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Louisiana Livestock Slaughter

Commercial red meat production in Louisiana during November totaled 600,000 pounds, unchanged from October but down 33 percent from the previous year.

There were 600 head of **cattle** slaughtered during November, unchanged from October but down 400 head from the previous year. Average live weight was 798 pounds, up 24 pounds from the previous month but 66 pounds below November 2006. Total live weight, at 463,000 pounds, was 1 percent below the previous month and 47 percent below the previous year.

Calves slaughtered during November totaled 400 head, unchanged from October but 100 head above the previous year. Live weight averaged 500 pounds, down 1 pound from October but 8 pounds above a year ago. Total live weight, at 186,000 pounds, was up 1 percent from October and 27 percent above the previous year.

The number of **hogs** slaughtered during November totaled 1,700 head, up 100 head from the previous month but 300 head below October 2006. Average live weight was 183 pounds, up 5 pounds from October and 19 pounds above the previous year. Total live weight was 305,000 pounds, up 9 percent from October but 6 percent below a year ago.

The number of **sheep** slaughtered during November was 200 head, down 100 head from October but 100 head above the previous year. Live weight averaged 76 pounds, up 2 pounds from the previous month but down 12 pounds from the previous year.

United States Livestock Slaughter

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.3 billion pounds in November, up 4 percent from the 4.2 billion pounds produced in November 2006.

November 2007 contained 22 weekdays (including two holidays) and 4 Saturdays. **November 2006** contained 22 weekdays (including two holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

Beef production at 2.2 billion pounds, was slightly above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.8 million head, down slightly from November 2006. The average live weight was up 9 pounds from the previous year, at 1,304 pounds.

Veal production totaled 10.1 million pounds, 22 percent below November a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 58,900 head, down 12 percent from November 2006. The average live weight was down 36 pounds from last year, at 291 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.1 billion pounds, up 8 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 10.1 million head, up 7 percent from November 2006. The average live weight was the same as the previous year, at 272 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production at 16.1 million pounds was up 5 percent from November 2006. Sheep slaughter totaled 236,700 head, 6 percent above last year. The average live weight was 136 pounds, down 1 pound from November a year ago.

January to November 2007 commercial red meat production was 44.6 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 2006. Accumulated beef production was up 1 percent from last year, veal was down 5 percent, pork was up 4 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 1 percent.

Commercial Livestock Slaughter and Red Meat Production

Item	Louisiana					United States			
	October	November		January – November		November		January – November	
	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	----- Number, thousand head -----					----- Number, thousand head -----			
Cattle	0.6	1.0	0.6	9.4	7.1	2,842.4	2,831.2	31,085.7	31,613.9
Calves	0.4	0.3	0.4	3.0	3.1	66.6	58.9	642.9	697.2
Hogs	1.6	2.0	1.7	16.4	15.2	9,364.9	10,050.7	95,853.8	99,480.7
Sheep & Lambs	0.3	0.1	0.2	1.4	2.9	224.2	236.7	2,471.5	2,462.8
	----- Total live weight, thousand pounds -----					----- Total live weight, thousand pounds -----			
Cattle	468	876	463	7,839	5,873	3,666,824	3,677,910	39,432,976	40,042,748
Calves	185	146	186	1,527	1,552	21,623	16,891	221,640	212,169
Hogs	279	323	305	3,187	2,986	2,442,375	2,735,130	25,640,372	26,679,022
Sheep & Lambs	24	12	12	140	255	30,774	32,192	337,326	334,169
	----- Average live weight, pounds -----					----- Average live weight, pounds -----			
Cattle	774	864	798	834	827	1,295	1,304	1,273	1,271
Calves	501	492	500	509	501	327	291	347	307
Hogs	178	164	183	194	196	272	272	269	268
Sheep & Lambs	74	88	76	100	88	137	136	137	136
	----- Million pounds -----					----- Million pounds -----			
Red Meat	0.6	0.9	0.6	8.1	6.8	4,154.4	4,300.6	43,665.0	44,618.2

Louisiana Hog Inventory

Louisiana's total hog inventory for December 1, 2007, at 11,000 head, was down 3,000 head from December 2006. At 1,500 head, the Louisiana breeding hog inventory was down 500 head from the December 1 inventory a year ago. Market hog inventory totaled 9,500 head, 2,500 head below a year earlier.

The December 2006 - November 2007 Louisiana pig crop, at 20,900 head, was down 5,100 head from the pig crop in December 2005 - November 2006 period. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 3,000 head, down 700 head from the previous year. An average of 6.97 pigs was saved per litter during the December 2006 - November 2007 period.

United States Hog Inventory

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2007, was 65.1 million head. This was up 4 percent from December 1, 2006, but down 1 percent from September 1, 2007.

Breeding inventory, at 6.2 million head, was up 1 percent from last year, and up slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 59 million head, was up 5 percent from last year, but down 1 percent from last quarter.

The September-November 2007 pig crop, at 28 million head, was up 4 percent from 2006 and up 7 percent from 2005. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 3 million head, up 3 percent from 2006 and up 4 percent from 2005. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 49 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 9.24 for the September-November 2007 period, compared to 9.11 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.40 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 9.30 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

Hogs and Pigs on Farms, December 1, 2007

Item	Louisiana		United States ¹	
	2006	2007	2006	2007
	----- 1,000 Head -----		----- 1,000 Head -----	
Total Hogs and Pigs	14.0	11.0	62,490	65,110
Breeding	2.0	1.5	6,087	6,157
Market	12.0	9.5	56,402	58,953
Under 60 pounds	4.0	3.0	20,462	21,364
60-119 pounds	3.0	3.0	13,928	14,459
120-179 pounds	2.0	2.0	11,275	11,737
180 pounds & over	3.0	1.5	10,738	11,394

¹Weight groups may not add to market total due to rounding.

Annual Farrowings: Number of Sows, Pigs per Litter and Pig Crop, Selected States and United States, December 2006 – November 2007

Selected States	Sows Farrowing		Pigs per Litter		Pig Crop	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	----- 1,000 Head -----		----- Number -----		----- 1,000 Head -----	
Alabama	32	33	8.66	8.73	277	288
Arkansas	160	166	9.64	9.67	1,543	1,605
Louisiana	3.7	3.0	7.03	6.97	26.0	20.9
Mississippi	74.5	75.5	9.33	9.46	695	714
Texas	182	201	9.12	9.08	1,660	1,825
United States	11,629	11,960	9.08	9.19	105,618	109,937

Prices Received Index Up

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in December, at 151 percent, based on 1990-92=100, increased 5 points from November. The Crop Index was up 10 points but the Livestock Index was unchanged. The All Farm Index and All Crop Index are at record highs. Producers received higher commodity prices for tomatoes, corn, soybeans and wheat. Lower prices were received for oranges, turkeys, snap beans and broilers. The overall index is also affected by the seasonal change, based on a 3-year average mix, of commodities producers sell. Increased average marketings of wheat, milk, oranges and broilers offset decreased marketings of soybeans, cattle, corn and grapes.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index was up 31 points from December 2006. The Food Commodities Index, at 158, increased 7 points from last month and increased 37 points from December 2006.

Prices Paid Index Up

The December Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) was 162 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index was up 1 point from November and 13 points above December 2006. This is a record high for the index. Higher prices in December for complete feeds, feed grains, nitrogen fertilizer and feed concentrates offset lower prices for feeder cattle, diesel fuel, gasoline and LP gas.

Average Prices Received by Farmers: November 2007

Item	Louisiana			United States		
	Entire Month		Preliminary	Entire Month		Preliminary
	December 2006	November 2007	December 2007 ¹	December 2006	November 2007	December 2007 ¹
	----- Dollars -----			----- Dollars -----		
Soybeans, per bushel	6.34	8.46	9.03	6.18	9.41	10.40
Rice, per cwt	10.30	10.90	11.20	9.91	11.00	10.90
Upland Cotton, per pound	.495	.558	.561	.490	.570	.572
Hay, all, baled, per ton	n/a	n/a	n/a	110.00	131.00	133.00
Beef Cattle, per cwt ³	56.30	58.90	59.00	83.10	89.70	89.10
Steers & Heifers, per cwt	86.70	87.80	91.00	89.00	95.90	95.50
Cows, per cwt ⁴	42.00	42.70	44.00	42.20	43.90	44.10
Calves, per cwt	106.00	102.00	104.00	116.00	119.00	119.00
Broilers, live, per pound	n/a	n/a	n/a	.400	.450	.440
Eggs, all, per dozen	n/a	n/a	n/a	.807	1.260	1.360
Milk, all, per cwt ⁵	n/a	n/a	n/a	14.20	21.90	21.70

¹ Mid-month.

² Preliminary prices are based on sales during the first half of the month.

³ "Cows" and "steers and heifers" combined.

⁴ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.

⁵ Before deductions for hauling and government withholdings. Includes bulk tank, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.

n/a = not available.

**Cotton Ginnings: Running Bales Ginned (Excluding Linters) Prior to December 15
by Crop, State and United States, Crop Years 2004 – 2007**

Crop and State	Running Bales Ginned			
	2004	2005	2006	2007
All Cotton				
Alabama	723,300	754,950	590,850	369,950
Arizona	440,050	386,200	321,600	304,450
Arkansas	1,946,600	2,073,600	2,373,150	1,808,750
California	1,798,750	1,286,900	1,027,800	1,026,000
Florida	86,900	102,950	128,000	100,300
Georgia	1,603,950	1,760,050	1,813,250	1,386,500
Kansas	9,800	56,050	64,250	31,900
Louisiana	881,600	1,105,650	1,249,000	695,900
Mississippi	2,227,400	2,088,550	2,028,100	1,282,450
Missouri	782,950	860,650	898,950	783,100
New Mexico	44,100	51,050	39,300	36,650
North Carolina	1,262,850	1,208,100	1,152,750	761,500
Oklahoma	175,600	214,000	150,450	214,750
South Carolina	336,300	324,400	320,700	143,200
Tennessee	912,400	1,062,650	1,176,950	586,400
Texas	3,701,700	4,927,150	4,198,400	4,839,300
Virginia	138,100	138,300	123,700	95,600
United States	17,072,350	18,401,200	17,657,200	14,467,300
American-Pima				
Arizona	1/	2,550	6,250	1/
California	432,900	348,900	403,850	519,400
New Mexico	1/	9,500	12,350	1/
Texas	27,450	24,400	28,700	25,550
United States	475,200	385,350	451,150	555,200

¹ Not published to avoid disclosing individual gins, but included in U.S. totals.

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