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Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.9 million head on March 1, 2013. The inventory was seven percent below March 1, 2012.

Placements in feedlots during February totaled 1.48 million, 14 percent below 2012. Net placements were 1.42 million head. During February, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 355,000, 600-699 pounds were 270,000, 700-799 pounds were 407,000 and 800 pounds and greater were 450,000. Marketings of fed cattle during February totaled 1.64 million, seven percent below 2012 totaled. Other disappearance totaled 60,000 during February, 35 percent below 2012.

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)
February.....	2012	400	335	469	510	1,714
January.....	2012	445	430	525	447	1,847
February.....	2013	355	270	407	450	1,482

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

State	Number on feed February		Placed during February		Marketed during February		Other disappearance during February		Number on feed March 1	
	2012 (1,000 head)	2013 (1,000 head)	2012 (1,000 head)	2013 (1,000 head)	2012 (1,000 head)	2013 (1,000 head)	2012 (1,000 head)	2013 (1,000 head)	2012 (1,000 head)	2013 (1,000 head)
Arizona.....	276	275	25	23	21	27	1	1	279	270
California.....	505	480	50	48	53	46	2	2	500	480
Colorado.....	1,140	1,010	165	160	200	170	15	10	1,090	990
Idaho.....	235	225	37	36	41	35	1	1	230	225
Iowa.....	650	640	85	71	62	68	3	3	670	640
Kansas.....	2,230	2,110	370	295	385	345	15	10	2,200	2,050
Nebraska.....	2,570	2,470	410	350	390	380	20	10	2,570	2,430
Oklahoma.....	355	325	48	37	61	55	2	2	340	305
South Dakota.....	260	225	47	45	45	39	2	1	260	230
Texas.....	2,900	2,620	380	340	415	395	25	15	2,840	2,550
Washington.....	227	234	41	35	32	34	3	2	233	233
Other States.....	463	459	56	42	50	44	4	3	465	454
United States.....	11,811	11,073	1,714	1,482	1,755	1,638	93	60	11,677	10,857

Hatchery Production

Florida

The February hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 4.04 million, was 11 percent below a year earlier. Broiler-type eggs in incubators on March 1 at 3.67 million, was seven percent below a year ago.

United States

Broiler-type chicks hatched during February 2013 totaled 690 million, down two percent from February 2012. Eggs in incubators totaled 622 million on March 1, 2013, up two percent from a year earlier. Leading breeders placed 7.16 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during February 2013, up two percent from February 2012. Egg-type chicks hatched during February 2013 totaled 40.8 million, up four percent from February 2012. Eggs in incubators totaled 41.8 million on March 1, 2013, up six percent from a year ago. Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 236 thousand during February 2013, down one percent from February 2012.

Layers and Eggs

Florida

Table egg production in Florida during February 2013 was 164 million eggs, 11 percent below the previous month. Total egg production was 168 million eggs compared to 189 million eggs the previous month.

United States

United States egg production totaled 7.19 billion during February 2013, down one percent from last year. Production included 6.23 billion table eggs, and 962 million hatching eggs, of which 893 million were broiler-type and 69 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during February 2013 averaged 344 million, up two percent from last year. February egg production per 100 layers was 2,088 eggs, down two percent from February 2012. All layers in the United States on March 1, 2013 totaled 345 million, up two percent from last year. The 345 million layers consisted of 291 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 51.7 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.98 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on March 1, 2013, averaged 74.3 eggs per 100 layers, up slightly from March 1, 2012.

Hatchery Production - United States

Item	2012	2013	2013 as % of 2012
	(1,000)	(1,000)	
Egg Type			
Eggs in incubators: March 1	39,322	41,803	106
Chicks hatched during February	39,300	40,814	104
Chicks hatched Jan through Feb	79,577	82,634	104
Pullets hatched during Feb for intended placements			
Hatchery supply flocks.....	238	236	99
Cumulative potential placements 7-18 months earlier ¹	2,936	2,871	98
Broiler-Type			
Eggs in incubators March 1	610,618	622,256	102
Chicks hatched during February	705,113	689,773	98
Chicks hatched Jan through Feb	1,456,983	1,452,199	100
Pullets hatched during February for intended placements			
in hatchery supply flocks.....	7,025	7,156	102
Cumulative potential placements 7-15 months earlier ²	63,679	60,646	95

¹ 2013 includes pullet chicks hatched August 2011 through July 2012.

² 2013 includes pullet chicks hatched November 2011 through July 2012

Layers and Eggs-Selected States and United States February 2013

Selected States	Average layers on hand	Egg production	Rate of lay per 100 layers
	(1,000)	(millions)	
Alabama.....	9,217	169	1,834
Arkansas.....	12,647	233	1,842
California.....	19,453	413	2,123
Colorado.....	4,183	89	2,128
Connecticut.....	2,310	48	2,078
Florida.....	8,332	168	2,016
Georgia.....	17,486	343	1,962
Illinois.....	4,275	93	2,175
Indiana.....	26,632	561	2,106
Iowa.....	52,450	1,101	2,099
Maine.....	3,558	78	2,192
Maryland.....	1,828	39	2,133
Michigan.....	12,362	279	2,257
Minnesota.....	9,794	207	2,114
Mississippi.....	5,608	106	1,890
Missouri.....	7,882	171	2,170
Nebraska.....	9,295	216	2,324
New York.....	4,652	107	2,300
North Carolina...	12,713	236	1,856
Ohio.....	28,372	596	2,101
Oregon.....	2,303	53	2,301
Pennsylvania.....	24,896	557	2,237
South Carolina..	4,289	84	1,958
South Dakota....	2,679	60	2,240
Texas.....	18,518	388	2,095
Utah.....	3,631	80	2,203
Virginia.....	2,752	51	1,853
Washington.....	6,749	147	2,178
Wisconsin.....	5,256	112	2,131
Other States ¹	20,360	409	2,009
United States.....	344,482	7,194	2,088

¹ Includes data for states not listed in this table.

Milk Production

Florida: Florida dairy farms produced 202 million pounds of milk during February 2013, four percent below the previous February 2012. Production per cow in February averaged 1,655 pounds, down four percent from February 2012. Total milk cows at 122,000, was the same as February 2012.

United States: Milk production in the 23 major States during February 2013 totaled 14.6 billion pounds, down 3.4 percent from February 2012. January revised production at 15.9 billion pounds, was up 0.6 percent from January 2012. The January revision represented an increase of six million pounds or less than 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,722 pounds for February 2013, 58 pounds below February 2012. Milk cows totaled 8.50 million head, 13,000 head less than February 2012.

Milk Cows, Production – Florida, United States

Month and year	Milk Cows ¹	Monthly milk Production ²	
		Per cow	Monthly Total
	(1,000)	(pounds)	(million pounds)
Florida			
February 2012.....	122	1,720	210
January 2013	122	1,730	211
February 2013.....	122	1,655	202
23 Major States			
February 2012.....	8,513	1,780	15,153
January 2013	8,498	1,872	15,907
February 2013.....	8,500	1,722	14,638
United States			
February 2013.....	9,213	1,717	15,820
January 2013	9,186	1,770	16,260
February 2013.....	9,193	1,738	15,973

¹ Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh.

² Excludes milk fed to calves.

Milk Production by Quarters - United States

Month	Milk cows ¹		Milk per cow ²		Milk Production ²	
	2012	2013	2002	2013	20012	2013
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)
January-March.....	9,257		5,514		51,044	
April-June.....	9,259		5,563		51,509	
July-Sept.....	9,211		5,284		48,675	
Oct.-Dec.....	9,203		5,335		49,096	
Annual Total.....	9,233		21,697		200,324	

¹ Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh.

² Excludes milk fed to calves.

Hogs and Pigs

United States: United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 2013 was 65.9 million head. This was up one percent from March 1, 2012, but down one percent from December 1, 2012. Breeding inventory, at 5.83 million head, was up slightly from last year, and up slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 60.1 million head, was up two percent from last year, but down one percent from last quarter. The December 2012-February 2013 pig crop, at 29.0 million head, was up two percent from 2012.

Hogs and Pigs Inventory Number, Sows Farrowing and Pig Crop - United States

Item	2012	2013	2013 Percent of 2012
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
March 1 Inventory ¹			
All hogs and pigs	64,937	65,911	101
Kept for breeding	5,820	5,834	100
Market	59,117	60,077	102
Market hogs and pigs by weight groups			
Under 50 pounds	19,235	19,426	101
50 – 119 pounds.....	16,409	16,650	101
120 - 179 pounds.....	12,780	13,059	102
180 pounds and over	10,693	10,942	102
Sows farrowing			
December-February ²	2,864	2,879	101
March-May	2,982	2,955	99
December-May ^{1 2 4}	5,847	5,834	100
June-August	2,928	2,905	99
September-November	2,900		
June-November ¹	5,829		
Pig crop			
December-February ²	28,550	29,019	102
March-May	30,077		
December-May ^{1 2}	58,627		
June-August	29,654		
September-November.....	29,443		
June-November	59,097		

¹ May not add due to rounding.

² December preceding year.

³ Intentions for 2013.

⁴ Actual farrowing for December 2010-February 2013 plus intentions for March-May 2013.

Livestock Slaughter

Florida

Commercial red meat production in Florida for February 2013 was 8.0 million pounds, down 21 percent from last month but the same as 2012.

United States

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.67 billion pounds in February 2013, down six percent from 3.91 billion pounds produced in February 2012.

Beef and Veal Production at 1.87 billion pounds was seven percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.36 million head, down eight percent from February 2012. The average liveweight was up 13 pounds from the previous year, at 1,320 pounds. Veal production totaled 9.0 million pounds, nine percent below February a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 59,600 head, down one percent from February 2012. The average liveweight was down 18 pounds from last year, at 258 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.78 billion pounds, down six percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 8.59 million head, down five percent from February 2012. The average liveweight was down one pound from the previous year.

Lamb and mutton production, at 11.5 million pounds, was down seven percent from February 2012. Sheep slaughter totaled 161,700 head, two percent below last year. The average live weight was 142 pounds, down seven pounds from February a year ago.

Commercial Slaughter and Red Meat Production - Florida and United States

Source and kind	February 2012	January 2013	February 2013	Year to date 2012	Year to-date 2013
Florida					
Calf:					
Head slaughtered 1,000 head	(D)	(Y)	(D)	0.1	(Y)
Total liveweight 1,000 pounds	(D)	(X)	(D)	26	(X)
Hogs:					
Head slaughtered 1,000 head	4.1	6.0	7.2	11.3	13.2
Total liveweight 1,000 pounds	643	877	898	1,570	1,775
Sheep and Lambs:					
Head slaughtered 1,000 heads	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.5
Total liveweight 1,000 pounds	9	16	17	16	33
Red meat production ¹ million pounds	8.0	10.1	8.0	18.2	18.1
United States					
Cattle:					
Head slaughtered 1,000 head	2,557.6	2,834.7	2,358.9	5,272.3	5,193.6
Total liveweight million pounds	3,336	3,754	3,106	6,860	6,860
Average liveweight pounds	1,307	1,327	1,320	1,304	1,324
Beef production million pounds	2,008.9	2,260.0	1,873.6	4,121.9	4,133.6
Calves:					
Head slaughtered 1,000 head	60.2	70.9	59.6	127.9	130.5
Total liveweight million pounds	17	18	15	35	33
Average liveweight pounds	276	253	258	269	255
Veal production million pounds	9.8	10.5	9.0	20.2	19.4
Hogs:					
Head slaughtered 1,000 head	9,044.7	9,960.3	8,593.9	18,583.9	18,554.2
Total liveweight million pounds	2,515	2,757	2,376	5,168	5,133
Average liveweight pounds	278	277	277	278	277
Pork production million pounds	1,883.0	2,065.5	1,778.9	3,870.3	3,844.4
Sheep and Lambs:					
Head slaughtered 1,000 head	165.3	177.4	161.7	330.2	339.0
Total liveweight million pounds	25	25	23	50	48
Lamb and Mutton million pounds	12.3	12.4	11.5	24.4	23.8
Red meat production ¹ million pounds	3,914.1	4,348.3	3,672.9	8,036.9	8,021.2

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

(X) Not applicable.

(Y) Less than level of precision shown.

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