

Farm Facts For South Carolina

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LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

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

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

Selected States	March 2012	February 2013	March 2013	March 2013 as % of 2012
	Million Pounds			Percent
Florida	9.6	8.0	9.8	102
Georgia	11.8	9.1	11.2	95
Kansas	441.9	396.2	424.3	96
Nebraska	605.7	526.5	571.9	94
North Carolina	205.1	195.0	204.5	100
SOUTH CAROLINA	20.6	18.1	18.5	90
Texas	416.5	324.1	382.2	92
UNITED STATES	4,171.4	3,673.1	3,994.3	96

COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION: United States, March 2013

Class	March 2012	February 2013	March 2013	March 2013 % of	
				March 2012	February 2013
	Million Pounds			Percent	
Beef	2,159.5	1,873.7	2,038.6	94	109
Veal	10.0	9.0	9.2	92	103
Pork	1,987.7	1,779.0	1,932.7	97	109
Lamb and Mutton	14.2	11.5	13.8	97	120
Total Red Meat	4,171.4	3,673.1	3,994.3	96	109

POULTRY SLAUGHTER

The Preliminary total live weight of all federally inspected poultry during March 2013 was 4.66 billion pounds, down 2 percent from 4.77 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 3.99 billion pounds, down 2 percent from March 2012.

Mature chickens, at 59.4 million pounds, were down 6 percent from the previous year. Young chickens slaughtered during March 2013 averaged 5.87 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from March 2012. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.26 pounds per bird, up 2 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, March 2013

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.	Thou. Lbs	Pounds	Thou. Lbs	Percent	
Alabama	81,107	453,256	5.59	343,056	3,939	1.14
Georgia	98,696	548,290	5.56	412,902	3,616	0.87
North Carolina	58,518	441,133	7.54	345,831	3,369	2.99
South Carolina	21,620	154,958	7.17	116,591	769	0.66
United States	679,579	3,991,209	5.87	2,998,842	28,376	0.94

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 95 million eggs during March, down 3 percent from last year. Production totaled 73 million table eggs and 22 million hatching eggs. The number of layers averaged 4,407,000 birds, up 2 percent from 4,310,000 a year ago. March egg production per 100 layers was 2,156 eggs, compared with 2,274 in 2012.

UNITED STATES egg production totaled 8.07 billion during March 2013, up 2 percent from last year. Production included 6.99 billion table eggs, and 1.08 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.00 billion were broiler-type and 79 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during March 2013 averaged 347 million, up 2 percent from last year. March egg production per 100 layers was 2,325 eggs, up slightly from March 2012.



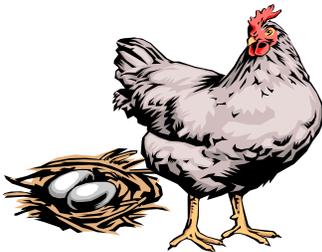
COTTON GINNINGS

GINNINGS: As of March 2011-2012, States and United States

State	Running Bales Ginned	
	2011	2012
All Cotton		
Alabama	682,450	764,150
Arizona	738,300	545,450
Arkansas	1,198,800	1,244,700
Georgia	2,426,700	2,857,850
Louisiana	513,650	475,350
Mississippi	1,145,250	916,550
North Carolina	1,021,300	1,221,250
South Carolina	485,450	548,900
Tennessee	810,000	731,350
Texas	3,491,150	4,948,950
United States	14,328,900	16,082,900

Average Layers and Egg Production, March 2013

Selected States	Average No. of Layers	Eggs Produced	Eggs per 100 Layers
	Thousand	Million	Number
Alabama	9,468	169	2,049
Florida	8,192	168	2,295
Georgia	17,612	344	2,192
North Carolina	12,789	236	2,041
South Carolina	4,407	84	2,156
United States	347,054	7,207	2,325



BROILER HATCHERY PRODUCTION

During the month of March, SOUTH CAROLINA'S broiler hatcheries produced 18.6 million chicks, down 4 percent from the 19.3 million hatched in March 2012.

THE UNITED STATES broiler-type chicks hatched during March 2013 totaled 770 million, up 1 percent from March 2012. Eggs in incubators totaled 623 million on April 1, 2013, up 1 percent from a year earlier.

CHICKS HATCHED by Commercial Hatcheries

Flock Type and Area	March 2013	Cumulative, 2013
	Thousand	
<i>Broiler Type:</i>		
SOUTH CAROLINA	18,589	53,750
United States	770,144	2,222,343
<i>Egg Type:</i>		
United States	41,540	123,746

HOG INVENTORY

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 2013 was 65.9 million head. This was up 1 percent from March 1, 2012 but down 1 percent from December 1, 2012.

Breeding inventory, at 5.83 million head, was up slightly from last year, and up slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 60.1 million head, was up 2 percent from last year, but down 1 percent from last quarter.

The December 2012 - February 2013 pig crop, at 29.0 million head, was up 2 percent from 2012. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.88 million head, up 1 percent from 2012. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 49 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high 10.08 for the December-February period, compared to 9.97 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.50 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 10.10 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

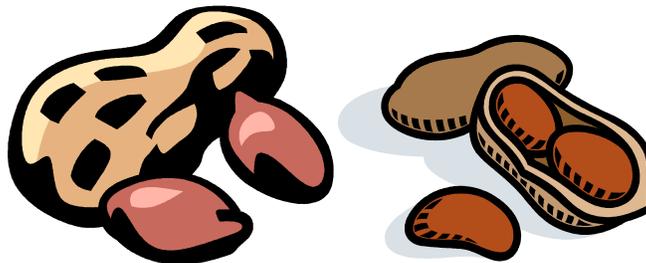
U. S. PEANUT STOCKS

Peanut stocks reported in commercial storage on March 31, 2013 totaled 4.38 billion pounds of equivalent farmer stock, compared with 2.33 billion pounds last year. This total includes 3.55 billion pounds of actual farmer stock. Shelled peanuts on hand totaled 784 million pounds of farmer stock equivalent. Roasting stock totaled 52.1 million pounds. Shelled peanut stocks totaled 589 million pounds of which 556 million pounds were edible grades and 33.0 million pounds were oil stock. Edible grade stocks by type included 115 million pounds of Virginias and Valencias, 426 million pounds of Runners, and 16.0 million pounds of Spanish. March millings totaled 531 million pounds of which 414 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---					
2012					
August	98,162	405,174	32,582	538,881	669,625
September	1,164,796	328,709	21,131	437,183	1,623,110
October	4,442,130	431,236	34,439	573,544	5,050,113
November	5,098,602	465,591	40,386	619,236	5,758,224
December	4,865,492	497,241	43,873	661,331	5,570,696
2013					
January	4,447,740	520,484	45,682	692,244	5,185,666
February	4,033,520	537,437	45,737	714,791	4,794,048
March	3,546,414	589,446	52,090	783,963	4,382,467
April					
May					
June					
July					
2012					
March	1,514,162	584,590	41,324	777,505	2,332,991

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.



2013 PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS

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

CORN growers currently expect to plant 345,000 acres in 2013. This is up 5 percent (15,000 acres) from the acreage planted in 2012, but down 4 percent from 2011.

COTTON growers currently intend to plant 290,000 acres in 2013. This is down 3 percent (9,000 acres) from 2012, and down 4 percent above 2011.

TOBACCO acreage for harvest in 2013 is expected to total 15,000 acres. This is up 25 percent (3,000 acres) from 2012, but down 3 percent from 2011.

SOYBEAN average is expected to total 370,000 acres in 2013 – down 3 percent (10,000 acres) from 2012 but unchanged from 2011.

WHEAT acreage planted for the 2013 crop is set at 240,000 acres - up 2 percent (5,000 acres) from 2012 and up 26 percent from 2011.

OATS including both fall and spring plantings, are expected to total 21,000 acres - down 25 percent (7,000 acres) from 2012 and down 5 percent from 2011.

PEANUT acreage for 2013 is expected to total 90,000 acres, down 18 percent (20,000 acres) from 2012, but up 17 percent from 2011.

HAY acres for harvest this year are expected to total 220,000 acres, down 12 percent (30,000 acres) from 2012 and down 27 percent from 2011.

