

Land in Farms: By Selected State, and United States, 2008-2009

State	2008	2009
	-----1,000 Acres-----	-----1,000 Acres-----
Alabama	8,950	9,000
Florida	9,250	9,250
Georgia	10,400	10,300
Louisiana	8,050	8,050
North Carolina	8,600	8,600
South Carolina	4,900	4,900
Tennessee	10,900	10,900
Texas	130,400	130,400
United States	919,910	919,800



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CHICKEN AND EGG PRODUCTION

SOUTH CAROLINA'S laying flocks produced 94 million eggs during January, down 2 percent from last year. Production totaled 72 million table eggs and 22 million hatching eggs. The number of layers averaged 4,477,000 birds, down less than 1 percent from 4,486,000 a year ago. January egg production per 100 layers was 2,100 eggs, compared with 2,140 in 2009.

UNITED STATES egg production totaled 7.69 billion during January 2010. Production included 6.61 billion table eggs, and 1.08 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.01 billion were broiler-type and 75 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during January 2010 averaged 339 million, down 1 percent from last year. January egg production per 100 layers was 2,268 eggs, up 1 percent from January 2009.

Average Layers and Egg Production Selected States, and U.S., January 2010

Selected States	Average No. of Layers	Eggs Produced	Eggs per 100 Layers
	Thousand	Million	Number
Alabama	9,170	175	1,908
Florida	10,153	233	2,295
Georgia	17,702	384	2,169
North Carolina	13,183	277	2,101
South Carolina	4,477	94	2,100
United States	339,173	7,692	2,268

GRAIN STOCKS

SOYBEAN stocks stored in off-farm position in SOUTH CAROLINA on December 1, 2009 totaled 3.72 million bushels, compared to 5.09 million bushels stored December 1, 2008. CORN stocks stored in off-farm facilities totaled 3.23 million bushels as of December 1, 2009, compared to 2.80 million bushels stored off-farm on December 1, 2008. South Carolina WHEAT stocks stored off the farm totaled 1.59 million bushels on December 1, 2009 compared to 1.38 million bushels stored off the farm a year earlier.



BROILER HATCHERY PRODUCTION

During the month of January, SOUTH CAROLINA'S broiler hatcheries produced 20.2 million chicks, up less than 1 percent from last year's 20.1 million chicks.

THE UNITED STATES broiler-type chicks hatched during January 2010 totaled 776 million, down slightly from January 2009. Eggs in incubators totaled 628 million on February 1, 2010, up 1 percent from a year earlier.

CHICKS HATCHED by Type South Carolina, and U.S., January 2010

Flock Type and Area	January 2010	Cumulative, 2010
	Thousand	
<i>Broiler Type:</i>		
SOUTH CAROLINA	20,172	20,172
United States	775,615	775,615
<i>Egg Type:</i>		
United States	38,794	38,794

COTTON GINNINGS

GINNINGS: As of February, 2007-2009, States and United States

State	Running Bales Ginned		
	2007	2008	2009
All Cotton			
Alabama	394,800	450,500	324,550
Arizona	461,500	371,350	414,150
Arkansas	1,807,150	1,237,300	796,150
Georgia	1,617,000	1,567,950	1,780,100
Louisiana	695,800	279,600	340,650
Mississippi	1,271,150	656,850	396,850
North Carolina	763,100	735,400	743,850
South Carolina	148,350	231,350	193,900
Tennessee	586,600	520,950	485,600
Texas	7,101,300	4,319,850	4,550,600
United States	17,584,650	12,369,550	11,714,600

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LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

FARM LABOR

COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION: Selected States, and United States January, 2009 1

Selected States	Jan 2009	Dec 2009	Jan 2010	Jan 10 as % of 2009 2/
	Million Pounds		Percent	
Florida	8.3	9.3	8.9	107
Georgia	12.0	10.6	11.4	94
Kansas	417.2	434.3	433.9	104
Nebraska	584.8	581.4	560.3	96
North Carolina	220.2	229.6	209.1	95
South Carolina	20.1	22.0	19.8	99
Texas	414.8	414.8	385.7	93
United States	4,169.7	4,147.5	3,916.4	94

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

There were 767,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of January 10-16, 2010, down 2 percent from a year ago. Of these hired workers, 587,000 workers were hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 180,000 workers. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$11.06 per hour during the January 2010 reference week, up 13 cents from a

year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$10.14 per hour, up 18 cents from last January, while livestock workers earned \$10.26 per hour compared with \$10.27 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$10.19 per hour, was up 11 cents from last year. The number of hours worked averaged 37.3 hours for hired workers during the survey week, down 3 percent from a year ago.

Farm Labor: Employment and Wage Rates, United States, January 11-17, 2009, with Comparisons 1/

Farm Employment	January 11-17, 2009	October 11-17, 2009	January 10-16, 2010
FARM WORKERS	-----1,000-----		
Hired.....	595	807	587
Expected to be Employed:			
150 Days or More.....	497	585	501
149 Days or Less	98	222	86
HOURS WORKED:	Hours per Week		
Hired	38.3	39.0	37.3
WAGE RATES FOR:	Dollars per Hour		
All Hired Workers 1/2/	10.93	10.91	11.06
Type of Worker:			
Field & Livestock Combined..	10.08	10.24	10.19
Field	9.96	10.25	10.14
Livestock	10.27	10.23	10.26

1/ Benefits, such as housing and meals, are provided some workers but the values are not included in the wage rates. 2/ Excludes agricultural service workers.

COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION: United States, January, 2010 1

Class	Jan 2009	Dec 2009	Jan 2010	January 2010 % of	
				Jan 2009	Dec 2009
	Million Pounds		Percent		
Beef	2,118.4	2,133.5	2,083.1	98	98
Veal	12.0	13.1	11.6	97	89
Pork	2,026.0	*1,985.1	1,808.8	89	91
Lamb and Mutton	13.3	15.9	12.8	97	81
Total Red Meat 3/	4,169.7	4,147.5	3,916.4	94	94

*Revised. 1/ Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter.

POULTRY SLAUGHTER

FARM NUMBERS

The preliminary total live weight of poultry inspected during January 2010 was 4.40 billion pounds, down 3 percent from 4.53 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 3.79 billion pounds, down 2 percent from January 2009.

Mature chickens, at 60.2 million pounds, were down 3 percent from the previous year. Young chickens slaughtered during January 2010 averaged 5.64 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from January 2009.

The number of farms in SOUTH CAROLINA in 2009 is estimated at 27,000, up 100 from 2008. Total land in farms for 2009 is 4.90 million acres, unchanged from 2008. The average size of farms in 2009 was 181 acres, down 1 acre from 2008. Farms with \$100,000 or more in sales totaled 2,000 in 2008, accounting for 7.4 percent of all farms. The number of farms in the UNITED STATES in 2009 is

estimated at 2.2 million, virtually unchanged from 2009. Total land in farms, at 919.8 million acres, decreased 110 thousand from 2008. The average farm size was 418 acres, unchanged from the previous year. The average farm size was unchanged in 2009. However, average farm sizes declined in some of the sales classes partially due to smaller farms moving up to higher sales classes.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight, Pounds Certified, Post-Mortem Condemnations, Selected States and United States, January 2010

Selected States	Number Slaughtered	Live Weight	Average Live Weight	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified 1/	Post-Mortem Condemnations	
					Carcass and Parts	Percent 2/
	Thou.	Thou. Lbs	Pounds	Thou. Lbs	Percent	
Alabama	81,968	458,368	5.59	339,369	2,602	0.76
Georgia	92,782	486,914	5.25	367,204	3,029	0.82
North Carolina	57,989	405,965	7.00	316,696	3,300	1.03
South Carolina	22,817	148,802	6.52	112,212	929	0.82
United States	672,477	3,791,075	5.64	2,830,274	24,705	0.87

1/ Ready-to-cook weights. 2/ Pounds condemned as percent of pounds certified plus post-mortem condemnations.

Number of Farms: By Selected State, and United States, 2008-2009

State	2008	2009
	----- Number -----	----- Number -----
Alabama	48,500	48,500
Florida	47,500	47,500
Georgia	47,800	47,600
Louisiana	30,000	30,000
North Carolina	52,500	52,400
South Carolina	26,900	27,000
Tennessee	79,000	78,700
Texas	247,500	247,500
United States	2,200,100	2,200,010