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AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS AND RANCHERS

Commodity and Unit	Texas			United States			U.S. parity prices January 2009 ^{3/}
	January 2008 ^{1/}	December 2008 ^{1/}	January 2009 ^{2/}	January 2008 ^{1/}	December 2008 ^{1/}	January 2009 ^{2/}	
CROPS							
Barley Dollars per bushel	-	-	-	4.35	5.37	5.12	9.09
Corn Dollars per bushel	4.36	4.51	4.40	3.98	4.10	4.15	8.32
Cotton, Upland Cents per pound	61.6	45.4	43.1	61.5	51.9	47.4	182.0
Cottonseed Dollars per ton	159.00	227.00	212.00	170.00	220.00	214.00	333.00
Grapefruit, all, 80-lb. Dollars per box ^{4/}	3.30	7.75	5.86	4.67	3.93	3.88	15.00
Hay, alfalfa, baled Dollars per ton	165.00	190.00	190.00	136.00	155.00	149.00	-
Hay, other, baled Dollars per ton	125.00	100.00	100.00	111.00	113.00	110.00	-
Hay, all, baled Dollars per ton	128.00	111.00	109.00	126.00	141.00	136.00	-
Oats Dollars per bushel	-	-	-	2.88	3.10	2.30	5.50
Oranges, all, 85-lb. Dollars per box ^{4/}	-1.53	3.90	4.50	5.77	4.75	5.57	15.40
Peanuts Cents per pound	23.6	24.3	-	21.6	21.7	23.3	76.9
Potatoes Dollars per cwt	-	-	-	7.33	9.62	9.49	19.10
Rice Dollars per cwt	-	-	-	12.40	17.50	17.00	35.90
Sorghum grain Dollars per cwt	7.17	5.15	5.83	7.40	5.13	5.29	14.90
Soybeans Dollars per bushel	-	-	-	-	-	9.92	20.20
Sweet potatoes Dollars per cwt	-	-	-	-	-	-	53.60
Wheat Dollars per bushel	8.40	6.17	5.30	7.96	5.97	5.90	13.50
LIVESTOCK AND PRODUCTS							
Beef cattle Dollars per cwt ^{5/}	88.30	80.00	80.00	87.30	79.80	80.50	238.00
Cows Dollars per cwt ^{6/}	45.60	37.50	40.50	46.30	40.40	42.20	-
Steers and heifers Dollars per cwt	93.60	85.20	84.90	93.40	85.60	86.30	-
Calves Dollars per cwt	110.00	92.50	99.30	117.00	100.00	105.00	340.00
Milk cows Dollars per head ^{7/}	2,100.00	-	1,750.00	1,960.00	-	1,630.00	-
Hogs Dollars per cwt	-	-	-	37.20	41.90	41.90	130.00
Lambs Dollars per cwt ^{8/}	102.00	108.00	-	97.50	100.00	-	268.00
Sheep Dollars per cwt ^{8/}	32.90	33.00	-	31.90	31.70	-	103.00
Broilers Cents per pound ^{9/}	-	-	-	44.0	48.0	48.0	-
Eggs Cents per dozen ^{10/}	120.0	86.0	90.0	120.0	86.0	89.6	212.0
Turkeys, live Cents per pound	-	-	-	44.8	44.5	43.7	131.0
All milk sold to plants Dollars per cwt ^{11/}	21.20	16.10	15.50	20.50	15.60	13.80	44.50

^{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 2008 all milk, Texas 3.83, U.S. 3.80; January 2009 all milk, Texas 3.80, U.S. 3.78.

INDEX NUMBERS OF PRICES RECEIVED BY TEXAS FARMERS AND RANCHERS

Commodities	1990-92 = 100		
	January 2008	December 2008	January 2009
All farm products	137	*118	116
All crops	*152	130	126
Livestock and products	129	111	111

* Revised.

U. S. INDEX SUMMARY TABLE

Index	1910-14 = 100			1990-92 = 100		
	Jan 2008	Dec 2008*	Jan 2009	Jan 2008	Dec 2008*	Jan 2009
Prices Received	915	856	872	144	135	137
Prices Paid, Interest, Taxes and Farm Wage Rates	2,249	2,327	2,331	169	175	175
Ratio ^{1/}	41	37	37	85	77	78

^{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/}	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	<u>Acres</u>		<u>Cwt</u>		<u>1,000 cwt</u>		<u>Dollars</u>		<u>1,000 dollars</u>	
Cabbage	6,000	7,100	270	320	1,620	2,272	25.60	20.30	41,472	46,122
Cantaloups	3,600	1,800	120	110	432	198	32.50	34.00	14,040	6,732
Carrots	1,500	1,300	200	240	300	312	28.00	25.00	8,400	7,800
Chile Peppers ^{2/ 3/}	4,500	5,300	38	33	171	174	71.30	79.80	12,192	13,883
Cucumbers	1,100	1,000	110	104	121	104	23.00	23.00	2,783	2,392
Honeydew Melons	650	700	280	270	182	189	41.00	29.30	7,462	5,538
Onions, Spring	10,400	8,900	300	270	3,120	2,403	56.00	30.30	174,720	72,811
Onions, Summer	1,000	700	400	400	400	280	29.50	33.40	11,800	9,352
Spinach	800	1,100	125	120	100	132	24.00	26.00	2,400	3,432
Squash	1,400	1,500	210	200	294	300	50.00	42.30	14,700	12,690
Sweet Corn	2,400	2,400	77	67	185	161	20.80	22.00	3,848	3,542
Tomatoes	1,100	1,000	130	130	143	130	42.10	61.60	6,020	8,008
Watermelons	23,000	19,500	190	310	4,370	6,045	8.20	8.70	35,834	52,592
Total for Fresh Market ^{4/}	57,450	52,300	-	-	11,438	12,700	-	-	335,671	244,894
Processed ^{5/}	19,100	22,100	-	-	2,296	2,894	-	-	20,868	31,736
Total Commercial Vegetables ..	76,550	74,400	-	-	13,734	15,594	-	-	356,539	276,630

^{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.

TEXAS CATFISH: NUMBER OF OPERATIONS AND WATER AREA, JANUARY 1, 2008-2009

Item	January 1, 2008	January 1, 2009
Number of operations <i>Number</i>	* 149	<u>1/</u>
Water surface area <i>Acres</i>	3,800	3,800

*Revised 1/ State level number of operations will be published every 5 years in conjunction with the Census of Agriculture

TEXAS CATFISH: INVENTORY, NUMBER AND TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT, JANUARY 1, 2008-2009

Item	January 1, 2008*		January 1, 2009	
	Number	Total live weight	Number	Total live weight
	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000 pounds</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000 pounds</u>
Broodfish	12	73	86	424
Fingerlings	5,780	309	25,100	1,190
Total stockers	794	205	99	12
Small foodsize	10,000	9,950	5,170	4,500
Medium foodsize	3,320	6,750	4,140	8,050
Large foodsize	77	277	530	1,760

* Revised

TEXAS CATFISH: NUMBER, WEIGHT AND VALUE OF SALES, JANUARY 1, 2007-2008

Item	2007*	2008
ALL STOCKERS:		
Total number sold <i>1,000</i>	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>
Total pounds sold <i>1,000 pounds</i>	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>
Average price per pound <i>Dollars</i>	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>
Total value of sales <i>1,000 dollars</i>	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>
FINGERLINGS AND FRY:		
Total number sold <i>1,000</i>	2,360	3,170
Total pounds sold <i>1,000 pounds</i>	134	167
Average price per pound <i>Dollars</i>	3.22	1.27
Total value of sales <i>1,000 dollars</i>	431	212
ALL FOOD SIZE:		
Total number sold <i>1,000</i>	9,840	11,100
Total pounds sold <i>1,000 pounds</i>	15,700	16,900
Average price per pound <i>Dollars</i>	0.74	0.76
Total value of sales <i>1,000 dollars</i>	11,618	12,844

* Revised 1/ Data suppressed due to confidentiality.

WOOL PRODUCTION AND VALUE: TEXAS AND UNITED STATES, 2007-2008

Item	Texas			United States		
	2007	2008	2008 as percent of 2007	2007	2008	2008 as percent of 2007
Sheep shorn ^{1/} Thousand head	*620	600	97	4,657	4,434	95
Weight per fleece ^{2/} Pounds	7.30	7.00	96	7.50	7.40	99
Production Thousand pounds	*4,500	4,200	93	34,723	32,963	95
Price per pound Dollars	1.21	1.16	96	0.87	0.99	114
Value Thousand dollars	*5,445	4,872	89	30,242	32,486	107

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

MOHAIR PRODUCTION AND VALUE: TEXAS AND UNITED STATES, 2007-2008

Item	Texas			United States		
	2007*	2008	2008 as percent of 2007	2007*	2008	2008 as percent of 2007
Goats clipped Thousand head	150	130	87	216.5	193.5	89
Average clip per goat Pounds	6.4	6.3	98	6.3	6.1	97
Production Thousand pounds	960	820	85	1,357	1,184	87
Price per pound Dollars	4.00	3.80	95	3.64	3.31	91
Value Thousand dollars	3,840	3,116	81	4,944	3,914	79

* Revised.

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

Cattle and calves	District						Other districts	State total
	1-N	1-S	2-N	7	8-N	10-N		
	<i>1,000 head</i>							
On feed December 1, 2008 ^{1/}	2,383	180	72	16	39	67	53	2,810
Placed on feed during December	327	29	17	4	9	9	10	405
Marketed during December	347	27	11	2	6	6	6	405
Other disappearance during December ^{2/}	16	2	1	0	0	1	0	20
On feed January 1, 2009 ^{1/}	2,347	180	77	18	42	69	57	2,790

^{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 2007	November 2008	December 2008	December 2007	November 2008*	December 2008
Milk production Million pounds	648	688	737	14,414	14,021	14,633
Production per cow ^{1/} Pounds	1,825	1,765	1,875	1,718	1,655	1,726
Number of milk cows Thousand head	355	390	393	8,389	8,472	8,479

^{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.

FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER OF LIVESTOCK: TEXAS AND UNITED STATES

Species	Region 6 ^{1/}			United States		
	December 2007	November 2008	December 2008	December 2007	November 2008	December 2008
CATTLE						
<i>1,000 head</i>						
Steers	241.8	222.6	261.6	1,279.3	1,136.6	1,271.5
Heifers	150.0	152.4	153.1	799.1	777.9	796.4
Dairy cows	12.7	11.5	18.5	204.7	208.2	228.9
Other cows	60.5	71.1	69.2	278.3	305.9	288.1
Bulls and stags	10.0	9.1	9.4	41.2	46.4	38.2
Total ^{2/}	475.0	466.8	511.8	2,602.5	2,475.0	2,623.0
Calves	0.7	5.6	5.1	59.9	79.7	92.8
HOGS						
Barrows and gilts	450.5	456.1	490.8	9,300.8	8,969.9	9,749.3
Sows	26.6	20.2	25.7	264.2	247.4	271.5
Stags and boars	2.0	1.5	1.1	35.5	32.1	32.5
Total ^{2/}	479.1	477.8	517.7	9,600.6	9,249.5	10,053.4
SHEEP						
Mature sheep	0.7	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	10.9	8.7	11.1
Lambs and yearlings	0.6	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	201.3	171.3	201.4
Total ^{2/}	1.3	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	212.2	179.9	212.5

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

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

Species	Texas			United States ^{2/}		
	December 2007	November 2008	December 2008	December 2007	November 2008	December 2008
HEAD SLAUGHTERED						
<i>Thousand head</i>						
Cattle	476.8	469.0	512.3	2,647.9	2,519.0	2,671.3
Calves	0.9	3.4	3.5	61.0	81.4	94.1
Hogs	41.6	36.4	44.3	9,689.9	9,325.0	10,144.6
Sheep and lambs	2.9	4.0	4.4	229.0	193.7	230.8
TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT						
<i>Million pounds</i>						
Cattle	595.4	582.1	642.6	3,434.2	3,267.7	3,467.9
Calves	0.5	0.9	0.9	17.4	19.3	22.7
Hogs	11.3	8.8	11.4	2,632.8	2,524.6	2,739.5
Sheep and lambs	0.4	0.4	0.4	30.9	25.8	30.9

^{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. 2007	Nov. 2008	Dec. 2008	Dec. 2007	Nov. 2008	Dec. 2008	Dec. 2007	Nov. 2008	Dec. 2008	Dec. 2007	Nov. 2008	Dec. 2008
TEXAS	<u>1,000 head</u>			<u>1,000 pounds</u>			<u>Pounds</u>			<u>1,000 pounds</u>		
Chickens:												
Young	*51,038	49,817	56,399	270,264	267,726	295,533	5.30	5.37	5.24	*205,888	207,520	227,936
UNITED STATES												
Chickens	712,928	*649,694	721,322	3,987,911	*3,645,982	4,007,478	5.59	5.61	5.56	2,937,083	*2,703,987	2,971,425
Young	702,172	*639,120	709,846	3,927,040	*3,584,405	3,943,655	5.59	5.61	5.56	2,898,806	*2,665,388	2,931,714
Mature	10,756	10,574	11,476	60,871	61,577	63,823	5.66	5.82	5.56	38,277	38,599	39,711
Light	5,339	4,439	5,527	17,580	14,428	17,807	3.29	3.25	3.22	9,458	7,245	9,108
Heavy	5,417	6,138	5,949	43,291	47,149	46,016	7.99	7.69	7.74	28,819	31,354	30,603
Ducks	2,206	1,794	2,196	15,034	12,026	14,744	6.82	6.70	6.71	10,772	8,601	10,524
Other poultry	-	-	-	211	483	204	-	-	-	143	282	135
Turkeys	20,002	23,048	20,867	579,981	637,084	617,409	29.00	27.64	29.59	461,369	510,440	491,001
Young	19,806	22,923	20,697	574,643	633,769	612,777	29.01	27.65	29.61	457,336	507,898	487,457
Old	196	125	170	5,338	3,315	4,632	27.23	26.52	27.25	4,033	2,542	3,544
TOTAL POULTRY	-	-	-	4,583,137	*4,295,575	4,639,835	-	-	-	3,409,367	*3,223,310	3,473,085

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

POULTRY: TEXAS AND UNITED STATES

Item	Texas			United States		
	December 2007	November 2008	December 2008	December 2007	November 2008*	December 2008
Average number of layers Thousands	19,157	18,840	18,506	344,965	338,898	340,957
Egg production Millions	437	426	423	7,784	7,510	7,778
Table eggs ^{1/} Millions	-	-	-	6,654	6,470	6,712
Hatching eggs ^{1/} Millions	-	-	-	1,129	1,040	1,067
Eggs per 100 layers Number	2,281	2,261	2,286	2,256	2,216	2,281
HATCHERY PRODUCTION						
Egg type ^{1/} Thousands	-	-	-	35,866	36,607	36,393
Broiler type Thousands	56,004	50,948	56,325	821,281	705,587	779,160
PLACEMENTS						
Turkey poults ^{1/} Thousands	-	-	-	24,091	20,702	23,020

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

TEXAS BROILER CHICK OPERATIONS

Week ending	Broiler eggs set			Broiler chicks placed in Texas ^{1/}		
	Year		2009 as percent of 2008	Year		2009 as percent of 2008
	2008 ^{2/}	2009		2008 ^{2/}	2009	
	<u>Thousand</u>		<u>Percent</u>	<u>Thousand</u>		<u>Percent</u>
January 3	15,344	* 15,511	101	12,376	12,961	105
January 10	14,934	* 15,350	103	12,937	* 13,120	101
January 17	15,586	* 15,092	97	12,885	* 13,284	103
January 24	15,645	* 15,394	98	12,812	* 13,262	104
January 31	15,663	* 14,745	94	12,513	* 13,167	105
February 7	15,708	15,443	98	12,930	13,033	101

^{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 ^{1/}

Shipments by species	December 2007	November 2008	December 2008	Year-to-date January - December	
				2007	2008
INSHIPMENTS	<u>Number of head</u>				
Cattle and Calves:					
Other states ^{2/}	147,440	214,518	161,409	1,890,942	1,746,636
Other countries ^{3/}	55,464	27,354	39,423	519,463	255,981
Dairy cattle ^{4/}	13,985	8,681	6,731	138,478	141,939
Sheep and lambs ^{5/}	610	4,724	754	42,842	12,107
OUTSHIPMENTS					
Cattle and Calves:					
Other states ^{6/}	54,491	43,543	44,278	852,313	715,060
Other countries ^{7/}	20	486	438	4,558	4,972
Dairy cattle ^{4/}	7,502	3,115	3,376	44,350	43,839
Sheep and lambs ^{8/}	769	103	2,779	91,570	25,093

^{1/} SOURCE: Health certificates issued by TAHC and USDA/APHIS/VIS. ^{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 ^{1/}

Species	December 2007	November 2008	December 2008	Year-to-date (Jan. - Dec.)	
				2007	2008
	<u>1,000 head</u>				
Cattle and calves	310	407	271	4,051	4,155
Hogs	3	4	3	35	32
Sheep and goats	66	67	63	1,147	1,031

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

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]	
	2007*	2008	2007*	2008	2007*	2008	2007*	2008
\$1,000-\$9,999	163,800	163,800	18,800	18,800	1,228,560	1,222,000	107,870	106,700
\$10,000-\$99,999	65,100	65,100	43,500	43,500	608,670	604,500	228,220	225,300
\$100,000-\$249,999	7,600	7,500	20,900	20,800	150,300	149,000	153,407	151,300
\$250,000-\$499,999	4,500	4,500	15,300	15,300	97,230	98,500	145,725	143,500
\$500,000+	6,500	6,600	31,900	32,000	120,190	126,000	286,238	293,100
TOTAL	247,500	247,500	130,400	130,400	2,204,950	2,200,000	921,460	919,900

^{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.

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