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INDEX NUMBERS OF PRICES RECEIVED BY TEXAS FARMERS AND RANCHERS

Commodities	1990-92 = 100		
	Jan. 2007	Dec. 2007*	Jan. 2008
All farm products	120	138	141
All crops	116	148	159
Livestock and products	122	132	131

* Revised.

AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS AND RANCHERS

Commodity and Unit	Texas			United States			U.S. parity prices January 2008 ^{3/}
	January 2007 ^{1/}	December 2007 ^{1/}	January 2008 ^{2/}	January 2007 ^{1/}	December 2007 ^{1/}	January 2008 ^{2/}	
CROPS							
Barley Dollars per bushel	-	-	-	3.03	4.51	4.92	8.26
Corn Dollars per bushel	3.39	3.94	4.60	3.05	3.76	4.28	7.56
Cotton, Upland Cents per pound	47.30	60.70	62.60	49.40	59.20	61.40	206.00
Cottonseed Dollars per ton	122.00	156.00	159.00	121.00	171.00	171.00	323.00
Grapefruit, all, 80-lb. Dollars per box ^{4/}	5.97	4.10	3.30	5.66	5.09	5.31	14.20
Hay, alfalfa, baled Dollars per ton	166.00	165.00	165.00	112.00	136.00	135.00	-
Hay, other, baled Dollars per ton	131.00	125.00	125.00	104.00	126.00	118.00	-
Hay, all, baled Dollars per ton	135.00	137.00	137.00	109.00	133.00	129.00	-
Oats Dollars per bushel	2.61	-	-	2.20	2.69	2.71	4.91
Oranges, all, 85-lb. Dollars per box ^{4/}	13.58	-1.19	-1.53	8.25	5.71	5.77	14.60
Peanuts Cents per pound	18.7	24.1	23.3	17.8	21.3	22.0	78.5
Potatoes Dollars per cwt	-	-	-	7.06	7.09	7.11	18.60
Rice Dollars per cwt	-	-	-	10.40	11.30	11.60	28.90
Sorghum grain Dollars per cwt	6.10	7.19	836	6.31	6.39	8.23	13.50
Soybeans Dollars per bushel	-	-	-	6.37	10.00	11.00	18.70
Sweet potatoes Dollars per cwt	-	-	-	-	-	-	52.50
Wheat Dollars per bushel	4.78	8.23	8.90	4.53	7.74	8.55	12.00
LIVESTOCK AND PRODUCTS							
Beef cattle Dollars per cwt ^{5/}	85.90	90.00	90.30	84.30	88.90	89.40	229.00
Cows Dollars per cwt ^{6/}	43.60	42.80	44.70	44.40	44.90	46.20	-
Steers and heifers Dollars per cwt	90.10	95.20	94.80	89.80	95.10	95.20	-
Calves Dollars per cwt	116.00	114.00	112.00	115.00	118.00	116.00	332.00
Milk cows Dollars per head ^{7/}	1,690.00	-	2,100.00	1,660.00	-	1,960.00	-
Hogs Dollars per cwt	-	-	-	42.70	39.60	36.50	125.00
Lambs Dollars per cwt ^{8/}	103.00	110.00	-	96.50	98.50	-	260.00
Sheep Dollars per cwt ^{8/}	40.50	33.00	-	37.10	29.70	-	105.00
Broilers Cents per pound ^{9/}	-	-	-	43.0	44.0	48.0	-
Eggs Cents per dozen ^{10/}	74.0	130.0	120.0	78.8	128.0	120.0	200.0
Turkeys, live Cents per pound	-	-	-	40.8	52.6	44.8	126.0
All milk sold to plants Dollars per cwt ^{11/}	15.30	21.90	21.80	14.50	21.50	20.70	43.80

^{1/} Entire month. ^{2/} Mid-month. ^{3/} 1910-1914 Base. ^{4/} Equivalent on-tree price for all methods of sale. ^{5/} Cows, steers and heifers combined. ^{6/} Beef cows sold for slaughter and herd replacement and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter. ^{7/} Milk cow (replacement) price published quarterly. ^{8/} Mid-month prices not estimated. ^{9/} Live weight equivalent price to producers, includes growers and contractors combined. ^{10/} Market (table) eggs, including eggs sold retail by producers. ^{11/} Fat test percent: December 2007 all milk, Texas 3.89, U.S. 3.81; January 2008 all milk, Texas 3.86, U.S. 3.78.

U. S. INDEX SUMMARY TABLE

Index	1910-14 = 100			1990-92 = 100		
	January 2007	December 2007	January 2008	December 2007	December 2007	January 2008
Prices Received	784	* 914	953	123	* 144	150
Prices Paid, Interest, Taxes and Farm Wage Rates	2,062	* 2,204	2,244	155	* 165	168
Ratio ^{1/}	38	* 41	42	79	87	89

^{1/} Ratio of Index of Prices Received by Farmers to Index of Prices Paid, Interest, Taxes and Farm Wage Rates. * Revised.

TEXAS ANNUAL VEGETABLE SUMMARY

Crop	Acres harvested		Yield per acre		Production		Price per cwt ^{1/}		Value ^{1/}	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	<u>Acres</u>		<u>Cwt</u>		<u>1,000 cwt</u>		<u>Dollars</u>		<u>1,000 dollars</u>	
Cabbage	7,600	5,400	380	270	2,888	1,458	14.70	25.60	42,454	37,325
Cantaloups	4,300	3,600	130	120	559	432	36.20	32.50	20,236	14,040
Carrots	2,000	1,500	310	200	620	300	19.90	28.00	12,338	8,400
Chile Peppers ^{2/ 3/}	3,500	4,500	40	38	140	171	37.50	71.30	5,250	12,192
Cucumbers	1,300	1,100	110	110	143	121	23.60	23.00	3,375	2,783
Honeydew Melons	700	650	260	280	182	182	31.00	41.00	5,642	7,462
Onions, Spring	15,200	10,400	270	300	4,104	3,120	20.00	56.00	82,080	174,720
Onions, Summer	900	1,000	240	400	216	400	34.00	29.50	7,344	11,800
Spinach	2,200	800	80	125	176	100	26.60	24.00	4,682	2,400
Squash	1,300	1,400	220	210	286	294	42.90	50.00	12,269	14,700
Sweet Corn	1,800	2,000	54	77	97	154	24.40	20.80	2,367	3,203
Tomatoes	1,100	1,100	100	130	110	143	51.90	42.10	5,709	6,020
Watermelons	22,600	22,200	320	190	7,232	4,218	8.60	8.20	62,195	34,588
Total for Fresh Market ^{4/}	64,700	55,650	-	-	16,773	11,093	-	-	266,887	329,633
Processed ^{5/}	20,400	19,100	-	-	1,911	2,296	-	-	20,412	20,868
Total Commercial Vegetables	85,100	74,750	-	-	18,684	13,386	-	-	287,299	350,501

^{1/} Fresh market vegetables are priced on an F.O.B. basis. Volume sold for processing is valued at the Processing door. ^{2/} Estimates include both fresh and dry product combined. ^{3/} Chile peppers are defined as all peppers excluding bell peppers. ^{4/} Includes some quantities processed. ^{5/} Carrots, cucumbers, snap beans and spinach.

NUMBER OF FARMS AND LAND IN FARMS BY SALES CLASS: TEXAS AND UNITED STATES, 2006-2007 ^{1/}

Gross value of sales	Texas				United States			
	Number of farms		Land in farms [Thousand acres]		Number of farms		Land in farms [Thousand acres]	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006*	2007	2006*	2007
\$1,000-\$9,999	156,600	154,800	20,100	20,400	1,152,910	1,135,320	114,685	112,840
\$10,000-\$99,999	56,500	56,500	45,600	44,300	597,350	594,230	258,890	255,505
\$100,000-\$249,999	8,200	8,200	23,500	24,200	166,420	167,990	191,450	192,260
\$250,000-\$499,999	4,800	5,300	16,800	16,500	90,760	93,000	153,980	153,000
\$500,000+	3,900	4,200	23,700	24,100	81,350	84,970	213,425	217,315
TOTAL	230,000	229,000	129,700	129,500	2,088,790	2,075,510	932,430	930,920

^{1/} A farm is any establishment from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were sold or would normally be sold during the year. * Revised.

TEXAS NUMBER OF LIVESTOCK OPERATIONS BY SPECIES, 2002-2007

Year	Cattle	Beef cows	Milk cows	Hogs	Sheep	All goats
	<i>Number</i>					
2002	151,000	133,000	1,900	4,000	7,000	1/
2003	151,000	132,000	1,800	4,000	7,000	1/
2004	150,000	131,000	1,700	3,900	7,200	1/
2005	150,000	131,000	1,500	3,800	6,900	1/
2006	149,000	130,000	1,300	3,700	7,300	20,000
2007	149,000	130,000	1,200	3,700	7,300	21,000

1/ Not available.

WOOL PRODUCTION AND VALUE: TEXAS AND UNITED STATES, 2006-2007

Item	Texas			United States		
	2006	2007	2007 as percent of 2006	2006*	2007	2007 as percent of 2006
Sheep shorn ^{1/} <i>Thousand head</i>	700	600	86	4,852	4,705	97
Weight per fleece ^{2/} <i>Pounds</i>	7.0	7.3	104	7.4	7.3	99
Production <i>Thousand pounds</i>	4,900	4,400	90	36,019	34,533	96
Price per pound <i>Dollars</i>	.91	1.21	133	.68	.88	129
Value <i>Thousand dollars</i>	4,459	5,324	119	24,510	30,258	123

1/ Includes shearing at commercial feeding yards. 2/ Weight per fleece is the amount of wool shorn per sheep and lambs during the year. * Revised.

MOHAIR PRODUCTION AND VALUE: TEXAS AND UNITED STATES, 2006-2007

Item	Texas			United States		
	2006	2007	2007 as percent of 2006	2006*	2007	2007 as percent of 2006
Goats clipped <i>Thousand head</i>	170	140	82	216.0	185.0	86
Average clip per goat <i>Pounds</i>	6.5	6.4	98	6.3	6.2	98
Production <i>Thousand pounds</i>	1,100	900	82	1,354	1,140	84
Price per pound <i>Dollars</i>	4.00	4.00	100	3.70	3.78	102
Value <i>Thousand dollars</i>	4,400	3,600	82	5,010	4,305	86

* Revised.

**TEXAS CATFISH:
NUMBER OF OPERATIONS AND WATER AREA, 2007-2008**

Item	January 1, 2007	January 1, 2008
Number of operations Number	57	61
Water surface area Acres	1,700	2,900

**TEXAS CATFISH:
INVENTORY, NUMBER AND TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT, JANUARY 1, 2007-2008**

Item	2007		2008	
	Number	Total live weight	Number	Total live weight
INVENTORY:	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000 pounds</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000 pounds</u>
Broodfish	30	158	10	60
Fingerlings	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	4,380	230
Total stockers	1,620	271	600	155
Small foodsize	1,920	1,720	7,620	7,530
Medium foodsize	3,130	6,150	2,520	5,100
Large foodsize	350	1,120	60	210

1/ Data suppressed due to confidentiality.

**TEXAS CATFISH:
NUMBER, WEIGHT AND VALUE OF SALES, 2006-2007**

Item	2006	2007
ALL STOCKERS:		
Total number sold 1,000	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
Total pounds sold 1,000 pounds	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
Average price per pound Dollars	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
Total value of sales 1,000 dollars	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
FINGERLINGS AND FRY:		
Total number sold 1,000	240	1,790
Total pounds sold 1,000 pounds	8	100
Average price per pound Dollars	3.41	3.22
Total value of sales 1,000 dollars	27	322
ALL FOODSIZE:		
Total number sold 1,000	4,450	7,490
Total pounds sold 1,000 pounds	7,250	11,900
Average price per pound Dollars	.80	.74
Total value of sales 1,000 dollars	5,800	8,806

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TEXAS CATTLE AND CALVES ON FEED IN 1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS

Cattle and calves	District 1-N	District 1-S	District 2-N	District 7	District 8-N	District 10-N	Other districts	State total
	<i>1,000 head</i>							
On feed December 1 ^{1/}	2,569	164	77	23	39	66	72	3,010
Placed on feed during December	319	25	9	2	6	9	10	380
Marketed during December	371	19	6	3	5	7	9	420
Other disappearance during December ^{2/}	8	2	0	0	0	0	0	10
On feed December 1 ^{1/}	2,509	168	80	22	40	68	73	2,960

^{1/} Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grains or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better. ^{2/} Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

MILK PRODUCTION: TEXAS AND TWENTY-THREE STATES

Item	Texas			23 States ^{2/}		
	December 2006	November 2007	December 2007	December 2006	November 2007*	December 2007
Milk production	611	618	648	13,983	13,846	14,414
Production per cow ^{1/}	1,765	*1,760	1,825	1,690	1,654	1,719
Number of milk cows	346	*351	355	8,276	8,369	8,383

^{1/} Monthly rate based on all milk cows on farms (in milk or dry). ^{2/} 23 States: AZ, CA, CO, FL, ID, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, MI, MN, MO, NM, NY, OH, OR, PA, TX, VT, VA, WA and WI. * Revised.

POULTRY: TEXAS AND UNITED STATES

Item	Texas			United States		
	December 2006	November 2007	December 2007	December 2006	November 2007*	December 2007
Average number of layers	18,894	19,146	19,062	348,098	342,974	344,089
Egg production	430	432	435	7,777	7,513	7,763
Table eggs ^{1/}	-	-	-	6,683	6,422	6,633
Hatching eggs ^{1/}	-	-	-	1,094	1,090	1,129
Eggs per 100 layers	2,276	2,256	2,282	2,234	2,191	2,256
HATCHERY PRODUCTION						
Egg type ^{1/}	-	-	-	33,183	33,986	35,543
Broiler type	53,075	51,926	56,001	796,523	761,402	823,327
PLACEMENTS						
Turkey poult ^{1/}	-	-	-	23,879	24,755	24,096

^{1/} Data suppressed due to confidentiality. * Revised.

FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER OF LIVESTOCK: TEXAS AND UNITED STATES

Species	Region 6 ^{1/}			United States		
	December 2006	November 2007	December 2007	December 2006	November 2007	December 2007
CATTLE	<u>1,000 head</u>			<u>1,000 head</u>		
Steers	234.0	254.9	241.8	1,280.4	1,340.3	1,278.5
Heifers	154.3	161.8	150.0	770.5	873.2	797.6
Dairy cows	11.8	13.6	12.7	211.6	217.4	204.7
Other cows	59.7	71.3	60.5	265.0	309.6	278.3
Bulls and stags	9.0	10.8	10.0	38.9	46.8	41.2
Total ^{2/}	468.8	512.3	475.0	2,566.3	2,787.3	2,600.3
Calves	0.7	1.1	0.7	67.2	57.5	59.9
HOGS						
Barrows and gilts	399.3	447.6	450.5	8,484.3	9,633.7	9,300.8
Sows	25.5	26.4	26.6	266.3	289.5	264.2
Stags and boars	0.1	2.6	2.0	37.0	41.2	35.5
Total ^{2/}	424.9	476.7	479.1	8,787.6	9,964.4	9,600.6
SHEEP						
Mature sheep	0.3	0.8	0.7	10.7	9.6	10.9
Lambs and yearlings	0.4	0.8	0.6	201.0	212.9	201.3
Total ^{2/}	0.7	1.5	1.3	211.7	222.5	212.2

^{1/} Region 6 includes Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas. ^{2/} Total based on unrounded data.

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER AND LIVE WEIGHTS: TEXAS AND UNITED STATES ^{1/}

Species	Texas			United States ^{2/}		
	December 2006	November 2007	December 2007	December 2006	November 2007	December 2007
HEAD SLAUGHTERED	<u>Thousand head</u>					
Cattle	469.0	514.7	476.8	2,612.5	2,831.2	2,645.3
Calves	0.8	1.5	0.9	68.4	58.9	61.0
Hogs	34.5	40.5	41.6	8,882.8	10,050.7	9,691.3
Sheep and lambs	1.1	3.9	2.9	226.9	236.7	229.1
TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT	<u>Million pounds</u>					
Cattle	570.5	645.3	595.4	3,385.2	3,677.9	3,430.8
Calves	0.5	0.8	0.5	21.9	16.9	17.4
Hogs	8.9	11.2	11.3	2,402.3	2,735.1	2,633.1
Sheep and lambs	0.1	0.4	0.3	30.8	32.2	30.8

^{1/} Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other commercial slaughter. Excludes farm slaughter. ^{2/} Includes Hawaii; commercial slaughter not estimated in Alaska.

POULTRY SLAUGHTER: TEXAS AND UNITED STATES ^{1/}

Item	Number Inspected			Total Live Weight			Average Live Weight			Total Certified ^{2/}		
	Dec. 2006	Nov. 2007	Dec. 2007	Dec. 2006	Nov. 2007	Dec. 2007	Dec. 2006	Nov. 2007	Dec. 2007	Dec. 2006	Nov. 2007	Dec. 2007
TEXAS	<u>1,000 head</u>			<u>1,000 pounds</u>			<u>Pounds</u>			<u>1,000 pounds</u>		
Chickens:												
Young	50,975	53,145	50,949	271,080	284,933	269,897	5.30	5.36	5.40	205,659	217,292	205,145
UNITED STATES												
Chickens	689,127	*736,549	710,842	3,783,523	*4,156,459	3,977,482	5.49	5.64	5.60	2,762,247	*3,051,010	2,921,791
Young	679,262	*725,835	700,055	3,724,613	*4,091,805	3,916,368	5.48	*5.64	5.59	2,725,419	*3,009,838	2,883,339
Mature	9,865	10,714	10,787	58,910	64,654	61,114	5.97	6.03	5.67	36,828	41,172	38,452
Light	4,167	4,502	5,339	13,616	15,088	17,580	3.27	3.35	3.29	6,950	8,324	9,471
Heavy	5,698	6,212	5,448	45,294	49,566	43,534	7.95	7.98	7.99	29,878	32,848	28,981
Ducks	2,405	*2,322	2,206	16,176	*15,740	15,031	6.73	*6.78	6.81	11,555	*11,244	10,770
Other poultry	-	-	-	311	394	345	-	-	-	206	246	219
Turkeys	19,289	*23,864	19,865	541,906	*659,725	577,228	28.09	27.65	29.06	427,579	*524,517	458,735
Young	19,091	*23,657	19,670	536,539	*654,198	571,890	28.10	*27.65	29.07	423,464	*520,284	454,700
Old	198	207	195	5,367	5,527	5,338	27.11	26.70	27.37	4,115	4,233	4,035
TOTAL POULTRY	-	-	-	4,341,916	*4,832,318	4,570,086	-	-	-	3,201,587	*3,587,017	3,391,515

^{1/} Federally inspected only. Total may not add due to rounding. ^{2/} Ready-to-cook weight. * Revised.

TEXAS BROILER CHICK OPERATIONS

Week ending	Broiler eggs set			Broiler chicks placed in Texas ^{1/}		
	Year		2008 as percent of 2007	Year		2008 as percent of 2007
	2007 ^{2/}	2008		2007 ^{2/}	2008	
	<u>Thousand</u>		<u>Percent</u>	<u>Thousand</u>		<u>Percent</u>
January 5	14,212	*15,344	108	11,918	*12,376	104
January 12	14,414	*14,934	104	11,900	*12,937	109
January 19	14,107	*15,574	110	12,019	*12,885	107
January 26	13,872	*15,645	113	11,931	*12,812	107
February 1	14,455	15,663	108	12,157	12,513	103

^{1/} Total chicks hatched, plus inshipments, minus outshipments, minus chicks sold or kept for other purposes. ^{2/} Comparable weeks for previous year. * Revised.

LIVESTOCK INSHIPMENTS AND OUTSHIPMENTS, BY SPECIES: TEXAS, 2006-2007 ^{1/}

Shipments by species	December 2006	November 2007	December 2007	Year-to-date January - December	
				2006	2007
INSHIPMENTS					
<i>Number of head</i>					
Cattle and Calves:					
Other states ^{2/}	221,161	180,718	147,440	2,066,459	1,890,942
Other countries ^{3/}	61,550	43,264	55,464	605,359	519,463
Dairy cattle ^{4/}	5,618	18,005	13,985	97,783	138,478
Sheep and lambs ^{5/}	5,605	677	610	46,835	17,267
OUTSHIPMENTS					
<i>Number of head</i>					
Cattle and Calves:					
Other states ^{6/}	63,974	61,290	54,491	1,057,726	852,313
Other countries ^{7/}	2,100	0	20	13,327	5,307
Dairy cattle ^{4/}	1,307	2,893	7,502	28,088	44,350
Sheep and lambs ^{8/}	17,898	7,614	769	129,388	154,768

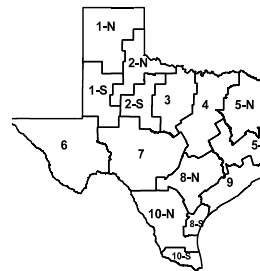
^{1/} SOURCE: Health certificates issued by TAHC and USDA/APHIS/V.S. ^{2/} Inshipments of cattle and calves from other states exclude animals for slaughter. ^{3/} Inshipments of cattle and calves from other countries include animals for slaughter. ^{4/} Dairy herd replacement only; not included in "cattle and calves". ^{5/} Inshipments of sheep and lambs reflect movement from other states only and include animals for slaughter. ^{6/} Outshipments of cattle and calves to other states exclude animals for slaughter. ^{7/} Outshipments of cattle and calves to other countries include animals for slaughter. ^{8/} Outshipments of sheep and lambs reflect movement to other states and countries and include animals for slaughter.

SALES OF LIVESTOCK AT AUCTION MARKETS, BY SPECIES: TEXAS, 2006-2007 ^{1/}

Species	Dec. 2006	Nov. 2007	Dec. 2007	Year-to-date Jan. - Dec.	
				2006	2007
				<i>1,000 head</i>	
Cattle and calves ..	309	363	310	5,217	4,051
Hogs	4	4	3	43	35
Sheep and goats ..	84	60	66	1,371	1,147

^{1/} SOURCE: Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC).

Texas Agricultural Statistics Districts



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