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OHIO EGG PRODUCTION

Egg production in Ohio during April, 2008, totaled 591 million eggs, down 4 percent from last month and down 1 percent compared with a year earlier when production for April, 2007 totaled 599 million eggs. During April, there were 25.8 million layers on Ohio farms. The rate of lay during the month was 2,292 eggs per 100 layers, or 76.4 percent. There were 4.5 percent of the layers in Ohio being force molted on May 1, 2008, compared with 3.0 percent on the same date a year earlier. Twelve and one half percent of the layers in Ohio have completed a forced molt, down 42 percent from a year ago. In all egg-producing states on May 1, 2008, 3.9 percent of the layers on hand were in a molt and 20.5 percent had completed a molt.

U.S. egg production totaled 7.38 billion during April 2008, down 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.28 billion table eggs, and 1.11 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.04 billion were broiler-type and 66 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during April 2008 averaged 341 million, down 1 percent from last year. April egg production per 100 layers was 2,164 eggs, up slightly from April 2007.

All layers in the U.S. on May 1, 2008 totaled 341 million, down 1 percent from last year. The 341 million layers consisted of 280 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 57.7 million

layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.84 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on May 1, 2008, averaged 71.8 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from May 1, 2007.

Egg-type chicks hatched during April 2008 totaled 41.1 million, up 5 percent from April 2007. Eggs in incubators totaled 39.6 million on May 1, 2008, up 10 percent from a year ago.

Broiler-type chicks hatched during April 2008 totaled 797 million, down slightly from April 2007. Eggs in incubators totaled 665 million on May 1, 2008, down 2 percent from a year earlier.

Turkey eggs in incubators on May 1, 2008, in the United States totaled 33.1 million, up 1 percent from May 1, 2007. Eggs in incubators were up 4 percent from the April 1, 2008 total of 31.9 million eggs. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central up 1 percent, West North Central down 3 percent, North and South Atlantic up 6 percent, and South Central and West down 2 percent.

APRIL EGG PRODUCTION

	Layers on hand during month		Eggs per 100 layers	Total production			
	2007	2008		Monthly		Accumulated ^{1/}	
			2007	2008	2007	2008	
	Thousands		Number	Million			
Ohio	27,274	25,790	2,292	599	591	3,058	2,990
U.S.	345,578	341,159	2,164	7,472	7,384	37,719	37,601

^{1/} Accumulation period began December of previous year.

CHICKS HATCHED BY COMMERCIAL HATCHERIES, UNITED STATES

	Egg-Type			Broiler-type			Turkeys placed ^{1/}		
	2007	2008	2008/2007	2007	2008	2008/2007	2007	2008	2008/2007
April	39,254	41,051	105	799,293	797,481	100	26,034	25,796	99
Jan.-April	150,749	158,314	105	3,126,788	3,223,443	103	198,880	201,384	101

^{1/} Accumulation period for turkeys begins September 1.

EGGS IN INCUBATORS - MAY 1, 2008

	Egg-type eggs			Broiler-type eggs			Turkey eggs		
	2007	2008	2008/2007	2007	2008	2008/2007	2007	2008	2008/2007
E. North Central ^{1/}	6,831	8,459	124	11,084	12,425	112	4,633	4,694	101
United States	35,948	39,643	110	679,796	665,215	98	32,856	33,148	101

^{1/} Not available by States.

CATTLE AND CALF INVENTORY AND DISPOSITION, OHIO, 2005 TO 2007

Year	On hand January 1	Calves born	Inshipments	Marketings		On farm slaughter	Deaths	
				Cattle	Calves		Cattle	Calves
Thousand Head								
2005	1,300	470	40	384	85	6.0	22.0	33.0
2006	1,280	470	46	394	86	6.0	20.0	30.0
2007	1,260	470	49	371	80	5.0	23.0	30.0

CATTLE AND CALF PRODUCTION AND INCOME, OHIO, 2005 TO 2007

Year	Production	Marketings	Average price per 100 lbs.		Cash receipts	Value of home consumption	Gross income
			Cattle	Calves			
Thousand Pounds	Thousand Pounds		Dollars		Thousand Dollars		
2005	401,441	443,060	83.30	118.00	378,906	22,484	401,390
2006	475,905	457,340	83.60	118.00	392,209	23,563	415,772
2007	444,754	428,100	85.40	105.00	370,880	20,569	391,449

HOG INVENTORY NUMBERS, PIG CROP AND DISPOSITION, OHIO, 2003 TO 2007

Year	December 1 Inventory ¹	Pig Crop		Inshipments	Marketings ²	Farm ³ Slaughter	Deaths
		Dec-May	Jun-Nov				
Thousand Head							
2003	1,440	1,307	1,327	450	2,883	8	113
2004	1,520	1,301	1,361	570	3,186	8	108
2005	1,450	1,386	1,447	474	3,065	8	124
2006	1,560	1,439	1,533	657	3,370	8	121
2007	1,690	1,541	1,598	648	3,517	9	141

1/ December 1 previous year. 2/ Excludes interfarm sales. 3/ Excludes custom slaughter for farmers at commercial establishments.

HOG PRODUCTION AND INCOME, OHIO, 2003 TO 2007

Year	Production	Marketings	Price per cwt.	Cash Receipts	Value of Home Consumption	Gross Income
2003	725,762	723,240	38.10	276,864	2,517	279,381
2004	768,946	813,885	49.30	402,719	3,263	405,982
2005	805,655	811,590	49.40	402,415	3,230	405,645
2006	873,151	876,220	44.70	393,465	2,862	396,327
2007	881,890	896,825	45.00	404,985	3,202	408,187

APRIL MILK PRODUCTION

Total milk production in Ohio during April 2008 was 431 million pounds, 5 million pounds more than a year earlier. The average number of cows on Ohio farms during April 2008 was 280 thousand, 5 thousand more than a year earlier. Yield per cow, at 1,540 pounds, was 1 percent below a year earlier.

Milk production in the 23 major States during April totaled 14.8 billion pounds, up 2.5 percent from April 2007. March revised production, at 15.1 billion pounds, was up 2.3 percent from

March 2007. The March revision represented an decrease of 10 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,757 pounds for April, 12 pounds above April 2007.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.44 million head, 152,000 head more than April 2007, and 8,000 head more than March 2008.

MARCH MANUFACTURED DAIRY PRODUCTS

	Ohio			United States		
	2007	2008	08/07	2007	2008	08/07
	1,000 gallons			1,000 gallons		
Ice Cream (Hard)	2,136	1,977	93	78,036	73,745	95

APRIL MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION ^{1/}

State	Milk cows on farm ^{2/}			Milk per cow			Milk Production ^{3/}			08/07
	Apr. 2007	Mar. 2008	Apr. 2008	Apr. 2007	Mar. 2008	Apr. 2008	Apr. 2007	Mar. 2008	Apr. 2008	
	Thousand			Pounds			Million Pounds			Percent
California	1,801	1,846	1,848	1,915	1,970	1,900	3,449	3,637	3,511	102
Ohio	275	280	280	1,550	1,550	1,540	426	434	431	101
Wisconsin	1,246	1,251	1,251	1,615	1,660	1,630	2,012	2,077	2,039	101
23 State Total	8,292	8,436	8,444	1,745	1,794	1,757	14,470	15,134	14,833	103

1/ March 2008 revised. 2/Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 3/ Excludes milk sucked by calves

OHIO RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Commercial red meat production in Ohio during April 2008 totaled 25.8 million pounds; was up 12 percent from a year earlier. Total live weight production in Ohio by species, compared with a year earlier was: cattle, 11.7 million pounds, up 13 percent from last year; calves 32,000 pounds, up 28 percent from last year; hogs, 26.6 million pounds, up 11 percent; sheep & lambs, 131 thousand pounds, down 22 percent. April 2008 included 22 weekdays and 4 Saturdays.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.30 billion pounds in April, up 14 percent from the 3.75 billion pounds produced in April 2007. Beef production, at 2.25 billion pounds, was 12 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.96 million head, up 10 percent from April 2007. The average live weight was up 24 pounds from the previous year, at 1,259 pounds. Veal production totaled 11.9 million pounds, 1

percent above April a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 73,300 head, up 29 percent from April 2007. The average live weight was down 70 pounds from last year, at 278 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.02 billion pounds, up 18 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.99 million head, up 18 percent from April 2007. The average live weight was down 1 pound from the previous year, at 269 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 15.3 million pounds, was up 2 percent from April 2007. Sheep slaughter totaled 221,400 head, 2 percent above last year. The average live weight was 138 pounds, unchanged from April a year ago. January to April 2008 commercial red meat production was 16.8 billion pounds, up 8 percent from 2007. Accumulated beef production was up 5 percent from last year, veal was down 12 percent, pork was up 13 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 5 percent.

APRIL COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

Item	Ohio			United States		
	2007	2008	Pct. of prev. yr.	2007	2008	Pct. of prev. yr.
	Number of Head (000)					
Cattle	8.8	9.9	113	2,701.4	2,959.6	110
Calves	0.1	0.1	100	56.9	73.3	129
Hogs	88.2	98.0	111	8,466.9	9,994.7	118
Sheep & lambs	1.6	1.3	81	216.6	221.4	102
	Average live weight (lbs)					
Cattle	1,187	1,190	100	1,235	1,259	102
Calves	351	350	100	348	278	80
Hogs	272	273	100	270	269	100
Sheep & lambs	106	103	97	138	138	100
	Total live weight (000 lbs)					
Cattle	10,302	11,722	114	3,324,065	3,714,432	112
Calves	25	32	128	19,691	20,128	102
Hogs	23,913	26,624	111	2,284,838	2,690,031	118
Sheep & lambs	167	131	78	29,941	30,609	102

CORNBELT I HIRED WORKERS DOWN 6 PERCENT, WAGE RATES UP

There were 44,000 hired workers in the Cornbelt I region during the survey week of April 6-12, 2008, down 3,000 from last year. There were 34,000 hired workers who worked 150 days or more and 10,000 hired workers who worked 149 days or less.

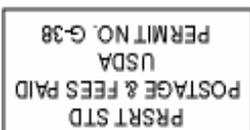
Farm operators in the Cornbelt I region paid their hired farm workers an average wage of \$11.43 per hour during the survey week, up \$1.26 cents per hour from a year earlier, but down 17 cents from January 2008. Field workers received an average of \$10.32 per hour, up 46 cents per hour from April 2007. Livestock workers earned \$10.73 per hour, up \$1.57 per hour from last year. The combined wage rate for field and livestock workers at \$11.43 per hour the survey week was up \$1.26 per hour from last year.

There were 919,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of April 6-12, 2008, down 7 percent from a year ago. Of these hired workers, 700,000 workers were hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 219,000 workers. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$10.60 per hour during the April 2008 reference week, up 40 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$9.65 per hour, up 30 cents from last April, while livestock workers earned \$10.32 per hour compared with \$9.59 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$9.87 per hour, was up 45 cents from last year. The number of hours worked averaged 41.0 hours for hired workers during the survey week, up 1 percent from a year ago.

FARM EMPLOYMENT AND WAGE RATES, EASTERN CORN BELT AND U.S., APRIL 6-12, 2008 WITH COMPARISONS

	Corn Belt ^{1/}			United States ^{2/}		
	April 8-14 2007	Jan. 6-12 2008	April 6-12 2008	April 8-14 2007	Jan. 6-12 2008	April 6-12 2008
Thousand of Workers						
Farm Employment						
Hired	47	27	44	736	594 ^{5/}	700
150 days or more	38	22	34	593	506 ^{5/}	563
149 days or less	9	5	10	143	88	137
Ag. Service Workers				253	179	219
Dollars per hour						
Wage Rates						
All hired farm workers ^{3/4/}	10.17	11.60	11.43	10.20	10.81 ^{5/}	10.60
Type of Worker						
Field & Livestock	9.45	10.85	10.45	9.42	9.88 ^{5/}	9.87
Field	9.86	10.79	10.32	9.35	9.67 ^{5/}	9.65
Livestock	9.16	10.92	10.73	9.59	10.18 ^{5/}	10.32
Hours Worked per week						
Hired	42.2	34.7	37.5	40.7	38.4	41.0

1/ Ohio, Indiana, Illinois. 2/ Excludes AK. 3/ Benefits, such as housing and meals are provided some workers but the values are not included in the wages rates. 4/ Excludes Agricultural Service workers. 5/ Revised.



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