



# FARM FACTS

for

## SOUTH CAROLINA



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### HIGHLIGHTS

- Broiler Hatchery
- Egg Production
- Cotton Ginnings
- Farm Labor

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### EGG PRODUCTION

**SOUTH CAROLINA'S** laying flocks produced 111 million **eggs** during October, down 3 percent from last year, according to the USDA NASS, South Carolina Field Office. Production totaled 90 million table eggs and 21 million hatching eggs. The number of **layers** averaged 5,037,000 birds, which was down from 5,222,000 a year ago. October egg production per 100 layers was 2,204 eggs, compared with 2,202 in October 2004.

**UNITED STATES egg production** totaled 7.70 billion during October 2005, up one percent from last year. Production included 6.60 billion table eggs, and 1.10 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.04 billion were broiler-type and 60 million were egg-type. The number of layers during October 2005 averaged 344 million, down slightly from a year earlier. October egg production per 100 layers was 2,239 eggs, up 1 percent from October 2004.

### HENS AND PULLETS OF LAYING AGE, October 2005

Selected States	Average No. Of Layers	Eggs Produced	Eggs per 100 Layers
	Thousand	Million	Number
Alabama	9,120	173	1,897
California	19,629	435	2,216
Florida	11,526	270	2,343
Georgia	19,081	414	2,170
Iowa	49,351	1,128	2,286
North Carolina	10,832	220	2,031
Ohio	27,856	632	2,269
<b>South Carolina</b>	<b>5,037</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>2,204</b>
United States	344,043	7,703	2,239

### BROILER HATCHERY PRODUCTION

During the month of October SOUTH CAROLINA'S broiler hatcheries produced 18.3 million chicks, up 18 percent from October of 2004.

#### CHICKS HATCHED by Commercial Hatcheries

Flock Type and Area	October 2005	Jan. Thru. Oct. 2005
	Thousand	
<b>BROILER TYPE</b>		
<b>South Carolina</b>	<b>18,280</b>	<b>182,170</b>
United States	776,333	7,917,705
<b>EGG TYPE</b>		
United States	35,367	367,363

### COTTON GINNINGS

Bales Ginned Prior to November 1, 2005, by County

County	Running Bales Ginned 1/
Calhoun	10,100
Marlboro	17,000
Orangeburg	12,550
Sumter	7,900
Other Counties	48,800
State	96,350

1/ Some counties not published to avoid individual gin disclosure.

#### GINNINGS: Prior to November 15, Selected States

State	Running Bales Ginned		
	2003	2004	2005
Georgia	987,400	1,084,000	976,150
Mississippi	1,808,200	1,846,750	1,916,000
North Carolina	460,900	833,950	689,900
<b>South Carolina</b>	<b>137,400</b>	<b>235,400</b>	<b>169,200</b>
Tennessee	577,000	622,750	773,600
Texas	2,151,750	2,539,350	2,804,700
United States	10,507,000	12,018,700	12,583,100

## FARM LABOR

There were 1,129,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of October 9-15, 2005, down 4 percent from a year ago. Of these hired workers, 840,000 workers were hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 289,000 workers.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$9.61 per hour during the October 2005 reference week, up 29 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$8.90 per hour,

up 28 cents from last October, while livestock workers earned \$9.14 per hour compared with \$8.91 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$8.96 per hour, was up 27 cents from last year.

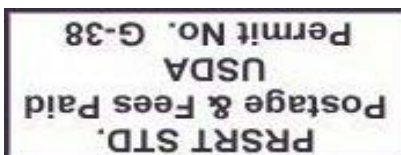
The number of hours worked averaged 42.0 hours for hired workers during the survey week, up 4 percent from a year ago.

SOUTHEAST data in table below.

**FARM LABOR: Employment, Hours Worked and Wage Rates, Southeast,  
with Comparisons, 2004 and 2005 <sup>1/</sup> <sup>2/</sup>**

Farm Employment	October 10 - 16, 2004	July 10 - 16, 2005	October 9 - 15 2005
<b>Thousand</b>			
<b>FARM WORKERS:</b>			
Hired .....	31	44	37
Expected to be Employed:			
150 Days or More .....	25	30	29
149 Days of Less .....	6	14	8
<b>Hours per Week</b>			
<b>HOURS WORKED:</b>			
Hired .....	38.1	37.5	37.0
<b>Dollars per Hour</b>			
<b>WAGE RATES FOR:</b>			
All Hired Workers <sup>3/</sup> .....	8.56	8.91	9.05
Type of Worker:			
Field & Livestock Combined .....	8.03	8.51	8.60
Field .....	8.01	8.39	8.51
Livestock .....	8.08	8.85	8.86

<sup>1/</sup> Alabama, Georgia, and South Carolina. <sup>2/</sup> Excludes Agricultural Service Workers. <sup>3/</sup> Benefits, such as housing and meals, are provided to some workers but the values are not included in the wage rates.



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