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**FRESH MARKET VEGETABLES: Acres Planted and Harvested, Yield, Production, and Value, South Carolina, 2007-2008, and 2009**

Fresh Market Vegetables	2007	2008	2009	2007	2008	2009
	Acres Planted (000)			Acres Harvested (000)		
Snap Beans	1.2	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.9
Cucumbers	1.4	1.8	1.8	1.2	1.6	1.7
Tomatoes	3.0	2.6	2.0	2.9	2.5	1.9
Watermelons	7.5	7.5	7.5	6.5	6.5	6.5
Cantaloups	1.7	1.2	1.3	1.6	1.1	1.2
Squash	1.1	1.2	1.1	1.0	1.1	1.0
	Yield per Acre (Cwt.)			Production (Thou. Cwt.)		
Snap Beans	50	45	55	45	36	50
Cucumbers	90	210	230	108	336	391
Tomatoes	82	195	175	238	488	333
Watermelons	145	215	230	943	1,398	1,495
Cantaloups	60	215	250	96	237	300
Squash	69	115	140	69	125	141
	Avg. Price per Cwt. (Dollars)			Total Value (Thou. Dollars)		
Snap Beans	57.00	55.00	43.00	2,565	1,980	2,150
Cucumbers	25.00	20.00	18.00	2,700	6,720	7,038
Tomatoes	48.50	65.00	48.00	11,543	31,720	15,984
Watermelons	8.00	10.80	9.00	7,544	15,098	13,455
Cantaloups	16.00	16.00	20.00	1,536	3,792	6,000
Squash	33.40	36.00	32.50	2,304	4,506	4,578

**THIS ISSUE'S HIGHLIGHTS**

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**LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER**

**COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION: Selected States, and United States February, 2010 1/**

Selected States	Feb 2009	Jan 2010	Feb 2010	February 2010 as % of 2009 2/	
				Feb 2009	Jan 2010
	Million Pounds			Percent	
Florida	7.4	8.9	8.1	109	
Georgia	10.3	11.4	8.9	86	
Kansas	396.4	433.9	402.9	102	
Nebraska	541.1	560.3	528.7	98	
North Carolina	206.2	209.1	205.8	100	
<b>SOUTH CAROLINA</b>	19.2	19.8	18.5	97	
Texas	396.0	385.7	365.5	92	
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>3,827.0</b>	<b>*3,917.6</b>	<b>3,736.1</b>	<b>98</b>	

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

**COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION: United States, February, 2010 1/**

Class	Feb 2009	Jan 2010	Feb 2010	February 2010 % of	
				Feb 2009	Jan 2010
	Million Pounds			Percent	
Beef	1,986.0	2,083.1	1,955.7	98	94
Veal	11.0	11.6	10.7	98	92
Pork	1,817.3	*1,810.1	1,757.4	97	97
Lamb and Mutton	12.7	12.8	12.3	97	96
<b>Total Red Meat 2/</b>	<b>3,827.0</b>	<b>*3,917.6</b>	<b>3,736.1</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>95</b>

1/ Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter. 2/ Totals may not equal sum of the parts due to rounding.

**POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

The Preliminary total live weight of poultry inspected during February 2010 was 4.26 billion pounds, down slightly from 4.27 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 3.66 billion pounds, up slightly from February 2009.

Mature chickens, at 56.1 million pounds, were down 6 percent from the previous year. Young chickens slaughtered during February 2010 averaged 5.62 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from February 2009. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.48 pounds per bird, down 6 percent from a year ago.

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations, Selected States and United States, February 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	81,598	450,655	5.52	335,759	2,522	0.75
Georgia	91,267	472,338	5.18	357,213	2,726	0.76
North Carolina	53,756	376,256	7.00	293,539	3,014	1.02
<b>South Carolina</b>	<b>22,297</b>	<b>144,348</b>	<b>6.47</b>	<b>108,723</b>	<b>852</b>	<b>0.78</b>
<b>United States</b>	<b>650,024</b>	<b>3,655,711</b>	<b>5.62</b>	<b>2,731,612</b>	<b>23,724</b>	<b>0.86</b>

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

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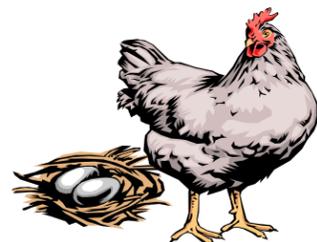
## EGG PRODUCTION

SOUTH CAROLINA'S laying flocks produced 84 million eggs during February, down 3 percent from last year. Production totaled 64 million table eggs and 20 million hatching eggs. The number of layers averaged 4,394,000 birds, up less than 1 percent from 4,389,000 a year ago. February egg production per 100 layers was 1,912 eggs, compared with 1,982 in 2009.

UNITED STATES egg production totaled 6.90 billion during February 2010, down slightly from last year. Production included 5.92 billion table eggs, and 983 million hatching eggs, of which 915 million were broiler-type and 68 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during February 2010 averaged 339 million, down 1 percent from last year. February egg production per 100 layers was 2,038 eggs, up 1 percent from February 2009.

### Average Layers and Egg Production, February 2010

Selected States	Average No. of Layers	Eggs Produced	Eggs per 100 Layers
	Thousand	Million	Number
Alabama	9,309	157	1,687
Florida	9,664	201	2,080
Georgia	17,628	348	1,974
North Carolina	13,274	249	1,876
<b>South Carolina</b>	<b>4,394</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>1,912</b>
United States	338,697	6,902	2,038



## BROILER HATCHERY PRODUCTION

During the month of February, SOUTH CAROLINA'S broiler hatcheries produced 18.32 million chicks, up less than 1 percent from last year's 18.26 million chicks.

THE UNITED STATES broiler-type chicks hatched during February 2010 totaled 700 million, down slightly from February 2009. Eggs in incubators totaled 643 million on March 1, 2010, up 1 percent from a year earlier.

### CHICKS HATCHED by Commercial Hatcheries

Flock Type and Area	February 2010	Cumulative, 2010
	Thousand	
<i>Broiler Type:</i>		
<b>SOUTH CAROLINA</b>	<b>18,317</b>	<b>38,489</b>
United States	699,776	1,475,391
<i>Egg Type:</i>		
United States	40,137	115,081



## COTTON GINNINGS

### GINNINGS: As of March 25, 2008-2009, States and United States

State	Running Bales Ginned	
	2008	2009
All Cotton		
Alabama	451,400	329,750
Arizona	376,600	420,350
Arkansas	1,237,300	797,550
Georgia	1,568,800	1,818,800
Louisiana	279,600	340,750
Mississippi	656,850	396,900
North Carolina	735,450	750,050
<b>South Carolina</b>	<b>232,150</b>	<b>195,300</b>
Tennessee	520,950	485,600
Texas	4,378,550	4,549,400
United States	12,049,000	11,441,550

## HOG INVENTORY

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 2010 was 64.0 million head. This was down 3 percent from March 1, 2009 and down 2 percent from December 1, 2009.

Breeding inventory, at 5.76 million head, was down 4 percent from last year and down 2 percent from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 58.2 million head, was down 3 percent from last year and down 2 percent from last quarter.

The December 2009-February 2010 pig crop, at 27.9 million head, was down 2 percent from 2009 and down 2 percent from 2008. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.90 million head, down 4 percent from 2009 and down 6 percent from 2008. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 50 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high 9.61 for the December 2009-February 2010 period, compared to 9.48 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.40 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 9.70 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

## 2010 PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS

The March Prospective Plantings Survey indicated that SOUTH CAROLINA farmers intend to harvest less oats, soybeans, wheat, and tobacco this year while hay, cotton, peanuts and corn planting intentions are up from 2009.

**CORN** growers currently expect to plant 340,000 acres in 2010. This is up 1 percent from the acreage planted in 2009, but down 4 percent from 2008.

**COTTON** growers currently intend to plant 175,000 acres in 2010. This is up 52 percent from 2009, and 30 percent above 2008.

**TOBACCO** acreage for harvest in 2010 is expected to total 17,000 acres. This is down 8 percent from 2009 and down 11 percent from 2008.

**SOYBEAN** average is expected to total 560,000 acres in 2010 – down 5 percent from 2009 but up 4 percent from 2008.

**WHEAT** acreage planted for the 2010 crop is set at 140,000 acres - down 15 percent from 2009 and down 36 percent from 2008.

**OATS** including both fall and spring plantings, are expected to total 25,000 acres, down 17 percent from 2009 and 24 percent below 2008.

**PEANUT** acreage for 2010 is expected to total 70,000 acres, up 40 percent from 2009 but down 1 percent from 2008.

**HAY** acres for harvest this year are expected to total 360,000 acres, up 3 percent from 2009 and up 9 percent from 2008.

## U. S. PEANUT STOCKS

Peanut stocks reported in commercial storage on February 28, 2010 totaled 3.54 billion pounds of equivalent farmer stock, compared with 3.82 billion pounds last year. This total includes 2.66 billion pounds of actual farmer stock. Shelled peanuts on hand totaled 834 million pounds of farmer stock equivalent. Roasting stock totaled 51.3 million pounds. Shelled peanut stocks totaled 627 million pounds of which 603 million pounds were edible grades and 24.1

million pounds were oil stock. Edible grade stocks by type included 143 million pounds of Virginias and Valencias, 435 million pounds of Runners, and 24.3 million pounds of Spanish. February millings totaled 352 million pounds. Millings by type were 75.2 million pounds of Virginias and Valencias, 264 million pounds of Runners, and 13.0 million pounds of Spanish.

### Stocks of Peanuts (excludes stocks on farms) and Specific Products at Month's End, Crop of 2009-2010 1/

Month Ending	Farmer Stock	Shelled Peanuts 2/	Roasting Stock (In Shell)	Farmer Stock Equivalent	
				Shelled Peanuts	Total 3/
---1,000 Pounds---					
August 2009	1,037,510	561,433	53,413	746,706	1,837,629
September	859,154	567,036	44,072	754,158	1,657,384
October	2,113,714	572,330	47,410	761,199	2,922,323
November	3,143,524	584,439	52,636	777,304	3,973,464
December	3,035,020	584,233	49,476	777,030	3,861,526
January 2010	2,783,794	580,042	47,667	771,456	3,602,917
February	2,656,944	626,926	51,311	833,812	3,542,067
March					
April					
May					
June					
July					
February 2009	3,019,374	550,458	67,118	732,109	3,818,601

1/ Excludes stocks on farms. 2/ Includes shelled edible grades, shelled oil stock, and shelled seed (untreated). 3/ Actual farmer stock, plus roasting stock, plus shelled peanuts X 1.33.