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Summary

Milk production decreased 2.9 percent in 2009 to 670 million pounds. The rate per cow, at 7,976 pounds, was 142 pounds below 2008. The annual average number of milk cows on farms was 84 thousand head, down 1,000 head from 2008.

Cash receipts from marketings of milk during 2009 totaled \$182 million, down 3.3 percent from 2008. Producer returns averaged \$27.50 per hundredweight, 0.4 percent below 2008. The quantity of milk used and marketed by producers in 2009 totaled 663 million pounds, down 20 million pounds from the revised total of 683 million pounds marketed in 2008.

An estimated 7.0 million pounds of milk were used on farms where produced, unchanged from 2008. Calves were fed 71 percent of this milk, with the remainder consumed in producer households.

Egg production decreased 8.2 percent during 2009 to 134 million eggs. The average number of layers in Puerto Rico decreased 8.2 percent in 2009 to 627 thousand. The average number of layers for 2008 was revised to 683 thousand. The rate of lay for 2009 was unchanged from 2008. The rate of lay for 2008 was revised to 214 eggs per layer. This is partly due to the weather conditions in the late summer and fall of 2008. The value per dozen eggs rose to \$1.35 in 2009, an increase of 11.6 percent. The value of production increased 2.7 percent in 2009 to \$15.1 million.

There were 615 thousand layers in Puerto Rico on December 1, 2009, down 4 percent from the previous year. The number of chickens died and destroyed totaled 114 thousand while the number of chickens slaughtered rose 3 percent to 310 thousand. Total pounds slaughtered in Puerto Rico in 2009 equaled 1,225 thousand pounds, up 2.1 percent from a year ago. The value of sales from these birds increased in 2009 to \$421,000.

Red meat production decreased 13 percent in 2009 to 30.2 million pounds. Cattle slaughter for 2009 was 39.5 thousand head down from 45.6 thousand head in 2008. Calf slaughter dropped 47 percent to 5.2 thousand head. Hogs remained the largest number of head slaughtered at 44.6 thousand head, down 13 percent from 2008. Sheep and lamb slaughter decreased from 700 head to 400 head.

Milk Cows and Production of Milk and Milkfat - Puerto Rico: 2008 and 2009

Year	Number of milk cows ¹	Production of milk and milkfat ²						
		Per milk cow		Percent of fat			Total	
		Milk	Milkfat	Fluid grade	Manufacturing grade	All milk	Milk	Milkfat
	(1,000 head)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)
2008	*85.0	*8,118	*268	3.30	3.30	3.30	*690	*22.8
2009	84.0	7,976	263	3.30	3.30	3.30	670	22.1

* Revised.

¹ Average number during year, excluding heifers not yet fresh.

² Excludes milk sucked by calves.

Quantity of Milk Used and Marketed by Producers - Puerto Rico: 2008 and 2009

Year	Milk used where produced			Milk marketed by producers	
	Fed to calves ¹	Used for milk, cream and butter	Total	Total quantity ²	Fluid grade ³
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
2008	5.0	2.0	7.0	*683	99.0
2009	5.0	2.0	7.0	663	99.0

* Revised.

¹ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

² Milk sold to plants and dealers as whole milk and equivalent amounts of milk for cream. Includes milk produced by dealers' own herds and milk sold directly to consumers. Also includes milk produced by institutional herds.

³ Percentage of milk sold that is eligible for fluid use. Includes fluid grade milk used in manufacturing dairy products.

Milk and Cream Marketings and Income - Puerto Rico: 2008 and 2009

Year	Milk utilized	Average returns per cwt ¹			Returns per pound of milkfat	Cash receipts from marketings
		Fluid grade	Manufacturing grade	All milk		
	(million pounds)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(1,000 dollars)
2008	*683	*27.70	*21.70	27.60	*8.35	*188,508
2009	663	27.70	21.90	27.50	8.61	182,325

* Revised.

¹ Cash receipts divided by milk or milkfat in combined marketings.

Value of Milk Production - Puerto Rico: 2008 and 2009

Year	Used for milk, cream and butter where produced		Gross producer income ²	Value of milk produced ^{1 3}
	Milk utilized	Value ¹		
	(million pounds)	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)
2008	2.0	552	*189,060	*190,440
2009	2.0	550	182,875	184,250

* Revised.

¹ Value at average returns per 100 pounds of milk in combined marketings of milk and cream.

² Cash receipts from marketings of milk and cream plus value of milk used for home consumption.

³ Includes value of milk fed to calves.

All Layers and Egg Production, Annual Average Number of Layers, Eggs per Layer, and Total Egg Production - Puerto Rico: 2008 and 2009

[Annual estimates cover the period December 1 previous year through November 30]

Year	Average number of layers	Eggs per layer ¹	Total egg production
	(1,000)	(number)	(million eggs)
2008	*683	*214	146
2009	627	214	134

* Revised.

¹ Total egg production divided by average number of layers on hand.

Layers, Pullets, and Other Chickens - Puerto Rico: December 1, 2008 and 2009

Year	Total layers	Total pullets	Other chickens
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)
2008	*638	100	10
2009	615	100	10

* Revised.

Number of Chickens, Value per Head, and Total Value - Puerto Rico: December 1, 2008 and 2009

[Excludes commercial broilers]

Year	Number	Value per head	Total value
	(1,000 head)	(dollars)	(1,000 dollars)
2008	*748	4.80	*3,590
2009	725	4.00	2,900

* Revised.

All Egg Production, Price, and Value - Puerto Rico: 2008 and 2009

[Annual estimates cover the period December 1 previous year through November 30. Includes hatching and market (table) eggs]

Year	Total egg production	Price per dozen	Value of production
	(million eggs)	(dollars)	(1,000 dollars)
2008	146	1.210	14,685
2009	134	1.350	15,075

Chickens Lost, Sold for Slaughter, Price, and Value - Puerto Rico: 2008 and 2009

[Annual estimates cover the period December 1 previous year through November 30. Excludes commercial broilers]

Year	Number lost ¹	Number sold for slaughter	Pounds sold	Price per pound	Value of sales
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(dollars)	(1,000 dollars)
2008	120	300	1,200	0.260	312
2009	114	310	1,225	0.340	421

¹ Includes rendered, died, destroyed, composted, or disappeared for any reason except sold during the 12-month period.

Commercial Slaughter by Month - Puerto Rico: 2008 and 2009

[Totals may not add due to rounding]

Species	January	February	March	April	May	June	July
Red meat production million pounds	2.6	2.9	2.5	2.5	2.1	2.4	2.2
Cattle slaughter							
Number of head 1,000	3.6	3.9	3.7	3.3	3.0	3.3	2.9
Total live weight 1,000 pounds	4,012	4,396	4,056	3,649	3,166	3,528	3,197
Average live weight pounds	1,126	1,145	1,116	1,125	1,068	1,082	1,104
Calf slaughter							
Number of head 1,000	0.7	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
Total live weight 1,000 pounds	76	73	60	50	65	70	68
Average live weight pounds	111	207	174	133	149	159	170
Hog slaughter							
Number of head 1,000	3.0	3.5	2.7	3.8	2.6	3.4	3.4
Total live weight 1,000 pounds	622	728	537	776	481	610	687
Average live weight pounds	206	210	201	202	184	182	202
Sheep and lamb slaughter							
Number of head 1,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total live weight 1,000 pounds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Average live weight pounds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Species	August	September	October	November	December	2009	2008
Red meat productionmillion pounds	2.6	2.6	2.7	2.4	2.6	30.2	34.6
Cattle slaughter							
Number of head 1,000	3.1	3.6	3.6	2.9	2.7	39.5	45.6
Total live weight 1,000 pounds	3,487	4,027	4,137	3,294	2,974	43,922	50,412
Average live weight pounds	1,116	1,121	1,148	1,130	1,124	1,118	1,114
Calf slaughter							
Number of head 1,000	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.4	5.2	9.8
Total live weight 1,000 pounds	68	63	62	58	67	780	1,069
Average live weight pounds	154	144	122	150	161	149	110
Hog slaughter							
Number of head 1,000	4.3	3.2	3.6	4.2	7.0	44.6	51.1
Total live weight 1,000 pounds	927	575	739	850	1,387	8,918	9,759
Average live weight pounds	214	182	205	202	199	200	191
Sheep and lamb slaughter							
Number of head 1,000	-	0.1	-	-	-	0.4	0.7
Total live weight 1,000 pounds	-	4	-	-	-	23	34
Average live weight pounds	-	73	-	-	-	58	50

- Represents zero.

Federally Inspected Plants and Head Slaughtered, Number by Species - Puerto Rico: 2008 and 2009

Year	Cattle		Calves		Hogs	
	Plants	Head	Plants	Head	Plants	Head
	(number)	(number)	(number)	(number)	(number)	(number)
2008	6	45,552	7	9,813	8	51,112
2009	5	39,452	7	5,238	7	44,631
Year	Sheep and lambs		Goats		Bison	
	Plants	Head	Plants	Head	Plants	Head
	(number)	(number)	(number)	(number)	(number)	(number)
2008	4	688	4	94	-	-
2009	3	392	4	80	-	-

- Represents zero.

Livestock Slaughter Plants, Number by Type of Inspection - Puerto Rico: January 1, 2009 and 2010

Year	Under federal inspection	Other	Total
	(number)	(number)	(number)
2009	8	-	8
2010	8	-	8

- Represents zero.

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