

## THIS ISSUE'S HIGHLIGHTS

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### EGG PRODUCTION

SOUTH CAROLINA'S laying flocks produced 95 million eggs during July, down 5 percent from July 2011. Production totaled 72 million table eggs and 23 million hatching eggs. The number of layers averaged 4,268,000 birds, down 5 percent from 4,502,000 a year ago. July egg production per 100 layers was 2,226 eggs, compared with 2,221 in 2011.

UNITED STATES egg production totaled 7.73 billion during July 2012, down slightly from last year. Production included 6.68 billion table eggs, and 1.05 billion hatching eggs, of which 983 million were broiler-type and 68 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during July 2012 averaged 335 million, down slightly from last year. July egg production per 100 layers was 2,307 eggs, up slightly from July 2011.

**Average Layers and Egg Production  
Selected States, and U.S., July, 2012**

Selected States	Average No. of Layers	Eggs Produced	Eggs per 100 Layers
	Thousand	Million	Number
Alabama	9,092	183	2,013
Florida	8,372	192	2,293
Georgia	16,752	358	2,137
North Carolina	12,678	252	1,988
<b>South Carolina</b>	<b>4,268</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>2,226</b>
United States	334,918	7,726	2,307

### BROILER HATCHERY PRODUCTION

During the month of July, SOUTH CAROLINA'S broiler hatcheries produced 18.6 million chicks, down 6 percent from last year's 19.7 million chicks.

The UNITED STATES broiler-type chicks hatched during June 2012 totaled 763 million, down 1 percent from July 2011. Eggs in incubators totaled 611 million on August 1, 2012, up slightly from a year earlier.

**CHICKS HATCHED by Type  
South Carolina and U.S., June 2011**

Flock Type and Area	July 2011	Jan-July 2011
	Thousand	
<i>Broiler Type:</i>		
<b>SOUTH CAROLINA</b>	<b>18,601</b>	<b>132,094</b>
United States	762,749	5,265,606
<i>Egg Type:</i>		
United States	34,041	276,632



### CATTLE

All cattle and calves in the United States as of July 1, 2012, totaled 97.8 million head, 2 percent below the 100.0 million on July 1, 2011.

All cows and heifers that have calved, at 39.7 million, were down 2 percent from July 1, 2011.

Beef cows, at 30.5 million, were down 3 percent from July 1, 2011.

Milk cows, at 9.2 million, unchanged from July 1, 2011.

All heifers 500 pounds and over, 15.7 million, down 2 percent.

Beef replacements heifers, 4.2 million, unchanged.

Milk replacement heifers, 4.1 million, down 2 percent.

Other heifers, 7.4 million, down 3 percent.

Steers weighing 500 pounds and over, 14.0 million, down 1 percent.

Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over, 1.9 million, down 5 percent.

Calves under 500 pounds, 26.5 million, down 3 percent.

All cattle and calves on feed for slaughter, 12.3 million, up 1 percent.

## POULTRY SLAUGHTER

The Preliminary total live weight of poultry inspected during July 2012 was 4.87 billion pounds, up 4 percent from 4.68 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.17 billion pounds, up 3 percent from July 2011.

Mature chickens, at 68.9 million pounds, were down 6 percent from the previous year. Young chickens slaughtered during July 2012 averaged 5.76 pounds per bird, down slightly from July 2011. The average live weight of mature chickens was 6.09 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from a year ago.

### YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight, Pounds Certified, Post-Mortem Condemnations, Selected States and United States, July 2012

Selected States	Number Slaughtered	Total Live Weight Thou. Lbs	Average Live Weight Pounds	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified 1/	Post-Mortem Condemnations	
					Carcass and Parts	Percent 2/
	Thou.	Thou. Lbs	Pounds	Thou. Lbs	Percent	
Alabama	87,054	472,710	5.43	358,742	2,983	0.82
Georgia	104,386	570,596	5.47	431,103	2,867	0.66
North Carolina	62,030	436,374	7.03	337,906	3,011	0.88
<b>South Carolina</b>	23,662	159,744	6.75	118,154	732	0.62
United States	722,546	4,165,248	5.76	3,126,082	23,501	0.75

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

## LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

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

Selected States	July 2011	June 2012	July 2012	July 2012 as % of 2011
	Million Pounds			Percent
Florida	9.3	8.8	9.5	102
Georgia	10.4	11.2	11.2	108
Kansas	443.2	463.9	464.7	105
Nebraska	568.5	609.8	593.6	104
North Carolina	173.8	179.3	182.2	105
<b>SOUTH CAROLINA</b>	17.6	20.0	19.5	111
Texas	431.5	455.0	437.9	101
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>3,792.3</b>	<b>4,023.9</b>	<b>3,944.5</b>	<b>104</b>

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

### COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION: United States, July, 2012 (Totals, accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data)

Class	July 2011	June 2012	July 2012	July 2012 % of	
				July 2011	June 2012
	Million Pounds			Percent	
Beef	2,134.1	2,252.1	2,200.8	103	98
Veal	10.1	8.9	9.5	94	106
Pork	1,637.1	1,750.4	1,721.8	105	98
Lamb and Mutton	10.9	12.4	12.5	114	101
<b>Total Red Meat</b>	<b>3,792.3</b>	<b>4,023.9</b>	<b>3,944.5</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>98</b>

## PEANUT STOCKS AND PROCESSING

Peanut stocks reported in commercial storage on July 31, 2012 totaled 1.00 billion pounds of equivalent farmer stock, compared with 1.52 billion pounds a year ago. This total includes 273 million pounds of actual farmer stock.

Shell peanuts on hand totalled 691 million pounds of farmer stock equivalent. Roasting stock totalled 40.0 million pounds.

Shelled peanuts stocks totalled 519 million pounds of which 466 million pounds were edible grades and 52.9 million pounds were oil stocks. Edible grade stocks by type included 61.1 million pounds of Virginias and Valencias, 399 million pounds of Runners, and 6.02 million pounds of Spanish.

Millings in July totalled 244 million pounds. Millings by type were 38.6 million pounds of Virginias and Valencias, 206 million pounds of Runners.

Commercial processors utilized 144 million pounds of shelled edible grade peanuts during July. Utilization by type was 80.5 million pounds for all peanut butter products, 29.9 million pounds for peanut candy, and 27.4 million pounds for snack peanuts. Crushing for oil and cake and meal totalled 31.6 million pounds during the month.

## PEANUT STOCKS

### United States Peanuts Stocks and Specified 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)	(1,000 Pounds)	(1,000 Pounds)	(1,000 Pounds)	(1,000 Pounds)
2011					
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	2,780,832	434,869	30,094	578,376	3,389,302
December	2,581,188	468,945	32,994	623,697	3,237,879
2012					
January	2,239,420	498,785	35,870	663,384	2,938,674
February	1,888,496	546,535	37,540	726,892	2,652,928
March	1,514,162	584,590	41,324	777,505	2,332,991
April	1,145,248	583,989	44,509	776,705	1,966,462
May	772,322	553,762	44,267	736,503	1,553,092
June	507,908	533,062	44,891	708,972	1,261,771
July	272,838	519,193	39,966	690,527	1,003,331
2011					
July	769,016	517,258	58,970	687,953	1,515,939

1/ Includes shelled edible grades, shelled oil stock, and shelled seed (untreated). 2/ Cleaned and unshelled. 3/ Farmer stock + roasting stock + (actual shelled peanuts X 1.33).

## SOUTH CAROLINA CROP PRODUCTION

Based on August 1 conditions, South Carolina's 2012 yield was up from a year ago for corn, cotton, flue-cured tobacco, and soybeans, while the yields for peanuts and winter wheat were down from last year.

**CORN** production in 2012 is expected to total 35.4 million bushels, up 65 percent from last year. Expected yield per acre is estimated at 118 bushels. This is up 53 bushels from last year. Acreage for harvest as grain, at 300,000, is down 30,000 from 2011.

**SOYBEAN** production in 2012 is expected to total 10.7 million bushels, up 18 percent from last year. Expected yield per acre of 26 bushels is up 1 bushel from a year ago. Acreage for harvest, at 410,000, is up 50,000 acres from 2011.

**FLUE-CURED TOBACCO** production as of August 1, is forecast at 27.0 million pounds. This is up 2 percent from last year's production, and up 11 percent from last month. Yield per acre of 2,000 pounds is up 200 pounds from the July forecast, and up 300 pounds from last year. Acreage for harvest, at 13,500, is down 2,000 acres from 2011.

**COTTON** production is forecast at 480,000 bales, down 8 percent from last year. The August 1 yield per acre is expected to average 829 pounds, up 1 pound from last year. Acreage for harvest, at 278,000, is down 23,000 acres from 2011.

**PEANUT** production is forecast at 279.0 million pounds, up 19 percent from last year's production. Yield per acre, at 3,100 pounds, is down 100 pounds from 2011. Acreage for harvest, at 90,000 is up 17,000 acres from 2011.

**WHEAT** production is forecast at 11.3 million bushels – up 4 percent from last year. The acreage harvested for grain, at 235,000, is 55,000 acres above a year ago. The August 1 yield of 48 bushels per acre is the same as the July 1 forecast but 12 bushels below the 2011 yield.

**PEACH** production is expected to total 80 thousand tons, down 16 percent from last year. Ninety-one percent of the crop had been harvested as of July 29, well ahead of the 5-year average of 70 percent. Scattered hail storms were reported during the season causing some damage, especially for upstate producers.

