

### THIS ISSUE'S HIGHLIGHTS

- Broiler Hatchery Production
- Chickens and Egg Production
- Commercial Red Meat Production
- Dairy Production
- Peanut Prices
- Peanut Stocks
- Poultry Slaughter

## EGG PRODUCTION

SOUTH CAROLINA'S laying flocks produced 95 million eggs during April, up 1 percent from a year ago. Production totaled 74 million table eggs and 21 million hatching eggs. The number of layers averaged 4,329,000 birds, down less than 1 percent from 4,349,000 a year ago. April egg production per 100 layers was 2,195 eggs, compared with 2,161 in 2012.

UNITED STATES egg production totaled 7.81 billion during April 2013, up 3 percent from last year. Production included 6.75 billion table eggs, and 1.06 billion hatching eggs, of which 983 million were broiler-type and 78 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during April 2013 averaged 346 million, up 1 percent from last year. April egg production per 100 layers was 2,260 eggs, up 1 percent from April 2012.

### Average Layers and Egg Production Selected States, and U.S., April, 2013

Selected States	Average No. of Layers	Eggs Produced	Eggs per 100 Layers
	Thousand	Million	Number
Alabama	9,452	185	1,957
Florida	8,052	181	2,248
Georgia	17,741	371	2,091
North Carolina	12,849	255	1,985
<b>South Carolina</b>	<b>4,329</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>2,195</b>
United States	345,552	7,810	2,260

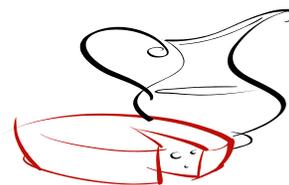
## BROILER HATCHERY PRODUCTION

During the month of April, SOUTH CAROLINA'S broiler hatcheries produced 17.9 million chicks, down 5 percent from last year's 18.8 million chicks.

The UNITED STATES broiler-type chicks hatched during April 2013 totaled 748 million, down slightly from April 2012. Eggs in incubators totaled 622 million on May 1, 2013, up slightly from a year earlier.

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

Flock Type and Area	April 2013	Jan-April 2013
	Thousand	
<i>Broiler Type:</i>		
<b>SOUTH CAROLINA</b>	<b>17,919</b>	<b>71,669</b>
United States	747,565	2,969,909
<i>Egg Type:</i>		
United States	43,750	168,700



## DAIRY PRODUCTION

Total cheese output (excluding cottage cheese) was 954 million pounds, 0.2 percent below March 2012 but 11.5 percent above February 2013.

Italian type cheese production totaled 416 million pounds, 1.3 percent above March 2012 and 15.2 percent above February 2013.

American type cheese production totaled 384 million pounds, 1.4 percent above March 2012 and 10.6 percent above February 2013.

Butter production was 184 million pounds, 4.2 percent above March 2012 and 5.6 percent above February 2013.

Dry Milk Powders: (comparisons with March 2012)  
Nonfat dry milk, human --- 146 million pounds, down 22.8 percent.

Skim milk powders --- 47.5 million pounds, up 276.2 percent.

Whey products: (comparisons with March 2012)  
Dry whey, total – 84.1 million pounds, down 4.5 percent. Lactose, human and animal – 91.9 million pounds, down 1.1 percent.

Whey protein concentrate, total – 37.6 million pounds, down 4.2 percent.

Frozen products: (comparisons with March 2012)  
Ice cream, Regular (hard) – 69.5 million gallons, down 5.1 percent.

Ice cream, Lowfat (total) – 40.5 million gallons, down 13.6 percent. Sherbet (hard) – 4.30 million gallons, down 2.6 percent. Frozen Yogurt (total) --- 6.76 million gallons, up 1.1 percent.

## COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION

### COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION: Selected States and United States, March 2011-2012

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

Selected States	April 2012	March 2013	April 2013	April 2013 as % of 2012
	million pounds			percent
Florida .....	9.2	9.8	11.1	120
Georgia .....	11.4	11.2	11.4	100
Iowa .....	531.6	546.6	563.6	106
North Carolina .....	189.4	204.5	211.2	111
<b>South Carolina ...</b>	<b>20.1</b>	<b>18.5</b>	<b>19.9</b>	<b>99</b>
Tennessee .....	14.3	21.2	18.9	132
United States .....	3,855.2	3,994.3	4,091.4	106

### COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION: United States, March 2012-2013

(Totals, accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data)

Class	April 2012	March 2013	April 2013	April 2013 as % of	
				April 2012	March 2013
	Million Pounds			Percent	
Beef .....	1,990.6	2,038.6	2,127.3	107	104
Veal .....	9.9	9.2	9.1	92	99
Pork .....	1,841.9	1,932.7	1,941.6	105	100
Lamb & Mutton .....	12.9	13.8	13.4	104	98
Total Red Meat .....	3,855.2	3,994.3	4,091.4	106	102

## PEANUT PRICES

### Peanuts: Prices and Marketings by Type and Week, United States: April 13, 2013-May 11, 2013

Item and type	Week Ending				
	April 13, 2013	April 20, 2013	April 27, 2013	May 4, 2013	May 11, 2013
	<i>Dollars per Pound</i>				
Average Price					
Runners	0.247	0.250	0.256	0.259	0.264
Spanish	(X)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Valencias	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Virginias	(X)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
All	0.247	0.271	0.271	0.274	0.298
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>				
Marketings 1/					
Runners	74,934	119,551	108,755	133,659	62,936
Spanish	-	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Valencias	-	-	-	-	-
Virginias	-	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
All	74,934	138,585	126,390	163,860	93,299

- Represents zero. (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. (X) Not applicable.

## U. S. PEANUT STOCKS

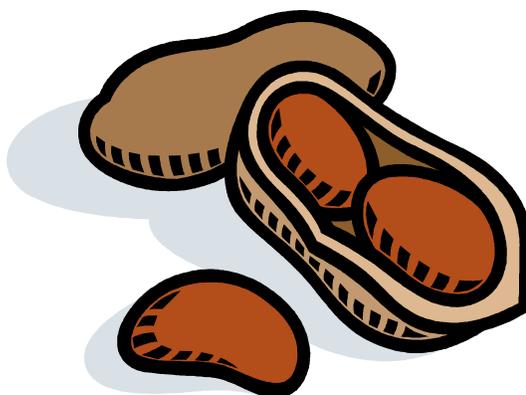
Peanut stocks reported in commercial storage on April 30, 2013 totaled 3.95 billion pounds of equivalent farmer stock, compared with 1.97 billion pounds a year ago. This total includes 3.07 billion pounds of actual farmer stock. Shelled peanuts on hand totaled 826 million pounds of farmer stock equivalent. Roasting stock totaled 55.0 million pounds. Shelled peanut stocks totaled 621 million pounds of which 590 million pounds were edible grades and 30.6 million pounds were oil stocks. Edible grade stocks by type included 120 million pounds of Virginias and Valencias, 454 million pounds of Runners, and 15.9 million pounds of Spanish. Millings in April totaled 528 million pounds including 433 million pounds of Runners.

### PEANUT STOCKS

**United States Stocks of Peanuts and Specified Products at Month's End, Crop of 2012-2013**

Month Ending	Farmer Stock	Shelled Peanuts <sup>1/</sup>	Roasting Stock (In Shell) <sup>2/</sup>	Farmer Stock Equivalent	
				Shelled Peanuts	Total <sup>3/</sup>
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>
<b>2012</b>					
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	4,865,506	497,241	43,873	661,331	5,570,710
<b>2013</b>					
January	4,447,022	520,458	45,682	692,209	5,184,913
February	4,032,118	537,085	45,737	714,323	4,792,178
March	3,548,038	588,299	52,087	782,438	4,382,563
April	3,073,692	620,937	55,003	825,846	3,954,541
May					
June					
July					
<b>2012</b>					
April	1,145,248	583,989	44,509	776,705	1,966,462

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



## POULTRY SLAUGHTER

The Preliminary total live weight of poultry inspected during April 2013 was 4.97 billion pounds, up 7 percent from 4.66 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.25 billion pounds, up 7 percent from April 2012.

Mature chickens, at 72.3 million pounds, were up 10 percent from the previous year. Young chickens slaughtered during April 2013 averaged 5.90 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from April 2012.

### YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight, Pounds Certified, Post-Mortem Condemnations, Selected States and United States, April 2013

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	85,672	479,634	5.60	364,274	3,998	1.09
Georgia	103,529	579,910	5.60	427,864	3,621	0.84
North Carolina	61,326	466,348	7.60	365,321	3,482	0.94
<b>South Carolina</b>	23,429	165,930	7.08	124,696	748	0.60
United States	720,013	4,250,212	5.90	3,192,367	28,751	0.89

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

