

WHEAT SEEDINGS

WINTER WHEAT seeded in SOUTH CAROLINA during the fall of 2008 for the 2009 crop is estimated at 160,000 acres. This is 27 percent below the crop of 2008, planted during the fall of 2007 and unchanged from the 2007 crop year.

WINTER WHEAT: Planted area for harvest in the UNITED STATES in 2009 is estimated at 42.1 million acres, down 9 percent from 2008. Seeding began last August behind the 5-year average

pace and remained behind until mid-November due to wet weather and delayed row crop harvest. Nearly all of the U.S. acreage was seeded by December 1 with the exception of some intended acres in the Southeast and California. Seeding was completed by the end of December in California. The winter wheat crop condition at the end of November was rated at 65 percent good to excellent compared with 44 percent the previous year.

Winter Wheat: Area Seeded by Selected State and United States, 2007-2009

Selected States	2007	2008	2009	2009 as % of 2008
	(Thou. Acres)			
Alabama	120	240	240	100
Georgia	360	480	340	71
Kansas	10,400	9,600	9,000	94
North Carolina	630	820	670	82
South Carolina	160	220	160	73
United States	45,012	46,281	42,098	91



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CHICKEN AND EGG PRODUCTION

SOUTH CAROLINA'S laying flocks produced 93 million eggs during November, down 4 percent from last year. Production totaled 70 million table eggs and 23 million hatching eggs. The number of layers averaged 4,415,000 birds, down 3 percent from 4,566,000 a year ago. November egg production per 100 layers was 2,106 eggs, compared with 2,124 in 2007.

UNITED STATES egg production totaled 7.51 billion during November 2008. Production included 6.47 billion table eggs, and 1.04 billion hatching eggs, of which 970 million were broiler-type and 71 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during November 2008 averaged 339 million, down 2 percent from last year. November egg production per 100 layers was 2,217 eggs, up 1 percent from November 2007.

Average Layers and Egg Production, NOVEMBER, 2008

Selected States	Average No. of Layers	Eggs Produced	Eggs per 100 Layers
	Thousand	Million	Number
Alabama	9,370	177	1,889
Florida	2,753	231	2,249
Georgia	10,272	382	2,092
North Carolina	12,360	256	2,071
South Carolina	4,415	93	2,106
United States	338,926	7,513	2,217

BROILER HATCHERY PRODUCTION

During the month of November, SOUTH CAROLINA'S broiler hatcheries produced 18.6 million chicks, up 2 percent from last year's 18.4 million chicks.

THE UNITED STATES broiler-type chicks hatched during November 2008 totaled 706 million, down 7 percent from November 2007. Eggs in incubators totaled 629 million on December 1, 2008, down 7 percent from a year earlier.

CHICKS HATCHED by Commercial Hatcheries

Flock Type and Area	November 2008	Cumulative 2008
	Thousand	
<i>Broiler Type:</i>		
SOUTH CAROLINA	18,643	214,143
United States	705,587	8,663,816
<i>Egg Type:</i>		
United States	36,607	430,839

COTTON GINNINGS

GINNINGS: As of January 1, 2006-2008, States and United States

State	Running Bales Ginned		
	2006	2007	2008
All Cotton			
Alabama	633,250	387,550	439,800
Arizona	391,850	370,650	308,600
Arkansas	2,410,000	1,807,150	1,236,050
Georgia	2,075,450	1,546,300	1,502,000
Louisiana	1,255,500	695,800	279,600
Mississippi	2,029,000	1,271,150	656,100
North Carolina	1,234,700	763,100	744,300
South Carolina	369,800	147,800	231,000
Tennessee	1,265,750	586,600	520,950
Texas	4,828,600	5,612,750	3,792,450
United States	19,211,850	15,700,350	11,611,650

GRAIN STOCKS

SOYBEAN stocks stored in off-farm positions on December 1, 2008 totaled 5.09 million bushels, compared to 5.10 million bushels stored December 1, 2007. **CORN** stocks stored in off-farm facilities totaled 2.80 million bushels, as of December 1, 2008, compared to 4.20 million bushels stored off-farm on December 1, 2007. **WHEAT** stocks stored off the farm totaled 1.38 million bushels on December 1, 2008 compared to 1.04 million bushels stored off the farm a year ago.

S.C. GRAIN STOCKS, December 1, 2008

Grain	On-Farm	Off-Farm1/	Total Stocks
-----Thousand Bushels-----			
Soybeans	*	5,091	*
All Wheat	*	1,377	*
Corn	*	2,799	*
Oats	*	149	*

U.S. GRAIN STOCKS, December 1, 2008

Grain	On-Farm	Off-Farm1/	Total Stocks
-----Thousand Bushels-----			
Soybeans	1,189,000	1,086,593	2,275,593
All Wheat	454,000	968,224	1,422,224
Corn	6,482,000	3,602,467	10,084,467
Oats	42,600	72,278	114,878

* "Off farms unallocated" includes State data not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations; "on farms unallocated" includes minor producing States' data not published separately.

1/ Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals and processors.

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HOG INVENTORY

COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION

COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION: Selected States, and United States, November 2008 1/

Selected States	November 2007	October 2008	November 2008	November 2008 as % of 2/	
				November 2007	October 2008
	Million Pounds			Percent	
Florida	8.2	9.3	7.6	93	82
Georgia	13.5	14.8	12.2	90	83
Kansas	505.6	462.2	377.0	75	82
Nebraska	625.9	666.3	575.1	92	86
North Carolina	217.0	232.0	207.5	96	89
SOUTH CAROLINA	22.1	22.5	19.0	86	84
Texas	404.7	454.1	361.3	89	80
UNITED STATES	4,300.2	*4,530.7	3,871.6	90	85

*Revised. 1/ Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb, and mutton. 2/ Percentages based on unrounded data.

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2008 was 66.7 million head. This was down 2 percent from both December 1, 2007, and September 1, 2008.

Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.50 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 9.60 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

Breeding inventory, at 6.08 million head, was down 2 percent from last year, and up slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 60.6 million head, was down 2 percent from both last year and last quarter.

U.S. hog producers intend to have 2.97 million sows farrow during the December 2008 – February 2009 quarter, down 3 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2008, but up 2 percent from 2007. Intended farrowings for March-May 2009, at 3.01 million sows, are down 2 percent from 2008 and down 1 percent from 2007.

The September-November 2008 pig crop, at 28.4 million head, was down 4 percent from 2007 and up 6 percent from 2006. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.99 million head, down 6 percent from 2007 but up 1 percent from 2006. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 49 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 9.50 for the September-November 2008 period, compared to 9.28 last year.

Hogs and pigs on SOUTH CAROLINA farms as of December 1, 2008, are estimated at 240,000 head, down 19 percent from December 1, 2007. Of the total hog inventory December 1, 18,000 were breeding hogs, down 38 percent from 2007 and 222,000 were market hogs, down 17 percent from a year earlier.

COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION: United States, November, 2008 1/

Class	Nov 2007	Oct 2008	Nov 2008	November 2008 % of 2/	
				November 2007	October 2008
	Million Pounds			Percent	
Beef	2,228.8	2,342.0	1,960.9	88	84
Veal	10.1	13.6	11.3	113	83
Pork	2,045.2	*2,160.1	1,886.5	92	87
Lamb and Mutton	16.1	15.0	12.9	80	86
Total Red Meat 3/	4,300.2	*4,530.7	3,871.6	90	85

*Revised. 1/ Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter. 2/ Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data. 3/ Totals may not equal sum of the parts due to rounding.

HOGS AND PIGS: Breeding, Market, and Total Inventory by State and United States, December 1, 2007 and 2008 1/

State	Breeding		Percent of Previous Year	Market		Percent of Previous Year	Total		Percent of Previous Year
	2007	2008		2007	2008		2007	2008	
	Arkansas	85	90	106	205	190	93	290	280
Colorado	160	155	97	700	565	81	860	720	84
Illinois	480	490	102	3,870	3,860	100	4,350	4,350	100
Indiana	320	280	88	3,380	3,220	95	3,700	3,500	95
Iowa	1,080	1,070	99	18,320	18,730	102	19,400	19,800	102
Kansas	180	165	92	1,700	1,565	92	1,880	1,730	92
Michigan	100	110	110	930	910	98	1,030	1,020	99
Minnesota	600	580	97	7,100	6,820	96	7,700	7,400	96
Missouri	375	370	99	2,775	2,730	98	3,150	3,100	98
Nebraska	365	370	101	2,985	2,980	100	3,350	3,350	100
North Carolina	1,020	980	96	9,180	8,620	94	10,200	9,600	94
Ohio	160	170	106	1,670	1,760	105	1,830	1,930	105
Oklahoma	400	400	100	1,950	1,990	102	2,350	2,390	102
Pennsylvania	105	90	86	1,065	1,020	96	1,170	1,110	95
South Carolina	29	18	62	266	222	83	295	240	81
South Dakota	165	155	94	1,295	1,165	90	1,460	1,320	90
Texas	105	100	95	1,055	1,020	97	1,160	1,120	97
Wisconsin	50	40	80	390	320	82	440	360	82
United States	6,233	6,081	98	61,944	60,627	98	68,177	66,708	98

1/ May not add due to rounding. 2/ Individual State estimates not available for the 33 Other States.

CROP PRODUCTION

CROPS: Planted and Harvested Acreage, Yield and Production, SOUTH CAROLINA and UNITED STATES, as of September 1, 2008

Crop	Planted Acres (000)		Harvested Acres (000)		Yield per Harvested Acres		Total Production (000)	
	2007	Indicated 2008	2007	Indicated 2008	2007	Indicated 2008	2007	Indicated 2008
	SOUTH CAROLINA							
Corn for GrainBu.	400	355	370	315	97.0	65.0	35,890	20,475
Cotton, Upland.....Lb. & Bales	180.0	135.0	158.0	134.0	486	896	160	250
Hay, AllTon	--	--	330	330	1.70	1.90	561	627
OatsBu.	33	33	14	19	42.0	64.0	588	1,216
Peanuts for NutsLb.	59.0	71.0	56.0	68.0	3,100	3,900	173,600	265,200
Sorghum for GrainBu.	9	12	6	8	35.0	46.0	210	368
Soybeans for Beans Bu.	460	540	440	530	18.5	32.0	8,140	16,960
SweetpotatoesCwt.	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.5	110	90	55	45
Tobacco, Flue-CuredLb.	--	--	20.5	19.0	2,250	2,100	46,125	39,900
Wheat, Winter Bu.	160	220	135	205	30.0	54.0	4,050	11,070
UNITED STATES								
Corn for GrainBu.	93,527	85,982	86,520	78,640	150.7	153.9	13,073,875	12,101,238
Cotton, Upland Lb. & Bales	10,535.0	9,296.0	10,201.0	7,559.0	864	799	18,355.1	12,589.0
Hay, AllTon	--	--	61,006	60,062	2.41	2.43	146,901	145,672
Oats Bu.	3,763	3,217	1,504	1,395	60.1	63.5	90,430	88,635
Peanuts for NutsLb.	1,230.0	1,534.0	1,195.0	1,507.0	3,073	3,416	3,672,250	5,147,900
Sorghum for GrainBu.	7,712	8,284	6,792	7,271	73.2	65.0	497,445	472,342
Soybeans for Beans Bu.	64,741	75,718	64,146	74,641	41.7	39.6	2,677,117	2,959,174
SweetpotatoesCwt.	100.5	102.9	97.4	97.0	186	189	18,070	18,345
Tobacco, Flue-CuredLb.	--	--	223.0	223.0	2,259	2,239	503,760	499,220
Tobacco, AllLb.	--	--	356.0	354.2	2,213	2,260	787,653	800,527
Wheat, WinterBu.	45,012	46,281	35,938	39,614	41.7	47.2	1,499,241	1,867,903

