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INDEX NUMBERS OF PRICES RECEIVED BY TEXAS FARMERS AND RANCHERS

Commodities	1990-92 = 100		
	Feb. 2007*	Jan. 2008*	Feb. 2008
All farm products	119	137	139
All crops	119	153	159
Livestock and products	119	129	129

* Revised.

AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS AND RANCHERS

Commodity and Unit	Texas			United States			U.S. parity prices
	February 2007 ^{1/}	January 2008 ^{1/}	February 2008 ^{2/}	February 2007 ^{1/}	January 2008 ^{1/}	February 2008 ^{2/}	February 2008 ^{3/}
CROPS							
Barley Dollars per bushel	-	-	-	3.09	4.34	4.06	8.46
Corn Dollars per bushel	3.32	4.36	4.55	3.44	3.97	4.25	7.75
Cotton, Upland Cents per pound	44.90	61.60	61.50	47.40	60.70	60.70	212.00
Cottonseed Dollars per ton	125.00	159.00	161.00	130.00	171.00	162.00	331.00
Grapefruit, all, 80-lb. Dollars per box ^{4/}	5.75	3.30	3.43	4.02	5.31	4.07	14.50
Hay, alfalfa, baled Dollars per ton	166.00	165.00	160.00	115.00	135.00	138.00	-
Hay, other, baled Dollars per ton	135.00	125.00	120.00	108.00	118.00	122.00	-
Hay, all, baled Dollars per ton	140.00	137.00	132.00	113.00	129.00	133.00	-
Oats Dollars per bushel	2.56	-	-	2.35	2.96	2.97	5.03
Oranges, all, 85-lb. Dollars per box ^{4/}	11.60	-1.53	-4.14	8.11	5.77	5.74	15.00
Peanuts Cents per pound	20.1	23.6	24.3	17.8	21.8	20.7	80.5
Potatoes Dollars per cwt	-	-	-	7.42	7.33	7.14	19.00
Rice Dollars per cwt	-	-	-	10.10	11.80	12.20	29.70
Sorghum grain Dollars per cwt	6.79	7.17	7.40	6.95	7.40	7.82	13.80
Soybeans Dollars per bushel	-	-	-	6.87	9.96	11.00	19.10
Sweet potatoes Dollars per cwt	-	-	-	-	-	-	53.80
Wheat Dollars per bushel	4.71	8.40	9.50	4.71	7.93	10.40	12.30
LIVESTOCK AND PRODUCTS							
Beef cattle Dollars per cwt ^{5/}	89.20	88.30	87.20	86.10	87.30	87.80	234.00
Cows Dollars per cwt ^{6/}	45.60	45.60	48.60	47.00	46.30	49.70	-
Steers and heifers Dollars per cwt	92.50	93.60	92.00	91.40	93.40	93.20	-
Calves Dollars per cwt	121.00	110.00	115.00	114.00	117.00	118.00	340.00
Milk cows Dollars per head ^{7/}	-	2,100.00	-	-	1,960.00	-	-
Hogs Dollars per cwt	-	-	-	47.50	37.20	41.90	128.00
Lambs Dollars per cwt ^{8/}	102.00	102.00	-	94.80	97.50	-	267.00
Sheep Dollars per cwt ^{8/}	42.40	32.90	-	37.30	31.90	-	107.00
Broilers Cents per pound ^{9/}	-	-	-	47.0	48.0	50.0	-
Eggs Cents per dozen ^{10/}	58.0	120.0	123.0	62.7	120.0	122.0	205.0
Turkeys, live Cents per pound	-	-	-	42.4	44.8	47.5	129.0
All milk sold to plants Dollars per cwt ^{11/}	15.60	21.20	20.70	14.90	20.50	19.30	44.80

^{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: January 2008 all milk, Texas 3.87, U.S. 3.79; February 2008 all milk, Texas 3.85, U.S. 3.77.

U. S. INDEX SUMMARY TABLE

Index	1910-14 = 100			1990-92 = 100		
	February 2007	January 2008*	February 2008	February 2007	January 2008*	February 2008
Prices Received	811	921	919	128	145	145
Prices Paid, Interest, Taxes and Farm Wage Rates	2,084	2,266	2,299	156	170	172
Ratio ^{1/}	39	41	40	82	85	84

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

HONEY PRODUCTION AND VALUE, 2006-2007 ^{1/}

Item	Texas		United States	
	2006	2007	2006*	2007
Number of colonies Thousands	82	105	2,393	2,442
Yield per colony Pounds	70	82	64.7	60.8
Production Thousand pounds	5,740	8,610	154,907	148,482
Stocks December 15 ^{2/} Thousand pounds	976	1,550	60,548	52,484
Average price per pound Cents	* 91	95	103.6	103.2
Value of production Thousand dollars	* 5,223	8,180	160,484	153,233

^{1/} For producers with 5 or more colonies. ^{2/} Stocks held by producers; does not include stocks under loan. * Revised.

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 January 1 ^{1/}	2,509	168	80	22	40	68	73	2,960
Placed on feed during January	342	20	8	4	6	11	9	400
Marketed during January	365	20	8	3	6	9	9	420
Other disappearance during January ^{2/}	7	1	0	0	0	1	1	10
On feed February 1 ^{1/}	2,479	167	80	23	40	69	72	2,930

^{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/}		
	January 2007	December 2007	January 2008	January 2007	December 2007	January 2008
Milk production Million pounds	618	648	657	14,302	14,414	14,648
Production per cow ^{1/} Pounds	1,780	1,825	1,825	1,726	* 1,718	1,743
Number of milk cows Thousand head	347	355	360	8,284	* 8,389	8,404

^{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.

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	
	<i>Thousand</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>Thousand</i>		<i>Percent</i>
January 26	13,872	15,656	113	11,931	12,812	107
February 2	14,455	*15,672	108	12,157	12,513	103
February 9	14,627	*15,702	107	11,828	*12,930	109
February 16	14,682	*15,714	108	11,552	12,890	112
February 23	14,639	*15,869	108	11,967	12,827	107
March 1	14,639	15,948	109	12,182	12,970	106

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

POULTRY: TEXAS AND UNITED STATES

Item	Texas			United States		
	January 2007	December 2007	January 2008	January 2007	December 2007*	January 2008
Average number of layers Thousands	19,089	19,157	18,847	348,897	344,965	345,105
Egg production Millions	423	437	421	7,675	7,784	7,663
Table eggs ^{1/} Millions	-	-	-	6,561	6,654	6,524
Hatching eggs ^{1/} Millions	-	-	-	1,114	1,129	1,139
Eggs per 100 layers Number	2,216	2,281	2,222	2,200	2,256	2,220
HATCHERY PRODUCTION						
Egg type ^{1/} Thousands	-	-	-	36,926	35,543	40,167
Broiler type Thousands	52,917	56,001	56,404	797,066	823,327	821,866
PLACEMENTS						
Turkey poults ^{1/} Thousands	-	-	-	26,068	24,096	26,018

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

FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER OF LIVESTOCK: TEXAS AND UNITED STATES

Species	Region 6 ^{1/}			United States		
	January 2007	December 2007	January 2008	January 2007	December 2007	January 2008
CATTLE	<u>1,000 head</u>			<u>1,000 head</u>		
Steers	244.1	241.8	266.5	1,384.9	* 1,279.3	1,390.6
Heifers	147.2	150.0	162.6	818.8	* 799.1	867.2
Dairy cows	14.8	12.7	15.1	227.7	204.7	235.7
Other cows	55.6	60.5	69.3	274.7	278.3	309.2
Bulls and stags	10.3	10.0	11.7	41.9	41.2	45.0
Total ^{2/}	472.0	475.0	525.2	2,748.0	* 2,602.5	2,847.6
Calves	2.3	0.7	1.3	73.3	59.9	70.4
HOGS						
Barrows and gilts	431.8	450.5	476.8	8,954.4	9,300.8	10,127.6
Sows	22.2	26.6	25.7	285.9	264.2	303.9
Stags and boars	0.1	2.0	1.6	41.1	35.5	42.5
Total ^{2/}	454.1	479.1	504.1	9,281.4	9,600.6	10,474.0
SHEEP						
Mature sheep	0.4	0.7	<u>3/</u>	9.1	10.9	9.1
Lambs and yearlings	0.3	0.6	<u>3/</u>	195.1	201.3	192.6
Total ^{2/}	0.7	1.3	<u>3/</u>	204.2	212.2	201.6

^{1/} Region 6 includes Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas. ^{2/} Total based on unrounded data. ^{3/} Data suppressed due to confidentiality. * Revised.

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

Species	Texas			United States ^{2/}		
	January 2007	December 2007	January 2008	January 2007	December 2007*	January 2008
HEAD SLAUGHTERED	<u>Thousand head</u>					
Cattle	472.4	476.8	526.7	2,798.7	2,647.9	2,898.6
Calves	1.4	0.9	1.5	74.3	61.0	71.5
Hogs	31.0	41.6	34.3	9,365.5	9,689.9	10,557.1
Sheep and lambs	1.3	2.9	2.9	216.7	229.0	213.4
TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT	<u>Million pounds</u>					
Cattle	569.2	595.4	651.9	3,596.5	3,434.2	3,728.4
Calves	0.9	0.5	0.9	23.9	17.4	19.0
Hogs	8.2	11.3	8.7	2,535.1	2,632.8	2,875.5
Sheep and lambs	0.1	0.3	0.2	30.2	30.9	29.6

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

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

Item	Number Inspected			Total Live Weight			Average Live Weight			Total Certified ^{2/}		
	Jan. 2007	Dec. 2007	Jan. 2008	Jan. 2007	Dec. 2007	Jan. 2008	Jan. 2007	Dec. 2007	Jan. 2008	Jan. 2007	Dec. 2007	Jan. 2008
TEXAS	<u>1,000 head</u>			<u>1,000 pounds</u>			<u>Pounds</u>			<u>1,000 pounds</u>		
Chickens:												
Young	55,217	51,038	57,768	290,753	*270,264	310,854	5.27	*5.30	5.38	221,094	*205,888	238,787
UNITED STATES												
Chickens	761,397	*712,928	797,283	4,189,536	*3,987,911	4,437,930	5.50	*5.59	5.57	3,068,956	*2,937,083	3,267,882
Young	750,576	*702,172	784,314	4,125,796	*3,927,040	4,364,584	5.50	5.59	5.56	3,029,450	*2,898,806	3,222,145
Mature	10,821	*10,756	12,969	63,740	*60,871	73,346	5.89	*5.66	5.66	39,506	*38,277	45,737
Light	4,688	5,339	6,332	15,380	17,580	20,599	3.28	3.29	3.25	7,840	*9,458	10,922
Heavy	6,133	*5,417	6,637	48,360	*43,291	52,747	7.89	7.99	7.95	31,666	*28,819	34,815
Ducks	2,498	2,206	2,155	16,869	*15,034	14,599	6.75	*6.82	6.77	12,021	*10,772	10,455
Other poultry	-	-	-	206	*211	186	-	-	-	111	*143	125
Turkeys	20,758	*20,002	22,663	613,845	*579,981	688,146	29.57	*29.00	30.36	484,754	*461,369	545,902
Young	20,564	*19,806	22,545	608,662	*574,643	685,095	29.60	*29.01	30.39	480,847	*457,336	543,641
Old	194	196	118	5,183	5,338	3,051	29.57	*27.23	25.86	3,907	*4,033	2,261
TOTAL POULTRY	-	-	-	4,820,456	*4,583,137	5,140,861	-	-	-	3,565,842	3,409,367	3,824,364

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

**LIVESTOCK INSHIPMENTS AND OUTSHIPMENTS
BY SPECIES: TEXAS, 2007-2008 ^{1/}**

Shipments by species	January 2007	December 2007	January 2008
INSHIPMENTS			
<i>Number of head</i>			
Cattle and Calves:			
Other states ^{2/}	114,567	147,440	137,825
Other countries ^{3/}	12,364	55,464	9,052
Dairy cattle ^{4/}	6,650	13,985	16,681
Sheep and lambs ^{5/}	1,942	610	1,844
OUTSHIPMENTS			
<i>Number of head</i>			
Cattle and Calves:			
Other states ^{6/}	50,083	54,491	43,938
Other countries ^{7/}	119	20	17
Dairy cattle ^{4/}	2,845	7,502	4,293
Sheep and lambs ^{8/}	1,942	769	1,976

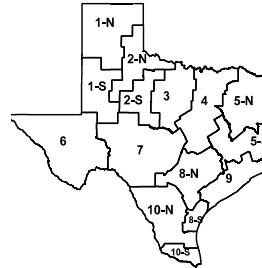
^{1/} SOURCE: Health certificates issued by TAHC and USDA / APHIS/ VS.
^{2/} Inshipments of cattle and calves from other states **exclude** animals for slaughter. ^{3/} Inshipments of cattle and calves from other countries **include** animals for slaughter. ^{4/} Dairy herd replacement only; not **included** 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, 2007-2008 ^{1/}**

Species	January 2007	December 2007	January 2008
<i>1,000 head</i>			
Cattle and calves	256	310	306
Hogs	3	3	3
Sheep and goats	70	66	67

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

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