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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 10.9 million head on April 1, 2013. The inventory was five percent below April 1, 2012. Placements in feedlots during March totaled 1.90 million, six percent above 2012. Net placements were 1.82 million head. During March, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 410,000; 600-699 pounds were 315,000; 700-799 pounds were 540,000 and 800 pounds and greater were 634,000. Marketings of fed cattle during March totaled 1.77 million, eight percent below 2012. Other disappearance totaled 76,000 during March, 10 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)
March	2012	390	300	500	602	1,792
February	2013	335	270	407	450	1,482
March	2013	410	315	540	634	1,899

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

State	Number on feed March		Placed during March		Marketed during March		Other disappearance during March		Number on feed April 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.....	279	270	27	32	27	23	1	1	278	278
California.....	500	480	53	56	61	53	2	3	490	480
Colorado	1,090	990	160	165	175	165	5	10	1,070	980
Idaho.....	230	225	34	26	38	35	1	1	225	215
Iowa.....	670	640	73	71	71	77	2	4	670	630
Kansas.....	2,200	2,050	375	425	395	360	10	25	2,170	2,090
Nebraska.....	2,570	2,430	440	400	460	400	20	10	2,530	2,420
Oklahoma.....	340	305	56	55	74	53	2	2	320	305
South Dakota	260	230	45	32	48	31	2	1	255	230
Texas	2,840	2,550	430	540	470	485	20	15	2,780	2,590
Washington ...	233	233	37	37	36	36	1	1	233	233
Other States ¹	465	454	62	60	63	53	3	3	461	458
United States.	11,677	10,857	1,792	1,899	1,918	1,771	69	76	11,482	10,909

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

Layers and Eggs

Florida

Table egg production in Florida during March was 183 million eggs, 12 percent above the previous month. Total egg production was 188 million eggs compared to 168 million eggs the previous month.

United States

United States egg production totaled 8.07 billion during March 2013, up two percent from last year. Production included 6.99 billion table eggs, and 1.08 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.00 billion were broiler-type and 79 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during March 2013 averaged 347 million, up two percent from last year. March egg production per 100 layers was 2,325 eggs, up slightly from March 2012.

All layers in the United States on April 1, 2013 totaled 348 million, up two percent from last year. The 348 million layers consisted of 292 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 53.0 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 3.11 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on April 1, 2013, averaged 75.6 eggs per 100 layers, up one percent from April 1, 2012.

Hatchery Production

Florida

The March hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 4.48 million, was five percent above a year earlier. Broiler-type eggs in incubators on April 1 at 3.66 million, was ten percent below a year ago.

United States

Broiler-type chicks hatched during March 2013 totaled 770 million, up one percent from March 2012. Eggs in incubators totaled 623 million on April 1, 2013, up one percent from a year earlier. Leading breeders placed 6.33 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during March 2013, down six percent from March 2012.

Egg-type chicks hatched during March 2013 totaled 41.5 million, down two percent from March 2012. Eggs in incubators totaled 42.6 million on April 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 172 thousand during March 2013, down 18 percent from March 2012.

Milk Production

Florida

Florida dairy farms produced 225 million pounds of milk during March 2013, ten percent above last month but one percent below the previous March. Production per cow in March was one percent below March of last year. Milk cow numbers on Florida dairy farms in March totaled 122,000, two percent above March of last year.

United States

Milk production in the 23 major States during March totaled 16.4 billion pounds, down 0.1 percent from March 2012. February revised production at 14.7 billion pounds, was down 3.3 percent from February 2012. However, production was 0.2 percent above last year after adjusting for the leap year. The February revision represented an increase of 15 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Special Note

Due to sequestration, administrative data will be used for all releases of the milk production report through the end of the fiscal year on September 30, 2013. Releases will contain milk production data only. No information on the number of cows or milk per cow will be released. Please check the NASS website at www.nass.usda.gov for any future updates on NASS programs.

Layers and Egg Production for Selected States and United States: March 2013

Selected States	Average layers on hand	Egg production	Eggs per 100 for all layers
	(1,000)	(millions)	(number)
Alabama.....	9,468	194	2,049
Arkansas.....	12,659	262	2,070
California.....	19,495	468	2,401
Colorado.....	4,238	99	2,336
Connecticut.....	2,345	55	2,345
Florida.....	8,192	188	2,295
Georgia.....	17,612	386	2,192
Illinois.....	4,167	96	2,304
Indiana.....	26,835	620	2,310
Iowa.....	52,823	1,254	2,374
Maine.....	3,551	87	2,450
Maryland.....	2,408	57	2,367
Michigan.....	12,489	317	2,538
Minnesota.....	10,170	238	2,340
Mississippi.....	5,757	117	2,032
Missouri.....	7,958	188	2,362
Nebraska.....	9,241	236	2,554
New York.....	4,579	119	2,599
North Carolina.....	12,789	261	2,041
Ohio.....	28,355	658	2,321
Oregon.....	2,253	56	2,486
Pennsylvania.....	25,072	631	2,517
South Carolina.....	4,407	95	2,156
South Dakota.....	2,638	65	2,464
Texas.....	18,447	423	2,293
Utah.....	3,739	87	2,327
Virginia.....	2,816	56	1,989
Washington.....	6,815	173	2,539
Wisconsin.....	5,307	129	2,431
Other States ¹	20,429	455	2,227
United States.....	347,054	8,070	2,325

¹ Includes data for States not listed in this table.

Hatchery production - United States

Item	2012	2013	2013 as % of 2012
	(1,000)	(1,000)	
Egg-Type			
Eggs in incubators April 1.....	40,208	42,558	106
Chicks hatched during March.....	42,535	41,540	98
Chicks hatched January through March.....	122,123	123,746	101
Pullets hatched during March for intended placements:			
Hatchery supply flocks.....	210	172	82
Cumulative potential placements 7-18 months earlier ¹	3,001	2,890	96
Broiler-Type			
Eggs in incubators April 1.....	614,958	623,269	101
Chicks hatched during March.....	764,469	770,144	101
Chicks hatched January through March.....	2,222,037	2,222,343	100
Pullets hatched during March for intended placements:			
Hatchery supply flocks.....	6,753	6,325	94
Cumulative potential placements 7-15 months earlier ²	63,323	61,094	96

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

² 2013 includes pullet chicks hatched December 2011 through August 2012.

U.S. broiler-type chicks hatched in March were 770 million, up one percent while egg-type chicks hatched were down two percent from a year ago. March egg production at 8.07 billion was up two percent from a year ago.

Milk Production by Quarters - United States

Month	Milk cows ¹		Milk per cow ²		Milk Production ²	
	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)
January-March.....	9,254	(NA)	5,513	(NA)	51,044	50,495
April-June.....	9,257	(NA)	5,562	(NA)	51,509	
July-September.....	9,214	(NA)	5,284	(NA)	48,675	
October-December.....	9,199	(NA)	5,337	(NA)	49,096	
Annual Total.....	9,231	(NA)	21,697	(NA)	200,324	

(NA) Not available

¹ Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh.

² Excludes milk fed to calves.

Florida dairy farms produced 225 million pounds of milk during March 2013. This was one percent below last year.

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 2012.....	120	1,630	228
February 2013.....	122	1,460	204
March 2013.....	122	1,610	225
23 Selected States			
March 2012.....	8,485	1,818	16,462
February 2013.....	8,474	1,762	14,653
March 2013.....	8,490	1,848	16,440
United States			
March 2012.....	9,223	1,795	17,718
February 2013.....	9,197	1,741	15,743
March 2013.....	9,213	1,826	17,663

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 2013 was 9.8 million pounds, one percent above last month, and two percent above last year.

United States

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.99 billion pounds in March, down 4 percent from the 4.17 billion pounds produced in March 2012.

Beef and Veal Production: Beef production, at 2.04 billion pounds, was 6 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.59 million head, down 6 percent from March 2012. The average live weight was up 14 pounds from the previous year, at 1,313 pounds. Veal production totaled 9.2 million pounds, 8 percent below March a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 62,700 head, up 5 percent from March 2012.

Pork production totaled 1.93 billion pounds, down 3 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.32 million head, down 2 percent from March 2012. The average liveweight was down 2 pounds from the previous year, at 277 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 13.8 million pounds, was down three percent from March 2012. Sheep slaughter totaled 196,100 head, 3 percent above last year. The average liveweight was 141 pounds.

Commercial Slaughter and Red Meat Production - Florida and United States

Source and kind	March 2012	February 2013	March 2013	Year to date 2012	Year to date 2013
Florida					
Calf:					
Head slaughtered1,000 head	0.1	(D)	0.1	0.2	0.1
Total liveweight 1,000 pounds	28	(D)	29	54	29
Hogs:					
Head slaughtered1,000 head	5.1	7.2	5.5	16.4	18.7
Total liveweight 1,000 pounds	773	898	826	2,343	2,601
Sheep and Lambs:					
Head slaughtered1,000 head	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.9
Total liveweight 1,000 pounds	19	17	25	35	58
Red meat production ¹million pounds	9.6	8.0	9.8	27.8	27.9
United States					
Cattle:					
Head slaughtered1,000 head	2,753.4	2,359.0	2,585.4	8,025.7	7,779.1
Total liveweightmillion pounds	3,570	3,106	3,386	10,430	10,246
Average liveweightpounds	1,299	1,320	1,313	1,302	1,320
Beef productionmillion pounds	2,159.5	1,873.7	2,038.6	6,281.6	6,172.2
Calves:					
Head slaughtered1,000 head	59.5	59.6	62.7	187.4	193.1
Total liveweightmillion pounds	17	15	16	52	49
Average liveweightpounds	283	258	252	273	254
Veal productionmillion pounds	10.0	9.0	9.2	30.2	28.6
Hogs:					
Head slaughtered1,000 head	9,520.7	8,594.4	9,318.8	28,104.5	27,873.5
Total liveweightmillion pounds	2,653	2,376	2,580	7,821	7,713
Average liveweightpounds	279	277	277	278	277
Pork productionmillion pounds	1,987.7	1,779.0	1,932.7	5,858.0	5,777.2
Sheep and Lambs:					
Head slaughtered1,000 head	189.9	161.7	196.1	520.1	535.1
Total liveweightmillion pounds	28	23	28	78	76
Lamb and Muttonmillion pounds	14.2	11.5	13.8	38.6	37.6
Red meat production ¹million pounds	4,171.4	3,673.1	3,994.3	12,208.5	12,015.7

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

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