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## INDEX NUMBERS OF PRICES RECEIVED BY TEXAS FARMERS AND RANCHERS

Commodities	1990-92 = 100		
	May 2007	April 2008*	May 2008
All farm products . . . . .	124	144	144
All crops . . . . .	118	177	167
Livestock and products . . . . .	127	126	131

\* Revised.

## AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS AND RANCHERS

Commodity and Unit	Texas			United States			U.S. parity prices May 2008 <sup>3/</sup>
	May 2007 <sup>1/</sup>	April 2008 <sup>1/</sup>	May 2008 <sup>2/</sup>	May 2007 <sup>1/</sup>	April 2008 <sup>1/</sup>	May 2008 <sup>2/</sup>	
<b>CROPS</b>							
Barley . . . . . Dollars per bushel	-	-	-	3.12	4.54	4.76	9.01
Corn . . . . . Dollars per bushel	3.89	6.18	6.11	3.49	5.15	5.12	8.25
Cotton, Upland . . . . . Cents per pound	44.10	67.20	67.80	44.00	62.10	60.70	225.00
Cottonseed . . . . . Dollars per ton	-	-	-	-	-	-	353.00
Grapefruit, all, 80-lb. . . . . Dollars per box <sup>4/</sup>	4.16	3.57	-	4.49	2.89	5.12	15.50
Hay, alfalfa, baled . . . . . Dollars per ton	166.00	160.00	165.00	145.00	157.00	177.00	-
Hay, other, baled . . . . . Dollars per ton	135.00	110.00	110.00	115.00	140.00	134.00	-
Hay, all, baled . . . . . Dollars per ton	146.00	125.00	127.00	138.00	152.00	166.00	-
Oats . . . . . Dollars per bushel	-	-	-	2.49	3.48	3.46	5.36
Oranges, all, 85-lb. . . . . Dollars per box <sup>4/</sup>	14.23	-4.47	-	11.12	6.21	6.95	15.90
Peanuts . . . . . Cents per pound	19.1	24.5	24.0	17.9	20.0	20.1	85.7
Potatoes . . . . . Dollars per cwt	10.30	23.70	17.20	7.95	8.45	9.21	20.30
Rice . . . . . Dollars per cwt	-	-	-	10.00	14.60	15.00	31.60
Sorghum grain . . . . . Dollars per cwt	6.20	9.18	9.20	6.49	9.30	9.18	14.70
Soybeans . . . . . Dollars per bushel	-	-	-	7.12	12.00	12.30	20.40
Sweet potatoes . . . . . Dollars per cwt	-	-	-	-	-	-	57.30
Wheat . . . . . Dollars per bushel	4.52	10.80	8.20	4.88	10.00	8.80	13.10
<b>LIVESTOCK AND PRODUCTS</b>							
Beef cattle . . . . . Dollars per cwt <sup>5/</sup>	93.70	87.10	92.00	92.80	86.60	90.50	250.00
Cows . . . . . Dollars per cwt <sup>6/</sup>	50.70	49.40	50.50	51.70	50.50	53.10	-
Steers and heifers . . . . . Dollars per cwt	97.90	91.30	96.10	98.10	91.60	95.40	-
Calves . . . . . Dollars per cwt	129.00	111.00	114.00	124.00	116.00	116.00	362.00
Milk cows . . . . . Dollars per head <sup>7/</sup>	-	2,100.00	-	-	1,940.00	-	-
Hogs . . . . . Dollars per cwt	-	-	-	53.10	44.10	54.10	137.00
Lambs . . . . . Dollars per cwt <sup>8/</sup>	97.20	107.00	-	97.10	99.40	-	284.00
Sheep . . . . . Dollars per cwt <sup>8/</sup>	34.30	32.60	-	30.80	28.80	-	114.00
Broilers . . . . . Cents per pound <sup>9/</sup>	-	-	-	47.0	46.0	48.0	-
Eggs . . . . . Cents per dozen <sup>10/</sup>	59.0	90.0	69.0	61.8	88.4	69.8	218.0
Turkeys, live . . . . . Cents per pound	-	-	-	48.3	55.1	58.0	137.0
All milk sold to plants . . . . . Dollars per cwt <sup>11/</sup>	18.40	18.80	18.90	18.00	18.00	18.20	47.80

<sup>1/</sup> Entire month. <sup>2/</sup> Mid-month. <sup>3/</sup> 1910-1914 Base. <sup>4/</sup> Equivalent on-tree price for all methods of sale. <sup>5/</sup> Cows, steers and heifers combined. <sup>6/</sup> Beef cows sold for slaughter and herd replacement and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter. <sup>7/</sup> Milk cow (replacement) price published quarterly. <sup>8/</sup> Mid-month prices not estimated. <sup>9/</sup> Live weight equivalent price to producers, includes growers and contractors combined. <sup>10/</sup> Market (table) eggs, including eggs sold retail by producers. <sup>11/</sup> Fat test percent: April all milk, Texas 3.69, U.S. 3.68; May all milk, Texas 3.65, U.S. 3.62.

## U. S. INDEX SUMMARY TABLE

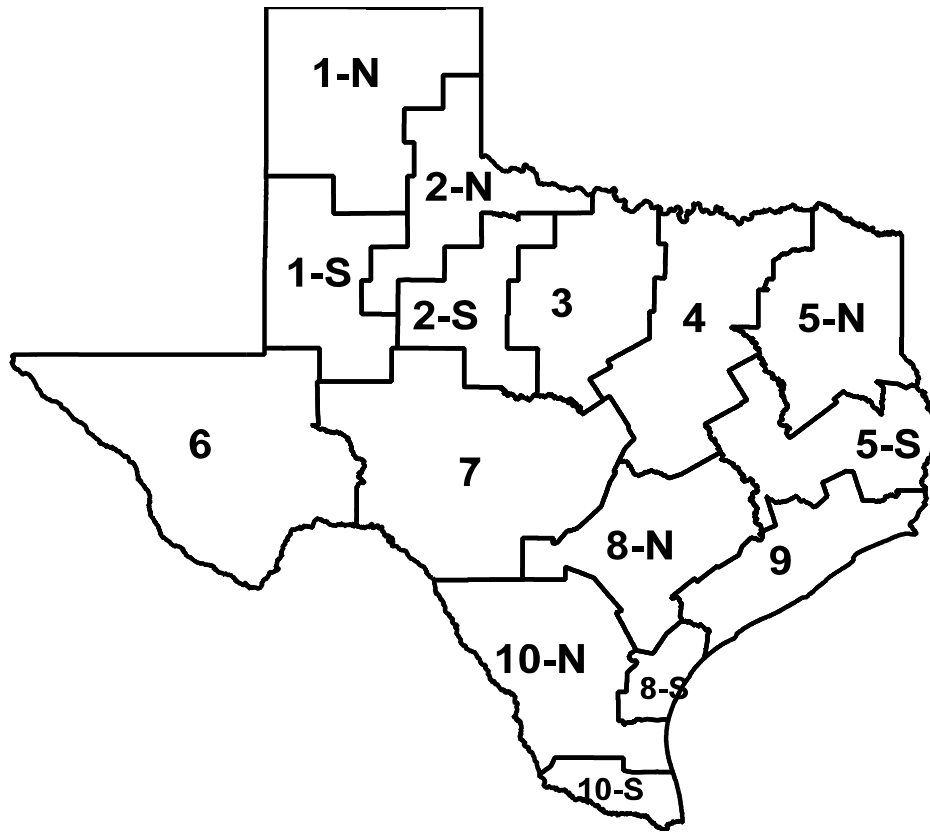
Index	1910-14 = 100			1990-92 = 100		
	May 2007	April 2008*	May 2008	May 2007	April 2008*	May 2008
Prices Received . . . . .	861	924	954	136	145	150
Prices Paid, Interest, Taxes and Farm Wage Rates . . . . .	2,144	2,418	2,449	161	181	184
Ratio <sup>1/</sup> . . . . .	40	38	39	84	80	82

<sup>1/</sup> Ratio of Index of Prices Received by Farmers to Index of Prices Paid, Interest, Taxes and Farm Wage Rates. \* Revised.

TEXAS WHEAT: ACREAGE, YIELD AND PRODUCTION, 2007 AND 2008 <sup>1/</sup>

Districts	Planted acres		Harvested acres		Yield per acre		Production	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	<i>1,000 acres</i>		<i>1,000 acres</i>		<i>Bushels</i>		<i>1,000 bushels</i>	
1-N .....	2,501.0	2,050.0	1,850.0	1,006.0	44.2	29.9	81,722	30,110
1-S .....	501.0	550.0	217.0	108.0	37.3	33.2	8,089	3,590
2-N .....	691.0	810.0	425.0	591.0	31.3	28.0	13,315	16,540
2-S .....	1,057.0	1,080.0	612.0	723.0	26.5	23.5	16,231	17,000
3 .....	475.0	470.0	147.0	234.0	24.9	27.4	3,659	6,400
4 .....	572.0	640.0	311.5	479.0	36.0	46.3	11,204	22,200
7 .....	249.0	247.0	150.0	170.0	23.7	22.9	3,555	3,900
Other districts .....	154.0	153.0	87.5	89.0	32.3	25.4	2,825	2,260
<b>STATE .....</b>	<b>6,200.0</b>	<b>6,000.0</b>	<b>3,800.0</b>	<b>3,400.0</b>	<b>37.0</b>	<b>30.0</b>	<b>140,600</b>	<b>102,000</b>

<sup>1/</sup> June 1, 2008.



## JUNE 1 CROP REPORT

Crop and item	Texas			United States	
	2006	2007	June 1, 2008	2007	June 1, 2008
<b>WINTER WHEAT</b>					
Acreage for harvest . . . . . 1,000 acres	1,400	3,800	3,400	35,952	40,162
Yield per harvested acre . . . . . Bushels	24.0	37.0	30.0	42.2	45.3
Production . . . . . 1,000 bushels	33,600	140,600	102,000	1,515,989	1,817,365

RANGE AND PASTURE CONDITION, 2008: STATE AND DISTRICT AVERAGES <sup>1/</sup>

Month	1-N	1-S	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	State average
	<i>Percent</i>											
May 1 . . . . .	29	25	49	69	79	7	19	53	53	67	38	54
June 1 . . . . .	38	31	63	74	84	81	19	57	37	61	33	56

<sup>1/</sup> Very poor, 0-9%; poor, 10-39%; fair, 40-79%; good, 80-99%; and excellent, 100%+.

## FARM AND RANCH WORKERS, HOURS WORKED AND WAGE RATES: SOUTHERN PLAINS AND UNITED STATES

Workers	Southern Plains <sup>1/</sup>			United States <sup>2/</sup>		
	April 8-14, 2007	January <sup>3/</sup> 6-12, 2008	April 6-12, 2008	April 8-14, 2007*	January <sup>3/</sup> 6-12, 2008*	April 6-12, 2008
<i>Thousands</i>						
<b>WORKERS HIRED FOR:</b>						
150 days or more . . . . .	38	52	35	593	506	563
149 days or less . . . . .	12	7	10	143	88	137
<b>TOTAL HIRED</b> . . . . .	50	59	45	736	594	700
Hours						
Hours worked . . . . .	37.9	38.4	42.1	40.7	38.4	41.0
<i>Dollars per hour</i>						
<b>WAGE RATES FOR:</b>						
All hired . . . . .	9.22	9.81	9.72	10.20	10.81	10.60
Field workers . . . . .	8.35	8.49	8.51	9.35	9.67	9.65
Livestock workers . . . . .	9.41	10.03	9.74	9.59	10.18	10.32

<sup>1/</sup> Oklahoma and Texas. <sup>2/</sup> Excludes Alaska and agricultural service workers. <sup>3/</sup> January Labor Report was not issued.\* Revised.

**SALES OF LIVESTOCK AT AUCTION MARKETS,  
BY SPECIES: TEXAS, 2007-2008 <sup>1/</sup>**

Species	April 2007	March 2008	April 2008	Year-to-date January-April	
				2007	2008
	<i>1,000 head</i>				
Cattle and calves . . . . .	310	312	307	1,216	1,228
Hogs . . . . .	3	3	2	12	10
Sheep and goats . . . . .	106	84	91	366	312

<sup>1/</sup> SOURCE: Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC).

**LIVESTOCK INSHIPMENTS AND OUTSHIPMENTS, BY SPECIES: TEXAS, 2007-2008 <sup>1/</sup>**

Shipments by species	April 2007	March 2008	April 2008	Year-to-date January - April	
				2007	2008
<b>INSHIPMENTS</b>	<i>Number of head</i>				
Cattle and Calves:					
Other states <sup>2/</sup> . . . . .	148,297	103,030	131,301	604,176	519,672
Other countries <sup>3/</sup> . . . . .	61,600	39,125	29,185	181,465	100,895
Dairy cattle <sup>4/</sup> . . . . .	9,322	14,081	13,834	34,660	58,564
Sheep and lambs <sup>5/</sup> . . . . .	8,795	149	535	14,934	2,740
<b>OUTSHIPMENTS</b>	<i>Number of head</i>				
Cattle and Calves:					
Other states <sup>6/</sup> . . . . .	97,971	46,862	75,787	233,076	203,612
Other countries <sup>7/</sup> . . . . .	0	222	313	134	1,805
Dairy cattle <sup>4/</sup> . . . . .	1,849	3,716	3,179	11,334	14,439
Sheep and lambs <sup>8/</sup> . . . . .	8,795	967	721	14,934	4,011

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

**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 April 1 <sup>1/</sup> . . . . .	2,430	176	79	21	40	67	67	2,880
Placed on feed during April . . . . .	294	31	9	2	6	9	9	360
Marketed during April . . . . .	465	31	13	3	6	11	11	540
Other disappearance during April <sup>2/</sup> . . . . .	8	1	0	0	0	0	1	10
On feed May 1 <sup>1/</sup> . . . . .	2,251	175	75	20	40	65	64	2,690

<sup>1/</sup> 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. <sup>2/</sup> Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

**FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER OF LIVESTOCK: TEXAS AND UNITED STATES**

Species	Region 6 <sup>1/</sup>			United States		
	April 2007	March 2008	April 2008	April 2007	March 2008	April 2008
<b>CATTLE</b>	<i>1,000 head</i>			<i>1,000 head</i>		
Steers .....	266.9	283.9	332.9	1,387.4	*1,326.0	1,495.0
Heifers .....	148.9	171.1	181.9	768.2	*837.0	865.4
Dairy cows .....	16.0	14.3	15.2	213.4	215.1	219.1
Other cows .....	45.9	54.3	63.1	246.6	257.9	282.2
Bulls and stags .....	9.6	10.9	12.2	44.0	46.8	52.0
<b>Total <sup>2/</sup></b> .....	<b>487.3</b>	<b>534.6</b>	<b>605.2</b>	<b>2,659.7</b>	<b>*2,683.6</b>	<b>2,913.6</b>
Calves .....	0.8	3.2	2.5	55.8	*69.9	72.2
<b>HOGS</b>						
Barrows and gilts .....	415.2	450.3	484.2	8,087.5	9,242.0	9,588.5
Sows .....	18.5	24.3	21.6	260.9	298.7	310.2
Stags and boars .....	0.2	1.4	1.1	40.3	38.7	41.7
<b>Total <sup>2/</sup></b> .....	<b>433.9</b>	<b>476.1</b>	<b>507.0</b>	<b>8,388.8</b>	<b>9,579.4</b>	<b>9,910.5</b>
<b>SHEEP</b>						
Mature sheep .....	0.3	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	9.7	9.8	10.4
Lambs and yearlings .....	0.5	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	193.0	209.5	196.7
<b>Total <sup>2/</sup></b> .....	<b>0.8</b>	<b><u>3/</u></b>	<b><u>3/</u></b>	<b>202.6</b>	<b>219.4</b>	<b>207.1</b>

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

**LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER AND LIVE WEIGHTS: TEXAS AND UNITED STATES <sup>1/</sup>**

Species	Texas			United States <sup>2/</sup>		
	April 2007	March 2008	April 2008	April 2007	March 2008	April 2008
<b>HEAD SLAUGHTERED</b>	<i>Thousand head</i>					
Cattle .....	488.4	535.2	606.8	2,701.4	*2,728.0	2,959.6
Calves .....	0.9	2.1	1.3	56.9	*71.0	73.3
Hogs .....	32.7	35.0	37.2	8,466.9	9,661.6	9,994.7
Sheep and lambs .....	2.8	2.6	3.1	216.6	230.9	221.4
<b>TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT</b>	<i>Million pounds</i>					
Cattle .....	575.7	649.5	733.2	3,324.1	3,473.0	3,714.4
Calves .....	0.6	1.2	0.7	19.7	19.1	20.1
Hogs .....	7.6	9.0	8.7	2,284.8	2,616.8	2,690.0
Sheep and lambs .....	0.3	0.3	0.3	29.9	32.1	30.6

<sup>1/</sup> Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other commercial slaughter. Excludes farm slaughter. <sup>2/</sup> Includes Hawaii; commercial slaughter not estimated in Alaska. \* Revised.

## TEXAS GOATS: LOSSES, 2006-2007

Item	2006	2007
	<i>1,000 head</i>	
<b>TOTAL LOSSES</b>		
All goats . . . . .	188.6	235.7
<b>PREDATORS</b>		
All goats . . . . .	93.0	103.0
<b>OTHER CAUSES <sup>1/</sup></b>		
All goats . . . . .	95.6	132.7

<sup>1/</sup> Includes diseases, weather, theft and unknown.

## TEXAS SHEEP AND LAMBS: LOSSES, 2006-2007

Item	Sheep		Lambs <sup>1/</sup>	
	2006	2007	2006	2007
	<i>Head</i>			
Total losses . . . . .	46,000	40,000	70,000	78,000
Total losses from predators . . . . .	22,000	14,000	48,000	50,000
All other causes <sup>2/</sup> . . . . .	24,000	26,000	22,000	28,000

<sup>1/</sup> Lambs marked, docked or branded. <sup>2/</sup> Includes diseases, weather, theft and unknown.

## MILK PRODUCTION: TEXAS AND TWENTY-THREE STATES

Item	Texas			23 States <sup>2/</sup>		
	April 2007	March 2008	April 2008	April 2007	March 2008*	April 2008
Milk production . . . . . <i>Million pounds</i>	645	733	727	14,470	15,134	14,833
Production per cow <sup>1/</sup> . . . . . <i>Pounds</i>	1,860	1,980	1,965	1,745	1,794	1,757
Number of milk cows . . . . . <i>Thousand head</i>	347	370	370	8,292	8,436	8,444

<sup>1/</sup> Monthly rate based on all milk cows on farms (in milk or dry). <sup>2/</sup> 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		
	April 2007	March 2008	April 2008	April 2007	March 2008*	April 2008
Average number of layers . . . . . <i>Thousands</i>	18,704	19,118	18,820	345,578	341,906	341,159
Egg production . . . . . <i>Millions</i>	412	430	400	7,472	7,673	7,384
Table eggs <sup>1/</sup> . . . . . <i>Millions</i>	-	-	-	6,367	6,525	6,278
Hatching eggs <sup>1/</sup> . . . . . <i>Millions</i>	-	-	-	1,105	1,148	1,106
Eggs per 100 layers . . . . . <i>Number</i>	2,203	2,249	2,125	2,162	2,244	2,164
<b>HATCHERY PRODUCTION</b>						
Egg type <sup>1/</sup> . . . . . <i>Thousands</i>	-	-	-	39,254	39,547	41,051
Broiler type . . . . . <i>Thousands</i>	54,838	59,560	55,734	799,293	832,899	797,481
<b>PLACEMENTS</b>						
Turkey poults <sup>1/</sup> . . . . . <i>Thousands</i>	-	-	-	26,034	26,369	25,796

<sup>1/</sup> Data suppressed due to confidentiality. \* Revised.

## TEXAS BROILER CHICK OPERATIONS

Week ending	Broiler eggs set			Broiler chicks placed in Texas <sup>1/</sup>		
	Year		2008 as percent of 2007	Year		2008 as percent of 2007
	2007 <sup>2/</sup>	2008		2007 <sup>2/</sup>	2008	
	<i>Thousand</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>Thousand</i>		<i>Percent</i>
May 3 .....	15,017	*14,646	98	12,652	13,324	105
May 10 .....	15,119	*14,836	98	12,701	*12,702	100
May 17 .....	15,124	*15,467	102	12,810	*12,851	100
May 24 .....	15,442	*15,485	100	12,723	*12,523	98
May 31 .....	15,279	*15,599	102	12,846	*12,416	97
June 7 .....	15,345	15,778	103	12,870	12,990	101

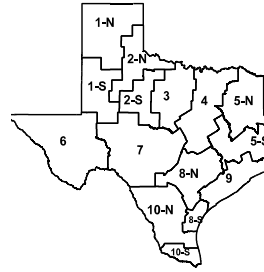
<sup>1/</sup> Total chicks hatched, plus inshipments, minus outshipments, minus chicks sold or kept for other purposes. <sup>2/</sup> Comparable weeks for previous year.  
\* Revised.

POULTRY SLAUGHTER: TEXAS AND UNITED STATES <sup>1/</sup>

Item	Number Inspected			Total Live Weight			Average Live Weight			Total Certified <sup>2/</sup>		
	April 2007	March 2008	April 2008	April 2007	March 2008	April 2008	April 2007	March 2008	April 2008	April 2007	March 2008	April 2008
<b>TEXAS</b>	<i>1,000 head</i>			<i>1,000 pounds</i>			<i>Pounds</i>			<i>1,000 pounds</i>		
Chickens:												
Young .....	51,776	53,696	57,971	273,500	287,576	315,531	5.28	5.36	5.44	209,633	219,584	242,934
<b>UNITED STATES</b>												
Chickens .....	724,378	*738,655	782,801	3,993,598	4,106,443	4,374,184	5.51	5.56	5.59	2,922,851	*3,012,675	3,227,241
Young .....	713,856	*725,871	769,270	3,931,926	4,034,060	4,297,443	5.51	5.56	5.59	2,884,252	*2,967,107	3,179,209
Mature .....	10,522	12,784	13,531	61,672	72,383	76,741	5.86	5.66	5.67	38,599	45,568	48,032
Light .....	4,745	6,319	6,571	15,562	20,681	21,482	3.28	3.27	3.27	8,003	11,011	11,278
Heavy .....	5,777	6,465	6,960	46,110	51,702	55,259	7.98	8.00	7.94	30,596	34,557	36,754
Ducks .....	2,271	2,041	2,072	15,284	13,853	13,985	6.73	6.79	6.75	10,981	9,961	10,0128
Other poultry .....	-	-	-	161	149	166	-	-	-	105	102	113
Turkeys .....	20,443	*20,947	22,268	583,931	*615,009	653,814	28.56	*29.36	29.36	462,749	*488,002	520,292
Young .....	20,340	*20,770	22,055	581,059	*610,365	648,018	28.57	*29.39	29.38	460,612	*484,491	515,926
Old .....	103	*177	213	2,872	*4,644	5,796	27.88	*26.24	27.21	2,137	3,511	4,366
<b>TOTAL POULTRY</b>	-	-	-	<b>4,592,974</b>	<b>*4,735,454</b>	<b>5,042,149</b>	-	-	-	<b>3,396,686</b>	<b>*3,510,740</b>	<b>3,757,674</b>

<sup>1/</sup> Federally inspected only. Total may not add due to rounding. <sup>2/</sup> Ready-to-cook weight. \* Revised.

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