

# Farm Facts For South Carolina

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## LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

### COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION: Selected States, and United States February, 2012

Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb, and mutton. Totals and percentages based on unrounded data.

| Selected States       | Feb 2010       | Jan 2011 | Feb 2011 | February 2011 as % of 2010 |
|-----------------------|----------------|----------|----------|----------------------------|
|                       | Million Pounds |          |          | Percent                    |
| Florida               | 8.8            | 10.2     | 8.0      | 90                         |
| Georgia               | 10.7           | 11.6     | 11.3     | 105                        |
| Kansas                | 410.3          | 420.2    | 398.1    | 97                         |
| Nebraska              | 549.3          | 593.7    | 572.4    | 104                        |
| North Carolina        | 196.7          | 209.5    | 204.2    | 104                        |
| <b>SOUTH CAROLINA</b> | 20.2           | 21.0     | 19.1     | 95                         |
| Texas                 | 386.9          | 411.5    | 389.3    | 101                        |
| <b>UNITED STATES</b>  | 3,810.0        | 4,123.4  | 3,914.0  | 103                        |

### COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION: United States, February, 2012

| Class                 | Feb 2011       | Jan 2012 | Feb 2012 | February 2012 % of |          |
|-----------------------|----------------|----------|----------|--------------------|----------|
|                       |                |          |          | Feb 2011           | Jan 2012 |
|                       | Million Pounds |          |          | Percent            |          |
| Beef                  | 2,020.4        | 2,113.8  | 2,009.0  | 99                 | 95       |
| Veal                  | 10.5           | 10.4     | 9.8      | 94                 | 94       |
| Pork                  | 1,768.1        | 1,987.0  | 1,882.9  | 106                | 95       |
| Lamb and Mutton       | 10.9           | 12.1     | 12.3     | 113                | 102      |
| <b>Total Red Meat</b> | 3,810.0        | 4,123.4  | 3,914.0  | 103                | 95       |

## POULTRY SLAUGHTER

The Preliminary total live weight of all federally inspected poultry during February 2012 was 4.60 billion pounds, up 4 percent from 4.42 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 3.93 billion pounds, up 4 percent from February 2011.

Mature chickens, at 61.0 million pounds, were down slightly from the previous year. Young chickens slaughtered during February 2012 averaged 5.82 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from February 2011. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.52 pounds per bird, down 1 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 2012

| 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               | 80,857             | 456,342     | 5.64                | 346,410                                      | 3,357                     | 0.96       |
| Georgia               | 99,227             | 536,416     | 5.41                | 400,411                                      | 3,264                     | 0.81       |
| North Carolina        | 58,701             | 416,575     | 7.10                | 320,520                                      | 3,001                     | 0.93       |
| <b>South Carolina</b> | 22,825             | 159,469     | 6.99                | 118,071                                      | 678                       | 0.57       |
| <b>United States</b>  | 675,844            | 3,934,939   | 5.82                | 2,954,533                                    | 25,862                    | 0.87       |

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

## EGG PRODUCTION

SOUTH CAROLINA'S laying flocks produced 91 million eggs during February, up 3 percent from last year. Production totaled 71 million table eggs and 20 million hatching eggs. The number of layers averaged 4,290,000 birds, down 3 percent from 4,423,000 a year ago. February egg production per 100 layers was 2,121 eggs, compared with 1,990 in 2011.

UNITED STATES egg production totaled 7.24 billion during February 2012, up 3 percent from last year. Production included 6.25 billion table eggs, and 987 million hatching eggs, of which 914 million were broiler-type and 73 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during February 2012 averaged 338 million, down slightly from last year. February egg production per 100 layers was 2,140 eggs, up 4 percent from February 2011.



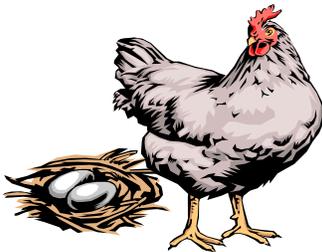
## COTTON GINNINGS

**GINNINGS: As of March 23, 2010-2011, States and United States**

| State                 | Running Bales Ginned |                |
|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------|
|                       | 2010                 | 2011           |
| All Cotton            |                      |                |
| Alabama               | 463,450              | 682,450        |
| Arizona               | 560,500              | 732,800        |
| Arkansas              | 1,100,300            | 1,198,800      |
| Georgia               | 2,222,950            | 2,426,700      |
| Louisiana             | 438,950              | 513,650        |
| Mississippi           | 814,800              | 1,145,250      |
| North Carolina        | 937,100              | 1,021,300      |
| <b>South Carolina</b> | <b>357,550</b>       | <b>485,450</b> |
| Tennessee             | 667,500              | 810,000        |
| Texas                 | 7,734,900            | 3,491,150      |
| United States         | 17,159,900           | 14,323,700     |

### Average Layers and Egg Production, February 2012

| Selected States       | Average No. of Layers | Eggs Produced | Eggs per 100 Layers |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------|---------------------|
|                       | Thousand              | Million       | Number              |
| Alabama               | 9,093                 | 166           | 1,826               |
| Florida               | 9,485                 | 205           | 2,161               |
| Georgia               | 16,338                | 330           | 2,020               |
| North Carolina        | 12,613                | 239           | 1,895               |
| <b>South Carolina</b> | <b>4,290</b>          | <b>91</b>     | <b>2,121</b>        |
| United States         | 338,219               | 7,237         | 2,140               |



## BROILER HATCHERY PRODUCTION

During the month of February, SOUTH CAROLINA'S broiler hatcheries produced 17.79 million chicks, down less than 1 percent from last year's 17.86 million chicks.

THE UNITED STATES broiler-type chicks hatched during February 2012 totaled 705 million, down 1 percent from February 2011. Eggs in incubators totaled 611 million on March 1, 2012, down 5 percent from a year earlier.

### CHICKS HATCHED by Commercial Hatcheries

| Flock Type and Area   | February 2012 | Cumulative, 2012 |
|-----------------------|---------------|------------------|
|                       | Thousand      |                  |
| <i>Broiler Type:</i>  |               |                  |
| <b>SOUTH CAROLINA</b> | <b>17,787</b> | <b>37,109</b>    |
| United States         | 705,113       | 1,456,983        |
| <i>Egg Type:</i>      |               |                  |
| United States         | 39,300        | 79,577           |

## HOG INVENTORY

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 2012 was 64.9 million head. This was up 2 percent from March 1, 2011 but down 2 percent from December 1, 2011.

Breeding inventory, at 5.82 million head, was up 1 percent from last year, and up slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 59.1 million head, was up 2 percent from last year, but down 2 percent from last quarter.

The December 2011-February 2012 pig crop, at 28.7 million head, was up 3 percent from 2011. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.88 million head, up 1 percent from 2011. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 50 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high 9.97 for the December-February period, compared to 9.80 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.30 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 10.00 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

## U. S. PEANUT STOCKS

Peanut stocks reported in commercial storage on February 29, 2012 totaled 2.71 billion pounds of equivalent farmer stock, compared with 3.26 billion pounds last year. This total includes 1.94 billion pounds of actual farmer stock. Shelled peanuts on hand totaled 727 million pounds of farmer stock equivalent. Roasting stock totaled 37.5 million pounds. Shelled peanut stocks

totalled 547 million pounds of which 500 million pounds were edible grades and 46.3 million pounds were oil stock. Edible grade stocks by type included 63.2 million pounds of Virginias and Valencias, 429 million pounds of Runners, and 7.88 million pounds of Spanish. February millings totaled 386 million pounds of which 319 million pounds Runners.

### Stocks of Peanuts (excludes stocks on farms) and Specific Products at Month's End, Crop of 2011-2012

| Month Ending       | Farmer Stock | Shelled Peanuts 1/ | Roasting Stock (In Shell) 2/ | Farmer Stock Equivalent |           |
|--------------------|--------------|--------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------|
|                    |              |                    |                              | Shelled Peanuts         | Total 3/  |
| ---1,000 Pounds--- |              |                    |                              |                         |           |
| <b>2011</b>        |              |                    |                              |                         |           |
| August             | 471,990      | 485,115            | 54,356                       | 645,203                 | 1,171,549 |
| September          | 613,758      | 452,167            | 37,263                       | 601,382                 | 1,252,403 |
| October            | 2,300,132    | 421,590            | 27,359                       | 560,715                 | 2,888,206 |
| November           | 2,839,016    | 434,869            | 30,094                       | 578,376                 | 3,447,486 |
| December           | 2,636,388    | 468,940            | 32,985                       | 623,690                 | 3,293,063 |
| <b>2012</b>        |              |                    |                              |                         |           |
| January            | 2,294,620    | 498,787            | 35,867                       | 663,387                 | 2,993,874 |
| February           | 1,942,900    | 546,503            | 37,542                       | 726,849                 | 2,707,291 |
| March              |              |                    |                              |                         |           |
| April              |              |                    |                              |                         |           |
| May                |              |                    |                              |                         |           |
| June               |              |                    |                              |                         |           |
| July               |              |                    |                              |                         |           |
| <b>2011</b>        |              |                    |                              |                         |           |
| February           | 2,501,386    | 537,177            | 42,507                       | 714,445                 | 3,258,338 |

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.



## 2010 PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS

The March Prospective Plantings Survey indicated that SOUTH CAROLINA farmers intend to harvest more cotton, wheat, oats, and peanuts. Acreage intentions are down from corn, tobacco, and producers intend to decrease the number of acres to be cut for hay, and soybeans acres remain unchanged from 2011.

**CORN** growers currently expect to plant 350,000 acres in 2012. This is down 3 percent from the acreage planted in 2011, but unchanged from 2010.

**COTTON** growers currently intend to plant 340,000 acres in 2012. This is up 12 percent from 2011, and 68 percent above 2010.

**TOBACCO** acreage for harvest in 2012 is expected to total 13,500 acres. This is down 13 percent from 2011 and down 16 percent from 2010.

**SOYBEAN** average is expected to total 370,000 acres in 2012 – unchanged from 2011 but down 20 percent from 2010.

**WHEAT** acreage planted for the 2012 crop is set at 250,000 acres - up 32 percent from 2011 and up 72 percent from 2010.

**OATS** including both fall and spring plantings, are expected to total 30,000 acres, up 36 percent from 2011 and up 15 percent from 2010.

**PEANUT** acreage for 2012 is expected to total 105,000 acres, up 36 percent from 2011 and up 57 percent from 2010.

**HAY** acres for harvest this year are expected to total 290,000 acres, down 3 percent from 2011 and down 19 percent from 2010.

