



California Poultry Report

Cooperating with the California Department of Food and Agriculture

California Field Office • P.O. Box 1258 • Sacramento, CA 95812 • (916) 498-5161 • (916) 498-5186 FAX • www.nass.usda.gov/ca

Released: September 27, 2007 • Frequency: Monthly • (USPS 598-310) VOL. 28 NO. 9

HIGHLIGHTS IN THIS ISSUE:

Layer and Egg Production	1
Chick Hatch and Eggs in Incubators	2
Turkey Poults Hatched and Placed	3
Poultry and Egg Prices	3
Cold Storage Holdings	3

U.S. AUGUST EGG PRODUCTION

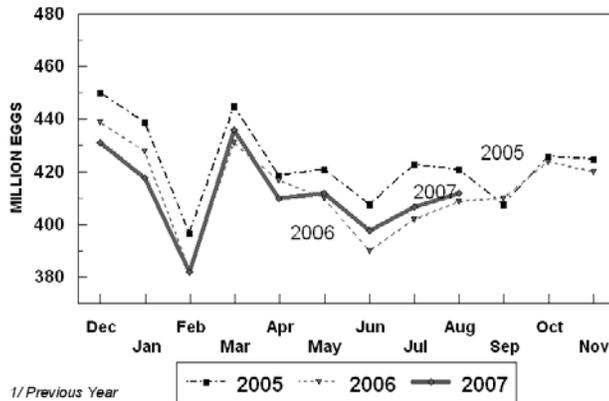
U.S. egg production totaled 7.57 billion during August 2007, down 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.44 billion table eggs, and 1.13 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.07 billion were broiler-type and 65.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during August 2007 averaged 339 million, down 1 percent from last year. August egg production per 100 layers was 2,229 eggs, down slightly from August 2006.

All layers in the U.S. on September 1, 2007 totaled 339 million, down 1 percent from last year. The 339 million layers consisted of 281 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 55.9 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.73 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate-of-lay per day averaged 71.7 eggs per 100 layers on September 1, 2007, down 1 percent from September 1, 2006.

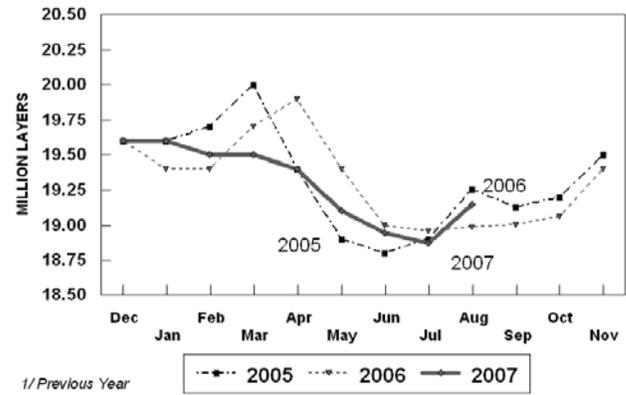
CALIFORNIA AUGUST EGG PRODUCTION

California's egg production during August totaled 412 million, up 5.00 million from July's production and 3.00 million above last August. The average number of layers during the month totaled 19.1 million, 1 percent above last month and August 2006. Eggs per 100 layers during the month were 2,152 compared to 2,157 a month earlier and 2,154 in August 2006.

EGG PRODUCTION, CALIFORNIA
DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2005-2007



AVERAGE NUMBER OF LAYERS, CALIFORNIA
DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2005-2007



LAYER NUMBERS AND EGG PRODUCTION DURING AUGUST, FORCED MOLTING AS OF SEPTEMBER 1

State	Average Number of Layers on Hand		Eggs Per 100 Layers		Total Egg Production		Layers Being Molted		Layers With Molt Completed	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	Thousands		Number		Millions		Percent			
Alabama	8,615	9,014	1,962	1,941	169	175	0.0	2.0	4.5	4.5
Arkansas	13,988	13,803	1,966	2,000	275	276	2.0	0.5	11.5	13.0
California	18,986	19,146	2,154	2,152	409	412	5.0	6.5	37.0	32.0
Georgia	19,356	19,190	2,087	2,048	404	393	2.0	2.5	11.5	15.0
Indiana	24,357	23,948	2,250	2,259	548	541	3.0	4.0	32.0	32.0
Iowa	50,681	52,783	2,352	2,292	1,192	1,210	4.0	4.5	34.0	36.5
North Carolina	10,945	12,204	2,047	2,081	224	254	1.0	0.0	9.5	9.5
Ohio	27,716	25,922	2,190	2,253	607	584	3.0	3.0	28.0	21.0
Pennsylvania	23,260	21,937	2,425	2,411	564	529	2.5	2.5	17.0	13.5
Texas	18,789	18,611	2,251	2,182	423	406	3.0	4.5	25.5	25.5
UNITED STATES	341,540	339,471	2,239	2,229	7,647	7,568	3.0	3.5	25.9	24.0

U.S. BROILER HATCH

Broiler-type chicks hatched during August 2007 totaled 829 million, up 2 percent from August 2006. Eggs in incubators totaled 670 million on September 1, 2007, up 2 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 7.68 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during August 2007, up 1 percent from August 2006.

BROILER-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, AUGUST

State	2006	2007	<u>2007</u> <u>2006</u>
	Thousands		Percent
Alabama	117,638	119,091	101
Arkansas	103,379	104,740	101
Delaware	14,902	15,564	104
Florida	5,066	5,049	100
Georgia	127,237	130,946	103
Kentucky	26,933	28,323	105
Louisiana	14,562	14,597	100
Maryland	32,247	31,977	99
Mississippi	67,615	69,419	103
North Carolina	67,688	72,944	108
Oklahoma	22,952	24,347	106
Pennsylvania	14,618	14,331	98
South Carolina	19,492	20,429	105
Texas	55,149	55,741	101
Virginia	23,668	23,409	99
California, Missouri, Tennessee and West Virginia	73,274	71,830	98
Other States ^{1/}	23,610	26,051	110
UNITED STATES	810,030	828,788	102

^{1/} Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

U.S. EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED

Egg-type chicks hatched during August 2007 totaled 36.8 million, up 3 percent from August 2006. Eggs in incubators totaled 35.3 million on September 1, 2007, down 4 percent from a year ago.

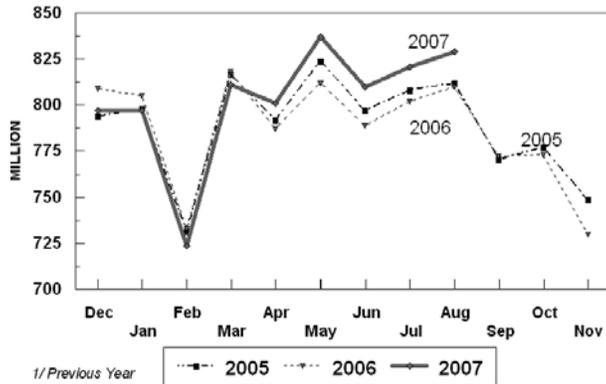
Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 278 thousand during August 2007, down 2 percent from August 2006.

EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, AUGUST

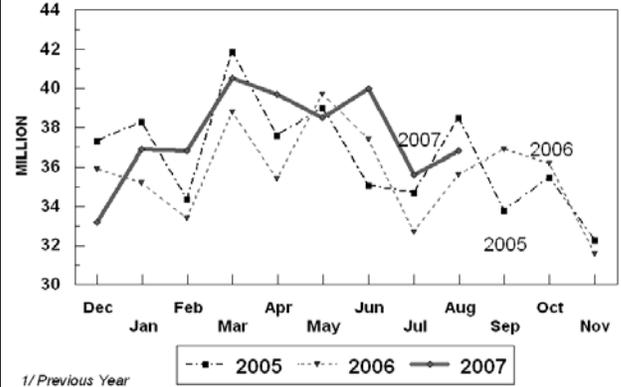
State	2006	2007	<u>2007</u> <u>2006</u>
	Thousands		Percent
Georgia	2,069	2,165	105
Indiana	4,918	5,088	103
Iowa	6,694	7,373	110
Minnesota	975	1,047	107
Pennsylvania	5,057	4,040	80
Other States ^{1/}	15,898	17,125	108
UNITED STATES	35,611	36,838	103

^{1/} Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

**BROILER CHICKS HATCHED, UNITED STATES
DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2005-2007**



**EGG TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, UNITED STATES
DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2005-2007**



U.S. EGGS IN INCUBATORS, SEPTEMBER 1

Geographic Division	Broiler-Type			Egg-Type		
	2006	2007	2007/2006	2006	2007	2007/2006
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
North Atlantic	11,751	13,257	113	6,440	5,152	80
East North Central	9,121	11,354	124	6,906	6,728	97
West North Central	30,300	30,026	99	8,580	8,935	104
South Atlantic	242,917	249,240	103	4,615	4,285	93
South Central	338,605	342,663	101	5,431	5,411	100
West	24,208	23,046	95	4,752	4,794	101
UNITED STATES	656,902	669,586	102	36,724	35,305	96

POULTRY AND EGG PRICES

The average August prices received by California producers was 77.0 cents per dozen for market eggs, down 7.0 cents from July.

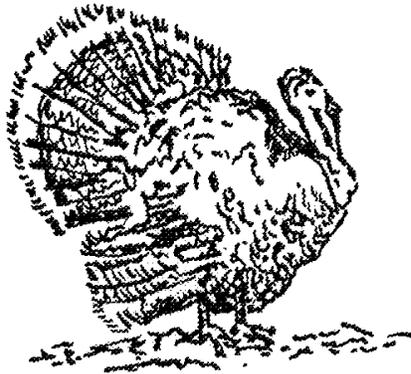
Nationally, the August market egg price, at 71.6 cents per dozen, decreased 9.6 cents from July, but is 34.4 cents above August 2006. The August broiler price, at 50.0 cents per pound, is down 1.0 cent from July, but 8.0 cents above a year ago. The August turkey price, at 57.7 cents per pound, is up 2.2 cents from the previous month and 9.1 cents from a year earlier.

POULTRY AND EGG AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED ^{1/}

Commodity	Unit	August 2006	July 2007	August 2007
		Cents		
CALIFORNIA				
Market Eggs ^{2/}	Doz.	36.0	84.0	77.0
UNITED STATES				
Chickens-Broilers	Lb.	42.0	51.0	50.0
Market Eggs ^{2/}	Doz.	37.2	81.2	71.6
Turkeys ^{2/}	Lb.	48.6	55.5	57.7

^{1/} The estimated prices shown in the table represent composite average prices received by producers. They are averages for all grades, classes and methods of sale of each commodity for the State and U.S. as a whole.

^{2/} Mid-month prices.



U.S. TURKEY HATCHERY PRODUCTION

Turkey eggs in incubators on September 1, 2007, in the United States totaled 30.7 million, up 4 percent from September 1, 2006. Eggs in incubators were down 8 percent from the August 1, 2007 total of 33.5 million eggs. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central down 4 percent, West North Central up 4 percent, North and South Atlantic up 14 percent, and South Central and West down 10 percent.

Turkey poults hatched during August 2007 in the United States totaled 26.9 million, up 4 percent from August 2006. Poults hatched were down 1 percent from July 2007 total of 27.3 million poults. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central down 3 percent, West North Central up 2 percent, North and South Atlantic up 8 percent, and South Central and West up 9 percent.

The 26.8 million net poults placed during August 2007 in the United States were up 4 percent from the number placed during the same month a year earlier. Net placements were down 2 percent from the July 2007 total of 27.3 million.

ALL TURKEYS ^{1/}

Geographic Division	Eggs in Incubators September 1		2007 2006	Eggs Hatched During August		2007 2006
	2006	2007		2006	2007	
	Thousands		Pct.	Thousands		Pct.
E N Central	4,830	4,619	96	4,275	4,168	97
W N Central	11,367	11,843	104	10,033	10,274	102
N & S Atlantic	9,209	10,458	114	7,997	8,608	108
S Central & West	4,206	3,778	90	3,542	3,874	109
U.S.	29,612	30,698	104	25,847	26,924	104

^{1/} Regions (No. & So. Atlantic and So. Central & West) combined to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

NET TURKEY POULT PLACEMENTS WITHIN THE UNITED STATES ^{1/}

Month	Total All Breeds		06-07 05-06	Cumulative Total		06-07 05-06
	2005-06	2006-07		2005-06	2006-07	
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
Sept.	23,018	23,534	102	23,018	23,534	102
Oct.	21,633	24,891	115	44,651	48,425	108
Nov.	22,540	23,792	106	67,191	72,217	107
Dec.	24,329	23,879	98	91,520	96,096	105
Jan.	24,341	26,068	107	115,861	122,164	105
Feb.	23,473	24,249	103	139,334	146,413	105
Mar.	25,230	26,433	105	164,564	172,846	105
Apr.	24,212	26,040	108	188,776	198,886	105
May	25,639	27,271	106	214,415	226,157	105
June	26,002	26,277	101	240,417	252,434	105
July ^{2/}	26,058	27,343	105	266,475	279,777	105
Aug.	25,693	26,796	104	292,168	306,573	105

^{1/} Includes imports, but excludes exported poults.

^{2/} Revised 2007 data only.

PACIFIC COAST AND UNITED STATES COLD STORAGE

Commodity	Unit	August 31, 2006	July 31, 2007 ^{a/}	August 31, 2007	Aug. 2007 Aug. 2006	Aug. 2007 July 2007
		Thousands			Percent	
PACIFIC COAST						
Turkeys	Lbs.	63,520	44,361	52,439	83	118
Chickens	Lbs.	43,613	26,444	23,329	53	88
Ducks	Lbs.	158	^{b/}	^{b/}	^{b/}	^{b/}
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	107,291	70,805	75,768	71	107
UNITED STATES						
Turkeys	Lbs.	500,258	503,258	514,495	103	102
Chickens	Lbs.	710,420	646,201	617,032	87	95
Ducks	Lbs.	7,286	9,186	8,083	111	88
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	1,217,964	1,158,645	1,139,610	94	98
Eggs, Frozen	Lbs.	21,560	17,495	18,115	84	104

^{a/} Revised data.

^{b/} As of 2007, the regional total is no longer published.