hatchery supply flocks.....	287	172	60
Cumulative potential placements 7-18 months earlier ¹	3,161	3,002	95
Broiler-Type			
Eggs in incubators May 1.....	647,762	619,355	96
Chicks hatched during April.....	777,866	747,697	96
Chicks hatched January through April.....	3,061,666	2,968,905	97
Pullets hatched during April for intended placements:			
Hatchery supply flocks.....	7,044	6,524	93
Cumulative potential placements 7-15 months earlier ²	63,751	63,209	99

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

² 2012 includes pullet chicks hatched January 2011 through September 2011

U.S. broiler-type chicks hatched in April were 748 million, down four percent; while egg-type chicks hatched were down eight percent from a year ago. April egg production at 7.58 billion was down one percent 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	5,510	48,459	50,990
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 215 million pounds of milk during April 2012 up four percent from the previous April.

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			
April 2011.....	119	1,740	207
March 2012.....	122	1,865	228
April 2012.....	122	1,760	215
23 Selected States			
April 2011.....	8,431	1,835	15,475
March 2012.....	8,521	1,930	16,447
April 2012.....	8,525	1,875	15,983
United States			
April 2011.....	9,182	1,814	16,652
March 2012.....	9,267	1,909	17,692
April 2012.....	9,272	1,854	17,190

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 April 2012 was 9.2 million pounds, four percent below last month, and four percent below last year.

United States

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.86 billion pounds in April, down slightly from the 3.87 billion pounds produced in April 2011.

Beef and Veal Production: Beef production, at 1.99 billion pounds, was three percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.57 million head, down six percent from April 2011. The average liveweight was up 25 pounds from the previous year, at 1,282 pounds. Veal production totaled 9.9 million pounds, three percent below April 2010. Calf slaughter totaled 56,500 head, down four percent from April 2011. The average liveweight was down one pound from last year, at 295 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.84 billion pounds, up three percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 8.83 million head, up two percent from April 2011. The average liveweight was up one pound from the previous year, at 278 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 12.9 million pounds, was down ten percent from April 2011. Sheep slaughter totaled 181,200 head, 13 percent below last year. The average liveweight was 142 pounds, up four pounds from April a year ago.

Commercial Slaughter and Red Meat Production - Florida and United States

Source and kind	April 2011	March 2012	April 2012	Year to date 2011	Year to date 2012
Florida					
Hogs:					
Head slaughtered 1,000 head	6.6	5.1	5.2	23.5	19.7
Total liveweight 1,000 pounds	911	773	737	3,332	2,846
Sheep and Lambs:					
Head slaughtered 1,000 head	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.8
Total liveweight 1,000 pounds	14	19	17	34	52
Red meat production ¹ million pounds	9.6	9.6	9.2	37.1	37.0
United States					
Cattle:					
Head slaughtered 1,000 head	2,719.1	2,753.8	2,569.3	11,033.5	10,596.6
Total liveweight million pounds	3,405	3,567	3,286	14,070	13,713
Average liveweight pounds	1,257	1,299	1,282	1,280	1,297
Beef production million pounds	2,052.5	2,159.8	1,990.6	8,462.1	8,273.2
Calves:					
Head slaughtered 1,000 head	58.9	59.4	56.5	272.7	243.8
Total liveweight million pounds	17	17	17	73	69
Average liveweight pounds	296	283	295	276	278
Veal production million pounds	10.2	10.0	9.9	43.6	40.1
Hogs:					
Head slaughtered 1,000 head	8,628.8	9,521.6	8,826.2	36,111.6	36,930.1
Total liveweight million pounds	2,390	2,653	2,457	10,018	10,278
Average liveweight pounds	277	279	278	278	278
Pork production million pounds	1,790.7	1,987.9	1,841.7	7,509.5	7,699.4
Sheep and Lambs:					
Head slaughtered 1,000 head	207.7	190.2	181.2	717.9	701.6
Total liveweight million pounds	29	28	26	101	103
Lamb and Mutton million pounds	14.4	14.2	12.9	50.6	51.5
Red meat production ¹ million pounds	3,867.8	4,171.8	3,855.1	16,065.7	16,064.3

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