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COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION

COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION: Selected States, and United States October, 2008 1/

Selected States	October 2007	September 2008	October 2008	October 08 as % of 2/	
				October 2007	September 2008
	Million Pounds			Percent	
Florida	8.2	8.6	9.3	113	108
Georgia	14.2	14.3	14.8	104	103
Kansas	555.3	452.8	462.2	83	102
Nebraska	680.3	*643.3	666.3	98	104
North Carolina	229.8	210.0	232.0	101	110
SOUTH CAROLINA	23.2	21.2	22.5	97	106
Texas	452.5	433.2	454.1	100	105
UNITED STATES	4,615.6	*4,272.5	4,531.4	98	106

* Revised. 1/ Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb, and mutton. 2/ Percentages based on unrounded data.

COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION: United States, October, 2008 1/

Class	October 2007	September 2008	October 2008	October 08 % of	
				October 2007	September 2008
	Million Pounds			Percent	
Beef	2,443.0	2,269.8	2,342.0	96	103
Veal	11.1	12.8	13.6	122	106
Pork	2,145.1	*1,975.6	2,160.8	101	109
Lamb and Mutton	16.4	14.4	15.0	92	105
Total Red Meat 2/	4,615.6	*4,272.5	4,531.4	98	106

* Revised. 1/ Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter. 2/ Totals may not equal sum of the parts due to rounding.

POULTRY SLAUGHTER

The Preliminary total live weight of poultry inspected during October 2008 was 5.22 billion pounds, down 3 percent from 5.38 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.40 billion pounds, down 3 percent from October 2007.

Mature chickens, at 80.5 million pounds, were up 7 percent from the previous year. Young chickens slaughtered during October 2008 averaged 5.65 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from October 2007.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight, Pounds Certified, Post-Mortem Condemnations, Selected States and United States, October 2008

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	96,487	529,363	5.49	401,454	3,062	0.76
Georgia	113,273	607,994	5.37	459,553	3,086	0.67
North Carolina	64,709	450,896	6.97	344,941	4,204	1.20
South Carolina	26,187	168,049	6.42	126,206	928	0.73
United States	777,825	4,395,875	5.65	3,270,046	29,364	0.89

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

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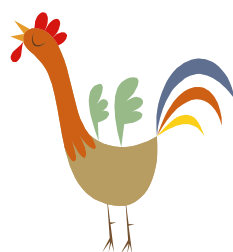
CHICKEN AND EGG PRODUCTION

SOUTH CAROLINA'S laying flocks produced 92 million eggs during October, down 11 percent from last year. Production totaled 69 million table eggs and 23 million hatching eggs. The number of layers averaged 4,367,000 birds, down 7 percent from 4,697,000 a year ago. October egg production per 100 layers was 2,107 eggs, compared with 2,193 in 2007.

UNITED STATES egg production totaled 7.61 billion during October 2008, down 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.54 billion table eggs, and 1.08 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.01 billion were broiler-type and 69 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during October 2008 averaged 335 million, down 2 percent from last year. October egg production per 100 layers was 2,276 eggs, up 1 percent from October 2007.

Average Layers and Egg Production Selected States, and U.S., October 2008

Selected States	Average No. of Layers	Eggs Produced	Eggs per 100 Layers
	Thousand	Million	Number
Alabama	9,312	181	1,944
Florida	10,005	223	2,229
Georgia	18,184	386	2,123
North Carolina	11,980	250	2,087
South Carolina	4,367	92	2,107
United States	334,560	7,613	2,276



BROILER HATCHERY PRODUCTION

During the month of October, SOUTH CAROLINA'S broiler hatcheries produced 19.0 million chicks, down 4 percent from last year's 19.9 million chicks.

THE UNITED STATES broiler-type chicks hatched during October 2008 totaled 742 million, down 7 percent from October 2007. Eggs in incubators totaled 585 million on November 1, 2008, down 7 percent from October 2007.

CHICKS HATCHED by Type South Carolina and U.S., October 2008

Flock Type and Area	October 2007	Cumulative, 2008
	Thousand	
<i>Broiler Type:</i>		
SOUTH CAROLINA	18,998	195,500
United States	742,121	7,958,229
<i>Egg Type:</i>		
United States	39,998	394,232

OCTOBER DAIRY PRODUCTION

Total cheese output (excluding cottage cheese) was 842 million pounds, 2.0 percent above October 2007 and 5.8 percent above September 2008.

Italian type cheese production totaled 343 million pounds, 1.4 percent below October 2007 but 2.8 percent above September 2008.

American type cheese production totaled 342 million pounds, 6.5 percent above October 2007 and 7.9 percent above September 2008.

Butter production was 130 million pounds, slightly below October 2007 but 7.4 percent above September 2008.

Dry Milk Powders: (comparisons with October 2007) Nonfat dry milk, human -- 121 million pounds, up 21.1 percent. Skim milk powders -- 17.6 million pounds, down 18.1 percent.

Whey products: (comparisons with October 2007) Dry whey, total -- 85.2 million pounds, down 4.2 percent. Lactose, human and animal -- 60.2 million pounds, down 2.2 percent. Whey protein concentrate, total -- 36.7 million pounds, up 13.8 percent.

Frozen products: (comparisons with October 2007) Ice cream, Regular (hard) -- 69.2 million gallons, down 1.2 percent. Ice cream, Lowfat (total) -- 27.4 million gallons, down 6.5 percent. Sherbet (hard) -- 4.18 million gallons, up 1 percent. Frozen Yogurt (total) -- 4.48 million gallons, up 1.7 percent.



COTTON GINNINGS

Based on the December 1 Cotton Ginning Survey, **SOUTH CAROLINA'S COTTON** production is expected to total 260,000 bales. This is up 20,000 bales from last month, and up 100,000 bales from 2007. Acres for harvest, at 139,000, is down 24,000 acres from 2007. This year's expected average yield per acre of 931 pounds is up 71 pounds from last month, and up 445 pounds from 2007. **All cotton** production in the **UNITED STATES** is forecast

at 13.6 million 480-pound bales, up 1 percent from last month but down 29 percent from last year's 19.2 million bales. Yield is expected to average 843 pounds per harvested acre, up 6 pounds from last month, but down 36 pounds from 2007. Harvested area of all cotton is expected to total 7.8 million acres, unchanged from last month but down 26 percent from last year.

COTTON GINNINGS

GINNINGS: As of December 1, 2006-2008, Selected States and United States

State	Running Bales Ginned		
	2006	2007	2008
All Cotton			
Alabama	531,400	333,600	364,950
Arizona	246,200	249,350	185,200
Arkansas	2,143,800	1,782,400	1,212,350
Georgia	1,464,400	1,043,200	1,079,050
Louisiana	1,221,250	695,800	279,000
Mississippi	2,012,550	1,263,200	639,600
North Carolina	936,900	739,350	618,400
South Carolina	260,500	126,450	177,700
Tennessee	1,013,700	584,650	518,100
Texas	3,344,000	3,771,300	2,373,600
United States	15,139,050	12,592,650	8,946,350

PEANUT STOCKS

Peanut stocks reported in commercial storage on October 31, 2008 totaled 3.16 billion pounds of equivalent farmer stock, compared with 2.75 billion pounds last year. This total includes 2.63 billion pounds of actual farmer stock. Shelled peanuts on hand totaled 484 million pounds of farmer stock equivalent. Roasting stock totaled 38.4 million pounds. Shelled peanut stocks totaled 364 million pounds of which 339 million pounds were edible grades and 25.0 million pounds were oil stock. Edible grade stocks by type included 69.5 million pounds of Virginias and Valencias, 241 million pounds of Runners, and 29.0 million pounds of Spanish. October millings totaled 412 million pounds. Millings by type were 71.0 million pounds of Virginias and Valencias, 337 million pounds of Runners, and 3.99 million pounds of Spanish.

Stocks of Peanuts (excludes stocks on farms) and Specific Products at Month's End, Crop of 2008-2009 1/

Month Ending	Farmer Stock	Shelled Peanuts 2/	Roasting Stock (In Shell)	Farmer Stock Equivalent	
				Shelled Peanuts	Total 3/
				---1,000 Pounds---	
August 2008	123,790	410,461	48,944	545,913	718,647
September	606,434	304,279	31,665	404,691	1,042,790
October	2,633,654	364,046	38,376	484,181	3,156,211
November					
December					
January 2009					
February					
March					
April					
May					
June					
July					
October 2007	2,186,144	402,232	31,607	534,969	2,752,720

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.