



MONTHLY FARM REPORT

North Carolina Field Office

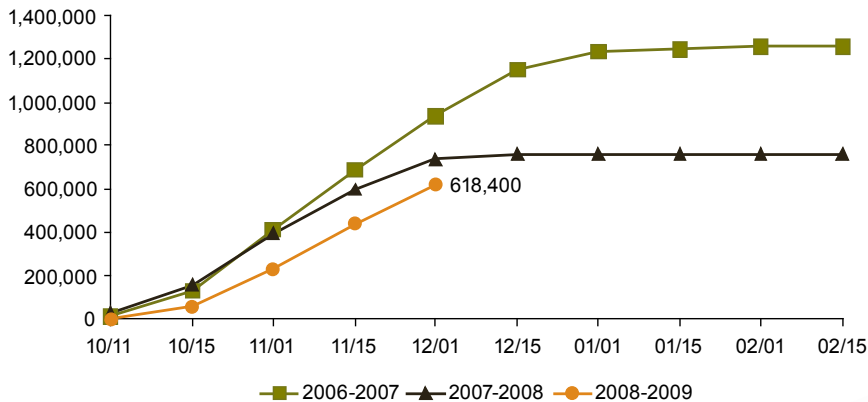


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COTTON GINNINGS - Running Bales Ginned (Year to Date)



WEATHER SUMMARY

NOVEMBER: North Carolina experienced above average temperatures the first full week of November, average temperatures the second week, and below average temperatures late in the month. By the week ending November 30, cotton harvest and small grain plantings were nearing completion, and hay, sorghum and sweetpotatoes were 100% harvested. Other activities in November included the harvesting of soybeans, the marketing of livestock, and general farm maintenance.

Upland Cotton production is down 2% from last year.



Pecan production is up 200% from 2007.



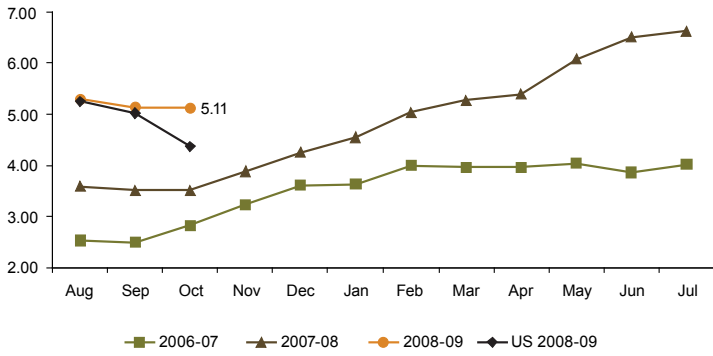
WAGE RATES FOR HIRED WORKERS¹ - October 12-18, 2008 with Comparisons²

REGION ³	TYPE OF WORKER						Number of Hired Workers	
	Field		Livestock		All Hired ⁴		2007	2008
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008		
<i>Dollars per Hour</i>							<i>Thousands</i>	
Appalachian I	8.66	9.55	8.60	9.62	8.97	10.20	43	37
Appalachian II	9.24	9.22	9.53	9.82	9.75	10.32	31	23
Southeast	8.53	9.04	8.33	9.44	9.08	9.52	28	31
United States ⁵	9.62	10.05	10.02	10.19	10.38	10.70	817	801

¹ Excludes agricultural service workers. ² Survey period in 2007 was October 7-13. ³ Appalachian I: NC, VA; Appalachian II: KY, TN, WV; Southeast: AL, GA, SC. ⁴ All Hired Workers includes supervisory and other workers. Piece rates not included. ⁵ Excludes Alaska.

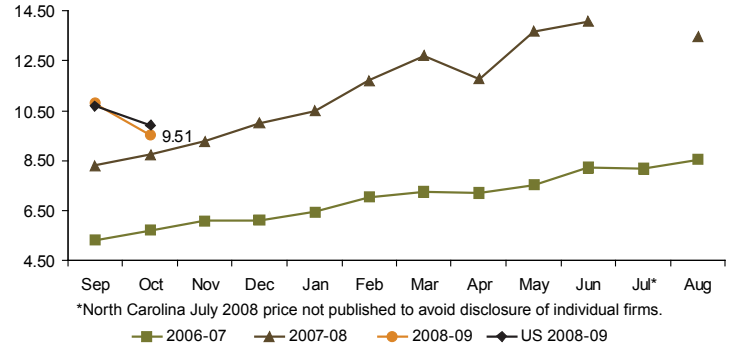
MONTHLY PRICE RECEIVED FOR CORN

(Dollars per Bushel)



MONTHLY PRICE RECEIVED FOR SOYBEANS

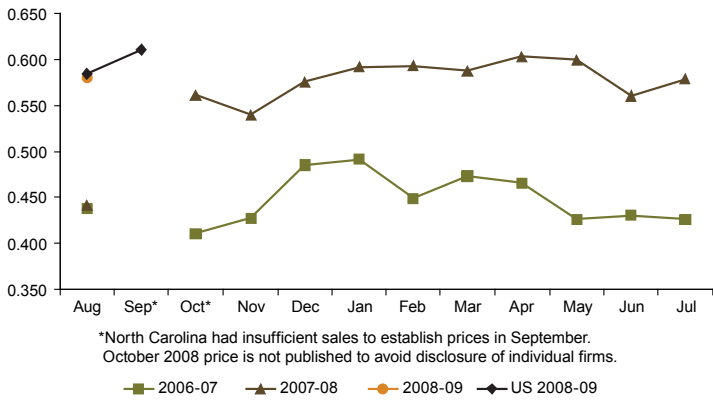
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*North Carolina July 2008 price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.

MONTHLY PRICE RECEIVED FOR UPLAND COTTON

(Dollars per Pound)



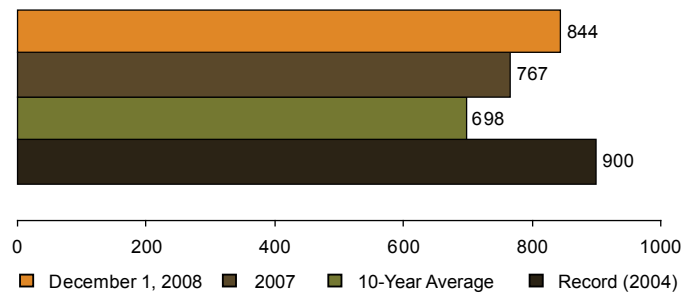
*North Carolina had insufficient sales to establish prices in September. October 2008 price is not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.

NOVEMBER PRELIMINARY PRICES RECEIVED

- Corn \$4.43 per bushel
- Soybeans \$8.70 per bushel
- Peanuts \$0.198 per pound
- Hogs \$42.10 per hundredweight
- Eggs \$0.90 per dozen

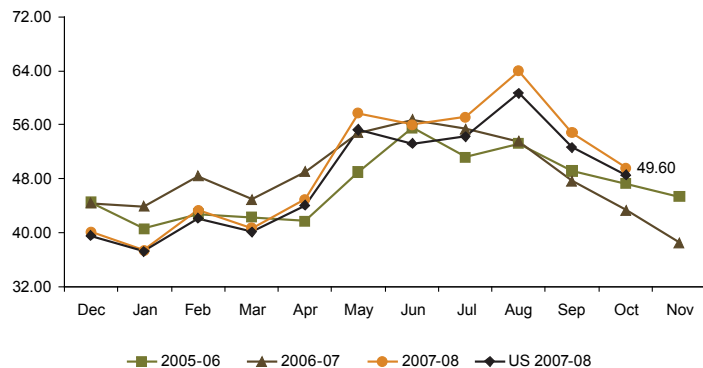


UPLAND COTTON YIELD (Pounds)



MONTHLY PRICE RECEIVED FOR HOGS

(Dollars per Cwt.)



CHICKS HATCHED - October

STATE	BROILER-TYPE		
	2007	2008	Percent Change
	<i>Thousands</i>		<i>+/-</i>
Alabama	114,562	104,855	-8
Arkansas	100,360	86,548	-14
Delaware	15,035	11,810	-21
Florida	5,069	4,435	-13
Georgia	121,892	113,259	-7
Kentucky	27,315	26,897	-2
Louisiana	14,693	12,353	-16
Maryland	31,281	29,305	-6
Mississippi	65,744	63,338	-4
North Carolina	70,218	64,547	-8
Oklahoma	25,812	25,810	-0
Pennsylvania	15,168	14,241	-6
South Carolina	19,853	18,998	-4
Texas	52,666	52,892	0
Virginia	22,498	22,050	-2
California, Missouri, Tennessee, & West Virginia	70,822	66,883	-6
19 States ¹	772,988	718,221	-7
Other States ²	21,858	23,900	+9
United States	794,846	742,121	-7

¹ States in the weekly hatchery production estimating program are those listed above. ² Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.



EGG PRODUCTION - October

STATE	LAYERS ON HAND		TOTAL EGGS PRODUCED		TABLE EGGS		HATCHING EGGS	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	<i>Thousands</i>		<i>Million Eggs</i>					
Alabama	9,352	9,312	182	181	31	34	151	147
Florida	10,783	10,005	245	223	236	217	9	6
Georgia	19,252	18,184	410	386	221	215	189	171
North Carolina	12,467	11,980	266	250	124	121	142	129
South Carolina	4,697	4,367	103	92	80	69	23	23
United States	342,637	334,560	7,726	7,613	6,594	6,538	1,132	1,075



LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER - October

SPECIES	NORTH CAROLINA				UNITED STATES					
	Number Slaughtered ¹		Total Live Weight		Number Slaughtered ¹		Total Live Weight		Total Dressed Weight	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	<i>Thousand Head</i>		<i>Thousand Pounds</i>		<i>Million Head</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>	
Cattle	20.4	20.7	22,959	23,885	3.1	3.0	4,018	3,884	2,443	2,342
Hogs	1,121.2	1,132.1	289,590	293,447	10.7	10.8	2,871	2,894	2,145	2,161

¹ Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter.

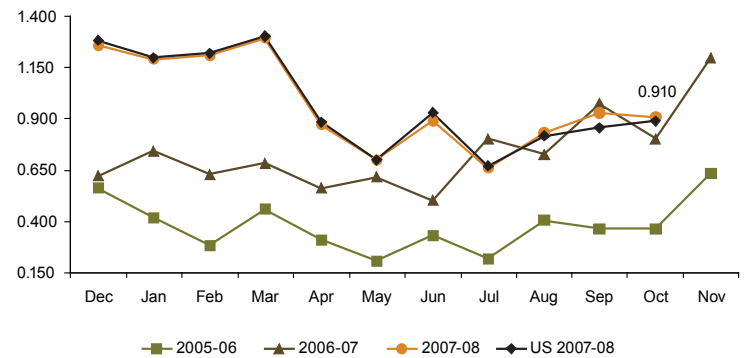
LIVESTOCK HIGHLIGHTS

TURKEY HATCHERY - North and South Atlantic Region: Eggs in incubators on December 1, 2008 totaled 9,368,000. This total is down 8% from the 10,160,000 eggs reported on December 1, 2007. Poults hatched during November 2008 totaled 7,734,000, a 9% decrease from the 8,533,000 poults hatched in November 2007.

CHICKEN EGGS - South Atlantic Region: Broiler-Type eggs in incubators on November 1, 2008 totaled 217,591,000. The total was down 9% from the November 2007 total of 237,891,000 eggs. The total number of Egg-Type eggs in incubators on November 1, 2008 increased 3% from the previous year to 4,056,000 eggs.



MONTHLY PRICE RECEIVED FOR MARKET TYPE EGGS (Dollars per Dozen)



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