

THIS ISSUE'S HIGHLIGHTS

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CHICKEN AND EGG PRODUCTION

SOUTH CAROLINA'S laying flocks produced 96 million eggs during January, up 2 percent from last year. Production totaled 74 million table eggs and 22 million hatching eggs. The number of layers averaged 4,312,000 birds, down 4 percent from 4,477,000 a year ago. January egg production per 100 layers was 2,226 eggs, compared with 2,100 in 2010.

UNITED STATES egg production totaled 7.83 billion during January 2011, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.75 billion table eggs, and 1.08 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.01 billion were broiler-type and 70 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during January 2011 averaged 342 million, up slightly from last year. January egg production per 100 layers was 2,289 eggs, up 1 percent from January 2010.

**Average Layers and Egg Production
Selected States, and U.S., January 2011**

Selected States	Average No. of Layers	Eggs Produced	Eggs per 100 Layers
	Thousand	Million	Number
Alabama	9,630	183	1,900
Florida	9,534	233	2,444
Georgia	17,290	377	2,180
North Carolina	13,289	272	2,047
South Carolina	4,312	96	2,226
United States	342,017	7,828	2,289

BROILER HATCHERY PRODUCTION

During the month of January, SOUTH CAROLINA'S broiler hatcheries produced 19.9 million chicks, down 1 percent from last year's 20.2 million chicks.

THE UNITED STATES broiler-type chicks hatched during January 2010 totaled 781 million, up 1 percent from January 2010. Eggs in incubators totaled 634 million on February 1, 2011, up 1 percent from a year earlier.

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

Flock Type and Area	January 2011	Cumulative, 2011
	Thousand	
<i>Broiler Type:</i>		
SOUTH CAROLINA	19,920	19,920
United States	781,123	781,123
<i>Egg Type:</i>		
United States	41,366	41,366

GRAIN STOCKS

SOYBEAN stocks stored in off-farm position in SOUTH CAROLINA on December 1, 2010 totaled 4.35 million bushels, compared to 3.72 million bushels stored December 1, 2009. CORN stocks stored in off-farm facilities totaled 3.76 million bushels as of December 1, 2010, compared to 3.23 million bushels stored off-farm on December 1, 2009. South Carolina WHEAT stocks stored off the farm totaled 939 thousand bushels on December 1, 2010 compared to 1.59 million bushels stored off the farm a year earlier.



COTTON GINNINGS

**GINNINGS: As of February, 2008-2011,
States and United States**

Crop and State	Running Bales Ginned		
	2008 Crop	2009 Crop	2010 Crop
	Feb. 1, 2009 (number)	Feb. 1, 2010 (number)	Feb. 1, 2011 (number)
All Cotton			
Alabama	450,500	324,550	463,150
Arizona	371,350	413,550	515,400
Arkansas	1,237,300	795,950	1,100,200
Georgia	1,567,950	1,779,950	2,217,950
Louisiana	279,600	340,650	438,950
Mississippi	656,850	396,850	814,200
North Carolina	735,400	743,850	940,850
South Carolina	231,350	193,900	355,000
Tennessee	520,950	485,600	667,500
Texas	4,319,850	4,548,300	7,724,600
United States	12,369,550	11,706,350	17,528,900

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION: Selected States, and United States January, 2010-2011

Selected States	January 2010	December 2010	January 2011	January 2011 as % of 2010
	Million Pounds			Percent
Florida	8.9	8.9	8.6	96
Georgia	11.4	11.4	10.1	89
Kansas	433.9	461.4	438.8	101
Nebraska	560.3	630.7	595.8	106
North Carolina	209.1	215.3	196.4	94
South Carolina	19.8	20.5	21.0	106
Texas	385.7	437.8	398.0	103
United States	3,917.6	4,355.1	4,041.8	103

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

COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION: United States, January, 2011

Class	January 2010	December 2010	January 2011	January 2011 % of	
	Million Pounds			January 2010	December 2010
Beef	2,083.1	2,272.4	2,123.7	102	93
Veal	11.6	11.7	10.8	93	92
Pork	1,810.1	2,056.0	1,896.2	105	92
Lamb and Mutton	12.8	15.0	11.2	87	74
Total Red Meat	3,917.6	4,355.1	4,041.8	103	93

1/ Totals, accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data.

POULTRY SLAUGHTER

The preliminary total live weight of all federally inspected poultry during January 2011 was 4.83 billion pounds, up 10 percent from 4.40 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.17 billion pounds, up 10 percent from January 2010.

Mature chickens, at 63.9 million pounds, were up 5 percent from the previous year. Young chickens slaughtered during January 2011 averaged 5.85 pounds per bird, up 4 percent from January 2010.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight, Pounds Certified, Post-Mortem Condemnations, Selected States and United States, January 2011

Selected States	Number Slaughtered	Total Live Weight	Average Live Weight	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified 1/	Post-Mortem Condemnations	
					Carcass and Parts	Percent 2/
	(Thou. Head)	(Thou. Lbs)	(Pounds)	(Thou. Pounds)	(Percent)	
Alabama	81,154	459,411	5.66	342,531	2,808	0.81
Georgia	98,708	534,774	5.42	403,038	3,527	0.87
North Carolina	61,783	444,912	7.20	346,292	4,471	1.27
South Carolina	24,182	173,795	7.19	130,678	970	0.74
United States	713,162	4,173,256	5.85	3,124,828	28,538	0.91

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

MILK PRODUCTION

MILK COWS AND PRODUCTION: Selected States and United States, July-September, 2009-2010

Selected States	Milk cows 1/		Milk per cows 2/		Milk production 2/		Change From 2009
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	
	(1,000 head)		(pounds)		(million pounds)		(percent)
California	1,796.0	1,754.0	22,000	23,025	39,512.0	40,385.0	2.2
Florida	115.0	114.0	18,070	18,658	2,078.0	2,127.0	2.4
Georgia	77.0	78.0	18,182	17,885	1,400.0	1,395.0	-0.4
North Carolina	45.0	44.0	19,644	19,591	884.0	862.0	-2.5
South Carolina	17.0	16.0	19,000	17,875	323.0	286.0	-11.5
Wisconsin	1,257.0	1,262.0	20,079	20,630	25,239.0	26,035.0	3.2
United States 3/	9,203.0	9,117.0	20,573	21,149	189,334.0	192,819.0	1.8

1/ Average number during year, excluding heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves. 3/ May not add due to rounding.

FARM LABOR

There were 807,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of January 9-15, 2011, up 1 percent from a year ago. Of these hired workers, 602,000 workers were hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 205,000 workers. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$11.29 per hour during the January 2011 reference week, up 21 cents from a

year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$10.23 per hour, up 13 cents from last January, while livestock workers earned \$10.52 per hour compared with \$10.31 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$10.35 per hour, was up 17 cents from last year. The number of hours worked averaged 38.9 hours for hired workers during the survey week, up 5 percent from a year ago.

Farm Labor: Employment and Wage Rates, United States, January, 2010, with Comparisons

Farm Employment	January 10-16, 2010	October 10-16, 2010	January 9-15, 2011
FARM WORKERS	-----1,000-----		
Hired workers:			
150 Days or More.....	524	589	505
149 Days or Less	88	238	97
Total.....	612	827	602
Agricultural services			
Workers working on farms.....	190	330	205
Hired farm and service workers.....	802	1,157	807
HOURS WORKED:	Hours per Week		
Hired Workers.....	37.2	41.7	38.9
WAGE RATES FOR:	Dollars per Hour		
Type of Worker:			
Field & Livestock Combined..	10.18	10.43	10.35
Field	10.10	10.49	10.23
Livestock	10.31	10.28	10.52
All hired workers 1/ 2/.....	11.08	11.13	11.29

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.

FARM NUMBERS

The number of farms in SOUTH CAROLINA in 2010 is estimated at 27,000, unchanged from 2009. Total land in farms for 2010 is 4.90 million acres, unchanged from 2009. The average size of farms in 2010 was 181 acres, unchanged from 2009. The number of farms in the UNITED STATES in 2010 is estimated at 2.2 million, virtually unchanged from 2009.

Total land in farms, at 920.0 million acres, increased 100 thousand from 2009. The average farm size was 418 acres, unchanged from the previous year. The average farm size was unchanged in 2010. However, average farm sizes declined in some of the sales classes partially due to smaller farms moving up to higher sales classes.

Number of Farms: By Selected State, and United States, 2009-2010

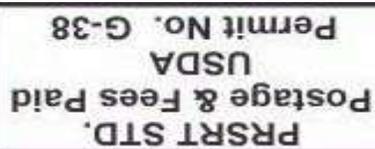
State	2009 ----- Number -----	2010 ----- Number -----
Alabama	48,500	48,500
Florida	47,500	47,500
Georgia	47,600	47,400
Louisiana	30,000	30,000
North Carolina	52,400	52,400
South Carolina	27,000	27,000
Tennessee	78,700	78,300
Texas	247,500	247,500
United States	2,200,210	2,200,930

Land in Farms: By Selected State, and United States, 2009-2010

State	2009 ----- 1,000 Acres -----	2010 ----- 1,000 Acres -----
Alabama	9,000	9,000
Florida	9,250	9,250
Georgia	10,300	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	919,890	919,990

Average Farm Size: By Selected State, and United States, 2009-2010

State	2009 ----- Acres -----	2010 ----- Acres -----
Alabama	186	186
Florida	195	195
Georgia	216	217
Louisiana	268	268
North Carolina	164	164
South Carolina	181	181
Tennessee	139	139
Texas	527	527
United States	418	418



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