



Farm Facts For South Carolina



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CHICKEN AND EGG PRODUCTION

SOUTH CAROLINA'S laying flocks produced 93 million eggs during January, down 5 percent from last year. Production totaled 71 million table eggs and 22 million hatching eggs. The number of layers averaged 4,188,000 birds, down 3 percent from 4,317,000 a year ago. January egg production per 100 layers was 2,221 eggs, compared with 2,270 in 2012.

UNITED STATES egg production totaled 7.99 billion during January 2013, up 2 percent from last year. Production included 6.94 billion table eggs, and 1.06 billion hatching eggs, of which 985 million were broiler-type and 74 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during January 2013 averaged 344 million, up 1 percent from last year. January egg production per 100 layers was 2,326 eggs, up slightly from January 2012.

Average Layers and Egg Production, January 2013

Selected States	Average No. of Layers	Eggs Produced	Eggs per 100 Layers
	Thousand	Million	Number
Alabama	9,199	184	2,000
Florida	8,420	189	2,245
Georgia	17,491	375	2,144
North Carolina	12,807	269	2,100
South Carolina	4,188	93	2,221
United States	343,732	7,994	2,326

BROILER HATCHERY PRODUCTION

During the month of December, SOUTH CAROLINA'S broiler hatcheries produced 18.1 million chicks, down 6 percent from last year's 19.3 million chicks.

THE UNITED STATES broiler-type chicks hatched during January 2013 totaled 762 million, up 1 percent from January 2012. Eggs in incubators totaled 614 million on February 1, 2013, up 2 percent from a year earlier.

CHICKS HATCHED by Type, South Carolina and U.S., January 2013

Flock Type and Area	January 2013	Cumulative, 2013
	Thousand	
<i>Broiler Type:</i>		
SOUTH CAROLINA	18,112	18,112
United States	762,267	762,267
<i>Egg Type:</i>		
United States	42,193	42,193

SHEEP AND GOATS

Based on January 1, 2013 estimates, SOUTH CAROLINA'S **milk goat inventory** is estimated at 3,100 head, up 3 percent from 2012. **Meat and other goats** totaled 43,000 head, down 1 percent from a year ago.

All goat inventory in the United States on January 1, 2013, totaled 2.81 million head, down 2 percent from 2012. **Breeding goat inventory** totaled 2.32 million head down 2 percent from 2012. **Market goats and kids** totaled 490,000 head, up one percent from a year ago. On January 1, 2013, **meat and all other goats** totaled 2.32 million head, down 2 percent from 2012. **Milk goat** inventory was 360,000 head, unchanged from January 1, 2012, while **angora goats** were down 7 percent, totaling 136,000 head. The 2012 **kid crop** totaled 1.79 million head for all goats, down 5 percent from 2011.

Mohair production in the United States during 2012 was 770 thousand pounds. **Goats and kids clipped** totaled 136,000 head. Average weight per clip was 5.7 pounds. **Mohair price** was \$3.89 per pound with a value of 2.99 million dollars.

Milk Goats: Number by State and United States, 2012-2013

States	2012	2013
	Head	
Alabama	3,300	3,500
Florida	6,000	6,100
Georgia	2,900	3,500
North Carolina	6,300	6,300
South Carolina	3,000	3,100
United States	360,000	360,000

CATTLE

SOUTH CAROLINA total inventory of 355,000 head includes 174,000 beef cows and 16,000 milk cows. Also included are 15,000 bulls, 35,000 beef replacement heifers, 7,000 milk replacement heifers, 12,000 other heifers, and 10,000 steers, all weighing 500 pounds or more. Calves weighing less than 500 pounds totaled 86,000. The South Carolina calf crop for 2012 totaled 150,000 head, down 6 percent from 2011.

All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2013 totaled 89.3 million head, 2 percent below the 90.8 million on January 1, 2012. This is the lowest January 1 inventory of all cattle and calves since the 88.1 million on hand in 1952.

ALL CATTLE AND CALVES

Number by Class and Calf Crop, Selected States, January 1, 2012 and 2013

Selected States	All Cattle and Calves		All Cows That Have calved		Beef Cows That Have Calved		Beef Cow Replacement		Milk Cow Replacement	
	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013
	<i>1,000 Head</i>									
Florida	1,710.0	1,660.0	1,060.0	1,030.0	940.0	908.0	115.0	115.0	35.0	35.0
Georgia	1,020.0	1,020.0	590.0	570.0	512.0	490.0	71.0	74.0	31.0	28.0
North Carolina	810.0	820.0	405.0	410.0	360.0	364.0	65.0	72.0	21.0	23.0
South Carolina	370.0	355.0	200.0	190.0	184.0	174.0	36.0	35.0	6.0	7.0
Texas	11,900.0	11,300.0	5,000.0	4,450.0	4,565.0	4,015.0	550.0	600.0	210.0	200.0
United States	90,768.5	89,299.6	39,387.4	38,515.2	30,157.9	29,295.3	5,261.6	5,360.6	4,622.0	4,550.7

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION: Selected States, and United States, January 2013

Selected States	Jan 2012	Dec 2012	Jan 2013	January 2013 as % of 2012
	Million Pounds			Percent
Florida	10.2	9.2	10.1	99
Georgia	11.6	11.7	9.9	85
Kansas	420.2	410.3	459.0	109
Nebraska	593.7	577.5	631.3	106
North Carolina	209.5	206.6	224.4	107
SOUTH CAROLINA	21.0	19.5	19.7	94
Texas	411.5	380.5	443.6	108
UNITED STATES	4,123.4	3,996.5	4,348.3	105

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

COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION: United States, January 2013

Class	January 2012	December 2012	January 2013	January 2013 as % of	
				Jan 2012	Dec 2012
	Million Pounds			Percent	
Beef	2,113.8	2,020.4	2,260.0	107	112
Veal	10.4	9.8	10.5	100	107
Pork	1,987.0	1,953.5	2,065.5	104	106
Lamb and Mutton	12.1	12.8	12.4	102	96
Total Red Meat	4,123.4	3,996.5	4,348.3	105	109

Totals, accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data.



VEGETABLES

South Carolina's harvested fresh market vegetable and melon acreage for 6 major crops totaled 15,400 for the 2012 crop year. Total acreage was up 8 percent from 2011's acreage of 14,300. Fresh market snap beans acreage for harvest was estimated at 300 acres, up 50 percent from a year ago. Harvested acreage for fresh market cucumbers was 1,900 acres, up 12 percent from the previous year. Harvested acreage of fresh market tomatoes was 2,700 acres, up 8 percent from the 2011 acreage. Harvested acreage for cantaloupes was 1,300 acres, down 7 percent from the 2011 acreage. Squash harvested acreage was 1,700 acres, up 13 percent from the previous year. Watermelon acreage for harvest was set at 7,500 acres, up 7 percent from the previous year. South Carolina's contracted cucumbers for pickles acreage for 2012 was set at 2,000 harvested acres, unchanged from 2011 and 2010. For the 2012 crop year, South Carolina was ranked in the top 10 in the total production of the following vegetables: 5th in cantaloupes and watermelons; 7th in pickles and tomatoes for fresh market; 8th in cucumbers for fresh market; and 10th in squash for fresh market.

FRESH MARKET VEGETABLES: Acres Planted and Harvested, Yield, Production, and Value, South Carolina, 2010-2012

Fresh Market Vegetables	2010	2011	2012	2010	2011	2012
	Acres Planted			Acres Harvested		
Snap Beans	500	300	400	400	200	300
Cantaloupes	1,600	1,600	1,400	1,200	1,400	1,300
Cucumbers	1,500	1,800	2,000	1,400	1,700	1,900
Cucumbers for pickles	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Squash	600	1,600	1,800	500	1,500	1,700
Tomatoes	2,500	2,700	2,800	2,400	2,500	2,700
Watermelons	8,500	7,800	8,000	8,000	7,000	7,500
	Yield per Acre (Cwt.)			Production		
Snap Beans	45	33	52	18	7	16
Cantaloupes	195	325	280	234	455	364
Cucumbers	180	200	130	252	340	247
Cucumbers for pickles	3.00	3.00	3.00	6,000	6,000	6,000
Squash	130	130	145	66	195	247
Tomatoes	170	195	250	408	488	675
Watermelons	330	380	380	2,640	2,660	2,850
	Value per Cwt. (Dollars)			Total Value (Thou. Dollars)		
Snap Beans	52.00	90.00	55.00	936	630	880
Cantaloupes	15.30	20.00	20.00	3,580	9,100	7,280
Cucumbers	24.00	26.00	20.00	6,048	8,840	4,940
Cucumbers for pickles	220.00	220.00	220.00	1,320	1,320	1,320
Squash	31.60	33.00	30.00	2,083	6,435	7,410
Tomatoes	46.00	46.00	42.00	18,768	22,448	28,350
Watermelons	13.50	14.50	11.00	35,640	38,570	31,350

1/ Cucumbers for pickles in tons.

2012 SOUTH CAROLINA FARM NUMBERS DOWN FROM 2011

The number of farms in **SOUTH CAROLINA** in 2012 is estimated at 26,700, down 300 farms from 2011. Total land in farms for 2012 is 4,800 million acres. The average size of farms in 2012 was 180 acres, down 1 acre from 2011. Farms with \$100,000 or more in sales totaled 2,500 in 2012, up 14 percent from 2011 and accounting for 9.4 percent of all farms.

The number of farms in the United States in 2012 is estimated at 2.2 million, down 11,630 farms from 2011. Total land in farms, at 914 million acres, decreased 3 million acres from 2011. The average farm size is 421 acres, up 1 acre from the previous year.

NUMBER OF FARMS, LAND IN FARMS, AND AVERAGE SIZE, United States, 2011 – 2012

YEAR	SOUTH CAROLINA		
	Number of Farms	Land in Farms	Average Size Farms
	- Number -	- Thou. Acres -	- Acres -
2011	27,000	4,900	181
2012	26,700	4,800	180

