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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 11.2 million head on January 1, 2013. The inventory was 6 percent below January 1, 2012. Placements in feedlots during December totaled 1.66 million, one percent below 2011. Net placements were 1.59 million head. During December, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 495,000; 600-699 pounds were 415,000; 700-99 pounds were 379,000 and 800 pounds and greater were 375,000. Marketings of fed cattle during December totaled 1.75 million, two percent below 2011. Other disappearance totaled 74,000 during December, 19 percent below 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)
December .....	2011	550	385	360	378	1,673
November .....	2012	655	450	385	453	1,943
December .....	2012	495	415	379	375	1,664

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

State	Number on feed December		Placed during December		Marketed during December		Other disappearance during December		Number on feed January 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)	2012 (1,000 head)	2013 (1,000 head)
Arizona .....	290	267	26	29	36	23	1	1	279	272
California .....	505	490	61	50	52	55	4	5	510	480
Colorado .....	1,160	1,020	160	140	160	155	10	5	1,150	1,000
Idaho .....	235	245	36	26	40	40	1	1	230	230
Iowa .....	610	610	77	82	63	68	4	4	620	620
Kansas .....	2,360	2,190	350	365	445	425	15	20	2,250	2,110
Nebraska .....	2,560	2,530	380	390	380	425	10	15	2,550	2,480
Oklahoma .....	385	345	45	52	52	49	3	3	375	345
South Dakota	265	230	37	34	37	33	5	1	260	230
Texas .....	2,990	2,700	400	415	420	380	30	15	2,940	2,720
Washington ...	236	261	44	25	45	38	3	1	232	247
Other States <sup>1</sup>	459	460	57	56	46	54	5	3	465	459
United States.	12,055	11,348	1,673	1,664	1,776	1,745	91	74	11,861	11,193

<sup>1</sup> Other States include: Illinois, Minnesota, New Mexico, Oregon, and Wyoming.

## Layers and Eggs

### Florida

Table egg production in Florida during December 2012 was 195 million eggs, two percent below the previous month. Total egg production was 200 million eggs compared to 204 million eggs the previous month.

### United States

United States egg production totaled 8.07 billion during December 2012, up two percent from last year. Production included 7.03 billion table eggs, and 1.04 billion hatching eggs, of which 969 million were broiler-type and 71 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during December 2012 averaged 344 million, up two percent from last year. December egg production per 100 layers was 2,346 eggs, unchanged from December 2011.

All layers in the United States on January 1, 2013 totaled 343 million, up one percent from last year. The 343 million layers consisted of 288 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 51.2 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.97 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on January 1, 2013, averaged 75.1 eggs per 100 layers, down one percent from January 1, 2012.

## Hatchery Production

### Florida

The December hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 763 million, was above last year. Eggs in incubators on January 1, 2013, were 4.05 million, slightly above a year ago.

### United States

Broiler-type chicks hatched during December 2012 totaled 763 million, up one percent from December 2011. Eggs in incubators totaled 611 million on January 1, 2013, down four percent from a year earlier. Leading breeders placed 6.63 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during December 2012, up three percent from December 2011.

Egg-type chicks hatched during December 2012 totaled 37.1 million, down five percent from December 2011. Eggs in incubators totaled 37.5 million on January 1, 2013, down three percent from a year ago. Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 191 thousand during December 2012, down 31 percent from December 2011.

## Milk Production

### Florida

Florida dairy farms produced 196 million pounds of milk during December 2012, the same as the previous December. Production per cow in December 2012 was one percent below December of last year. Milk cow numbers on Florida dairy farms in December totaled 122,000, two percent above December of last year.

### United States

Milk production in the 23 major States during December totaled 15.7 billion pounds, up 1.7 percent from December 2011. November revised production at 14.9 billion pounds, was up 1.3 percent from November 2011. The November revision represented an increase of 31 million pounds or 0.2 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,848 pounds for December, 30 pounds above December 2011. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.49 million head, 5,000 head more than December 2011, but 16,000 head less than November 2012.

## Layers and Egg Production for Selected States and United States: December 2012

Selected States	Average layers on hand	Egg production (millions)	Eggs per 100 for all layers (number)
	(1,000)		
Alabama.....	9,137	182	1,992
Arkansas.....	12,288	257	2,091
California.....	19,525	457	2,341
Colorado.....	4,186	97	2,317
Connecticut.....	2,394	56	2,339
<b>Florida.....</b>	<b>8,537</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>2,343</b>
Georgia.....	17,380	373	2,146
Illinois.....	4,177	100	2,394
Indiana.....	25,994	607	2,335
Iowa.....	52,443	1,260	2,403
Maine.....	3,535	84	2,376
Maryland.....	2,373	55	2,318
Michigan.....	12,209	310	2,539
Minnesota.....	9,926	236	2,378
Mississippi.....	5,516	117	2,121
Missouri.....	8,201	198	2,414
Nebraska.....	9,295	233	2,507
New York.....	4,632	117	2,526
North Carolina.....	12,897	271	2,101
Ohio.....	28,312	695	2,455
Oregon.....	2,301	60	2,608
Pennsylvania.....	24,918	625	2,508
South Carolina.....	4,228	96	2,271
South Dakota.....	2,254	58	2,573
Texas.....	18,860	437	2,317
Utah.....	3,799	92	2,422
Virginia.....	2,765	60	2,170
Washington.....	6,601	164	2,484
Wisconsin.....	5,324	133	2,498
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	20,090	443	2,205
<b>United States.....</b>	<b>344,097</b>	<b>8,073</b>	<b>2,346</b>

<sup>1</sup> Includes data for States not listed in this table.

## Hatchery production - United States

Item	2012	2013	2013 as % of 2012
	(1,000)	(1,000)	
<b>Egg-Type</b>			
Eggs in incubators January 1.....	38,818	37,486	97
Chicks hatched during December.....	39,071	37,130	95
Chicks hatched January through December.....	478,829	467,355	98
Pullets hatched during December for intended placements:			
Hatchery supply flocks.....	277	191	69
Cumulative potential placements 7-18 months earlier <sup>1</sup> .....	2,936	3,017	103
<b>Broiler-Type</b>			
Eggs in incubators January 1.....	633,902	610,708	96
Chicks hatched during December.....	758,382	762,690	101
Chicks hatched January through December.....	9,055,976	8,924,917	99
Pullets hatched during December for intended placements:			
Hatchery supply flocks.....	6,438	6,630	103
Cumulative potential placements 7-15 months earlier <sup>2</sup> .....	64,028	60,721	95

<sup>1</sup> 2013 includes pullet chicks hatched June 2011 through May 2012.

<sup>2</sup> 2013 includes pullet chicks hatched September 2011 through May 2012.

*U.S. broiler-type chicks hatched in December were 763 million, up one percent while egg-type chicks hatched were down five percent from a year ago. December egg production at 8.07 billion was up two percent from a year ago.*

## Milk Production by Quarters - United States

Month	Milk cows <sup>1</sup>		Milk per cow <sup>2</sup>		Milk Production <sup>2</sup>	
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)
January-March.....	9,168	9,254	5,286	5,513	48,459	51,017
April-June.....	9,191	9,257	5,489	5,562	50,448	51,484
July-September.....	9,200	9,214	5,292	5,284	48,684	48,690
October-December.....	9,216	9,199	5,279	5,337	48,654	49,093
Annual Total.....	9,194	9,231	21,345	21,697	196,245	200,284

<sup>1</sup> Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh.

<sup>2</sup> Excludes milk fed to calves.

*Florida dairy farms produced 196 million pounds of milk during December 2012. This was the same as last year.*

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

Month and year	Milk Cows <sup>1</sup>	Monthly milk Production <sup>2</sup>	
		Per cow	Monthly Total
	(1,000)	(pounds)	(million pounds)
<b>Florida</b>			
December 2011.....	120	1,630	196
November 2012.....	122	1,460	178
December 2012.....	122	1,610	196
<b>23 Selected States</b>			
December 2011.....	8,485	1,818	15,426
November 2012.....	8,474	1,762	14,929
December 2012.....	8,490	1,848	15,693
<b>United States</b>			
December 2011.....	9,223	1,795	16,556
November 2012.....	9,197	1,741	16,008
December 2012.....	9,213	1,826	16,825

<sup>1</sup> Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh.

<sup>2</sup> Excludes milk fed to calves.

## Livestock Slaughter

### Florida

Commercial red meat production in Florida for December 2012 was 9.2 million pounds, 12 percent below last month, and 3 percent below last year.

### United States

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.00 billion pounds in December, down 5 percent from the 4.22 billion pounds produced in December 2011.

**Beef and Veal Production:** Beef production, at 2.02 billion pounds, was 5 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.54 million head, down 8 percent from December 2011. The average live weight was up 26 pounds from the previous year, at 1,323 pounds. Veal production totaled 9.8 million pounds, 9 percent below December a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 65,400 head, down 10 percent from December 2011.

**Pork production** totaled 1.95 billion pounds, down 5 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.47 million head, down 5 percent from December 2011. The average liveweight was down two pound from the previous year, at 276 pounds.

**Lamb and mutton production**, at 18.5 million pounds, was up three percent from December 2011. Sheep slaughter totaled 189,700 head, 5 percent above last year. The average liveweight was 135 pounds.

### Commercial Slaughter and Red Meat Production - Florida and United States

Source and kind	December 2011	November 2012	December 2012	Year to date 2011	Year to date 2012
<b>Florida</b>					
Calf:					
Head slaughtered ..... 1,000 head	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	0.8
Total liveweight ..... 1,000 pounds	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	115
Hogs:					
Head slaughtered ..... 1,000 head	4.0	5.5	5.3	95.0	66.9
Total liveweight ..... 1,000 pounds	621	806	806	9,462	7,701
Sheep and Lambs:					
Head slaughtered ..... 1,000 head	0.1	0.2	0.1	1.9	2.4
Total liveweight ..... 1,000 pounds	6	12	9	115	163
Red meat production <sup>1</sup> ..... million pounds	9.5	10.4	9.2	118.1	116.3
<b>United States</b>					
Cattle:					
Head slaughtered ..... 1,000 head	2,753.4	2,783.8	2,543.5	34,086.6	32,950.4
Total liveweight ..... million pounds	3,562	3,668	3,359	43,404	42,815
Average liveweight ..... pounds	1,297	1,321	1,323	1,277	1,302
Beef production ..... million pounds	2,126.3	2,206.6	2,020.4	26,195.4	25,912.2
Calves:					
Head slaughtered ..... 1,000 head	73.0	70.5	65.4	852.5	772.1
Total liveweight ..... million pounds	18	17	17	217	201
Average liveweight ..... pounds	253	244	254	263	260
Veal production ..... million pounds	10.8	10.1	9.8	129.5	118.0
Hogs:					
Head slaughtered ..... 1,000 head	9,941.8	10,105.3	9,465.2	110,860.0	113,152.2
Total liveweight ..... million pounds	2,762	2,788	2,613	30,422	31,088
Average liveweight ..... pounds	278	276	276	275	275
Pork production ..... million pounds	2,065.6	2,078.7	1,953.5	22,758.2	23,250.0
Sheep and Lambs:					
Head slaughtered ..... 1,000 head	180.1	181.8	189.7	2,164.3	2,183.0
Total liveweight ..... million pounds	25	25	26	240	258
Lamb and Mutton ..... million pounds	12.5	12.4	12.8	148.7	156.2
Red meat production <sup>1</sup> ..... million pounds	4,215.1	4,307.8	3,996.5	49,231.7	49,436.4

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

<sup>1</sup> Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb, and mutton.