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U.S. APRIL MARCH EGG PRODUCTION

U.S. egg production totaled 7.38 billion during April 2008, down 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.28 billion table eggs, and 1.11 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.04 billion were broiler-type and 66 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during April 2008 averaged 341 million, down 1 percent from last year. April egg production per 100 layers was 2,164 eggs, up slightly from April 2007.

All layers in the U.S. on May 1, 2008 totaled 341 million, down 1 percent from last year. The 341 million layers consisted of 280 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 57.7 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.84 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on May 1, 2008, averaged 71.8 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from May 1, 2007.

CALIFORNIA EGG PRODUCTION

California's egg production during April totaled 413 million, a decrease of 5.00 million from March's production, but 3.00 million above April 2007. The average number of layers during the month totaled 19.8 million, up 4 percent from last month and 2 percent above April 2007. Eggs per 100 layers during the month were 2,083 compared to 2,193 a month earlier and 2,118 in April 2007.

LAYER NUMBERS AND EGG PRODUCTION DURING APRIL, FORCED MOLTING AS OF MAY 1

State	Average Number of Layers on Hand		Eggs Per 100 Layers		Total Egg Production		Layers Being Molted		Layers With Molt Completed	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	<i>Thousands</i>		<i>Number</i>		<i>Millions</i>		<i>Percent</i>			
Alabama	9,248	9,436	1,881	1,855	174	175	1.5	0.5	4.5	4.5
Arkansas	14,439	13,894	1,925	1,893	278	263	3.0	1.5	11.5	9.0
California	19,355	19,825	2,118	2,083	410	413	9.0	7.5	27.5	29.5
Georgia	19,593	18,940	2,042	2,006	400	380	5.0	4.5	13.0	8.5
Indiana	24,878	24,280	2,215	2,224	551	540	6.5	5.0	32.5	32.0
Iowa	52,475	53,727	2,180	2,196	1,144	1,180	7.0	3.0	36.0	33.5
North Carolina	12,075	12,700	1,988	2,024	240	257	0.5	1.0	7.5	8.0
Ohio	27,274	25,790	2,196	2,292	599	591	3.0	4.5	21.5	12.5
Pennsylvania	22,560	21,510	2,336	2,343	527	504	4.5	3.0	11.0	12.0
Texas	18,704	18,820	2,203	2,125	412	400	5.5	5.0	21.5	24.0
U.S. TOTAL	345,578	341,159	2,162	2,164	7,472	7,384	5.4	3.9	22.2	20.5

1/ Includes all layers and eggs produced in both table-egg and hatching-egg flocks, regardless of size.

PACIFIC COAST AND UNITED STATES COLD STORAGE

Commodity	Unit	April 30, 2007	March 31, 2008	April 30, 2008	Apr. 2008 Apr. 2007	Apr. 2008 Mar. 2008
		<i>Thousands</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
PACIFIC COAST						
Turkeys	Lbs.	21,105	24,581	26,002	123	106
Chickens	Lbs.	30,141	39,821	36,890	122	93
Ducks	Lbs.	56	523	170	304	33
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	51,302	64,925	63,062	123	97
UNITED STATES						
Turkeys	Lbs.	360,220	428,133	492,738	137	115
Chickens	Lbs.	606,083	764,765	753,427	124	99
Ducks	Lbs.	6,630	4,227	3,316	50	78
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	972,933	1,197,125	1,249,481	128	104
Eggs, Frozen	Lbs.	14,318	16,302	16,196	113	99

U.S. BROILER HATCH

Broiler-type chicks hatched during April 2008 totaled 797 million, down slightly from April 2007. Eggs in incubators totaled 665 million on May 1, 2008, down 2 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 6.87 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during April 2008, up 3 percent from April 2007.

BROILER-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, APRIL

State	2007	2008	<u>2008</u> 2007
	Thousands		Percent
Alabama	112,044	113,553	101
Arkansas	100,668	97,978	97
Delaware	14,601	14,303	98
Florida	4,990	5,038	101
Georgia	123,523	120,937	98
Kentucky	27,259	28,139	103
Louisiana	14,176	13,516	95
Maryland	31,455	32,386	103
Mississippi	69,012	69,021	100
North Carolina	70,018	70,044	100
Oklahoma	25,336	22,737	90
Pennsylvania	13,833	15,173	110
South Carolina	18,814	19,423	103
Texas	54,838	55,734	102
Virginia	23,119	22,680	98
California, Missouri, Tennessee and West Virginia	72,041	72,209	100
Other States 1/	23,566	24,610	104
UNITED STATES	799,293	797,481	100

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

U.S. EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED

Egg-type chicks hatched during April 2008 totaled 41.1 million, up 5 percent from April 2007. Eggs in incubators totaled 39.6 million on May 1, 2008, up 10 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 264 thousand during April 2008, down 4 percent from April 2007.

EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, APRIL

State	2007	2008	<u>2008</u> 2007
	Thousands		Percent
Georgia	2,316	2,303	99
Indiana	6,003	4,892	81
Iowa	7,796	8,426	108
Minnesota	1,107	839	76
Pennsylvania	5,042	5,331	106
Other States 1/	16,990	19,260	113
UNITED STATES	39,254	41,051	105

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EGGS IN INCUBATORS, MAY 1

Geographic Division	Broiler-Type			Egg-Type		
	2007	2008	<u>2008</u> 2007	2007	2008	<u>2008</u> 2007
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
North Atlantic	12,148	12,883	106	6,265	5,246	84
East North Central	11,084	12,425	112	6,831	8,459	124
West North Central	30,071	29,746	99	8,903	9,138	103
South Atlantic	252,344	243,720	97	4,630	4,958	107
South Central	347,709	340,953	98	5,015	6,264	125
West	26,440	25,488	96	4,304	5,578	130
UNITED STATES	679,796	665,215	98	35,948	39,643	110

U.S. TURKEY HATCHERY PRODUCTION

Turkey eggs in incubators on May 1, 2008, in the United States totaled 33.1 million, up 1 percent from May 1, 2007. Eggs in incubators were up 4 percent from the April 1, 2008 total of 31.9 million eggs. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central up 1 percent, West North Central down 3 percent, North and South Atlantic up 6 percent, and South Central and West down 2 percent.

Turkey poults hatched during April 2008, in the United States totaled 26.5 million, up 1 percent from April 2007. Poults hatched were down 1 percent

from the March 2008 total of 26.8 million poults. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central down 6 percent, West North Central down 4, North and South Atlantic up 11 percent, and South Central and West down 5 percent.

The 25.8 million net poults placed during April 2008 in the United States were down 1 percent from the number placed during the same month a year earlier. Net placements were down 2 percent from the March 2008 total of 26.4 million.

ALL TURKEYS 1/

Geographic Division	Eggs In Incubators May 1		<u>2008</u> 2007	Eggs Hatched During Apr.		<u>2008</u> 2007
	2007	2008		2007	2008	
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
E N Central	4,633	4,694	101	4,089	3,845	94
W N Central	12,768	12,401	97	9,853	9,503	96
N & S Atlantic	10,930	11,625	106	8,666	9,601	111
S Central & West	4,525	4,428	98	3,754	3,561	95
U.S.	32,856	33,148	101	26,362	26,510	101

1/ Regions combined to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

NET U.S. TURKEY POULT PLACEMENTS 1/

Month	Total All Breeds		2007-08	Cumulative Total		<u>2007-08</u>
	2006-07	2007-08	2006-07	2006-07	2007-08	2006-07
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
Sept.	23,534	24,073	102	23,534	24,073	102
Oct.	24,891	25,222	101	48,425	49,295	102
Nov.	23,792	24,755	104	72,217	74,050	103
Dec.	23,879	24,091	101	96,096	98,141	102
Jan.	26,068	26,067	100	122,164	124,208	102
Feb.	24,249	25,011	103	146,413	149,219	102
Mar. 2/	26,433	26,369	100	172,846	175,588	102
Apr.	26,034	25,796	99	198,880	201,384	101
May	27,266			226,146		
June	26,282			252,428		
July	27,258			279,686		
Aug.	26,523			306,209		

1/ Includes imports, but excludes exports.

2/ Revised 2008 data only.

EGG PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Egg producers in California produced 4.94 billion eggs in 2007, slightly below the 4.96 billion produced in 2006. The value of eggs produced totaled \$324 million, an increase of 52 percent from the previous year's revised production of \$213 million.

Nationally, the value of all egg production in 2007 was \$6.68 billion, up 51 percent from the \$4.43 billion in 2006. Egg production totaled 90.6 billion eggs, down 1 percent from the 91.3 billion eggs produced in 2006. In 2007, all eggs averaged 88.5 cents per dozen, compared with 58.2 cents in 2006.

EGG PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1/ 2/

Year	Eggs Produced	Price Per Dozen	Value of Production
	Millions	Cents	Thousand Dollars
CALIFORNIA			
1998	6,608	56.1	308,924
1999	6,606	47.9	263,690
2000	6,319	45.3	237,561
2001	6,082	47.2	235,921
2002	6,257	39.2	204,232
2003	5,439	62.3	282,458
2004	5,352	64.4	287,392
2005	5,082	42.9	181,655
2006	4,962	51.5	212,889
2007	4,938	78.7	323,708
UNITED STATES			
2006	91,328	58.2	4,431,745
2007	90,581	88.5	6,678,147

1/ Estimates cover the 12-month period of December 1 (of previous year) through November 30. Includes hatching eggs and market (table) eggs.
 2/ Revised 2006 data.

BROILER PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Broiler production for California was combined again with nine other states (CT, IN, IA, LA, MI, MO, NY, OR, and WA) to avoid disclosing production of individual operations. These ten states produced 848 million birds totaling 4.39 billion pounds. The average price per pound was 44.4 cents for a total production value of \$1.95 billion.

Nationally, the value of broilers produced during 2007 was \$21.5 billion, up 21 percent from 2006. The total number of broilers produced in 2007 was 8.90 billion, up slightly from 2006. The total amount of live weight broilers produced in 2007 was 49.2 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 2006. The 2007 average price per pound on a live weight equivalent basis was 43.6 cents per pound, compared with 36.3 cents in 2006.

BROILER PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1/

Year	Number Produced	Pounds Produced	Price Per Pound 2/	Value of Production
	Thousand Head	Thousand Pounds	Cents	Thousand Dollars
CALIFORNIA				
1998 3/	506,660	2,444,100	39.3	961,745
1999 3/	519,510	2,501,200	38.9	972,841
2000 4/	763,600	3,606,000	35.0	1,261,596
2001 4/	768,080	3,697,500	40.3	1,487,707
2002 4/	810,300	3,988,300	31.7	1,264,724
2003 4/	777,600	3,868,850	37.0	1,430,557
2004 5/	829,250	4,161,850	47.3	1,969,802
2005 6/	862,500	4,452,900	44.4	1,978,098
2006 7/ 8/	856,900	4,410,300	37.0	1,630,188
2007 6/	848,400	4,388,400	44.4	1,947,450
UNITED STATES				
2006 8/	8,867,800	48,829,900	36.3	17,739,234
2007	8,898,200	49,208,400	43.6	21,460,211

1/ Estimates cover the 12-month period of December 1 (of previous year) through November 30. Broiler production including other domestic meat-type strains.
 2/ Live weight equivalent price.
 3/ The following states were combined to avoid operation disclosure: CA, IN, IA, LA, ME, MI, OR, and WA.
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 6/ The following states were combined to avoid operation disclosure: CA, CT, IN, IA, LA, MI, MO, NY, OR, and WA.
 7/ The following states were combined to avoid operation disclosure: CA, IN, IA, LA, MI, MO, NY, OR, and WA.
 8/ Revised.

TURKEY PRODUCTION AND VALUE

California turkey production totaled 445 million pounds (live weight) in 2007, up 4 percent from the 428 million pounds raised in 2006. Value of production, at \$196 million was down 1 percent from the \$197 million realized in 2006. The annual average price per pound in 2007 was 44.0 cents, compared with 46.0 cents in 2006.

Nationally, the value of turkeys produced during 2007 was \$3.71 billion, up 4 percent from the \$3.57 billion the previous year. Turkey production in 2007 totaled 7.87 billion pounds, up 5 percent from the 7.46 billion pounds produced in 2006. The average price received by producers during 2007 was 47.2 cents per pound, compared with 47.9 cents in 2006.

TURKEY PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Year	Number Raised 1/	Pounds Produced 2/	Price Per Pound 2/ 3/	Value of Production 2/
	Thousand Head	Thousand Pounds	Cents	Thousand Dollars
CALIFORNIA				
1998	19,000	442,700	41.0	181,507
1999	17,500	428,750	45.0	192,938
2000	18,000	439,200	48.0	210,816
2001	18,700	450,670	47.0	211,815
2002	17,700	438,960	36.0	158,026
2003	17,300	418,660	36.0	150,718
2004	15,700	414,480	41.0	169,937
2005	14,500	395,850	43.0	170,216
2006	15,800	428,180	46.0	196,963
2007	16,000	444,800	44.0	195,712
UNITED STATES				
2006	262,460	7,463,885	47.9	3,573,690
2007	271,689	7,869,224	47.2	3,710,846

1/ Estimates cover the 12-month period of September 1 (of previous year) through August 31. Excludes young turkeys lost.
 2/ Revised 2006 data.
 3/ Live weight equivalent price.

CHICKEN VALUE OF SALES

California's total value of other chickens (excluding broilers) sold in 2007 was \$257 thousand, 9 percent above the value of a year earlier. Average price for other chickens was 1.0 cent per pound unchanged from last year's price.

Nationally, the value of sales from chickens (excluding broilers) in 2007 was \$50.8 million, down 6 percent from the \$53.8 million a year ago. Prices averaged 5.6 cents per pound, compared with 5.8 cents in 2006. The number of chickens sold in 2007 totaled 167 million, down 3 percent from the total sold during the previous year.

CHICKEN PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1/

Year	Number Sold	Price Per Pound	Value
	1,000 Head	Cents	1,000 Dollars
CALIFORNIA			
1998	13,808	3.4	1,643
1999	13,807	4.0	1,988
2000	13,232	4.0	1,958
2001	10,835	1.0	401
2002	9,954	1.0	295
2003	8,953	0.5	175
2004	7,240	0.8	226
2005	7,669	1.2	341
2006 2/	6,906	1.0	235
2007	7,334	1.0	257
UNITED STATES			
2006 2/	172,748	5.8	53,754
2007	167,249	5.6	50,783

1/ Estimates cover the 12-month period of December 1 (previous year) through November 30 and excludes broilers.

2/ Revised.

PRICES PAID FOR POULTRY FEED 1/

Region	Unit	April 2007	April 2008
		Dollars	
PACIFIC REGION			
Chick Starter Feed	Ton	462	562
Broiler Grower Feed	Ton	266	562
Turkey Grower Feed	Ton	469	456
Laying Feed	Ton	253	499
UNITED STATES			
Chick Starter Feed	Ton	327	416
Broiler Grower Feed	Ton	306	387
Turkey Grower Feed	Ton	337	434
Laying Feed	Ton	278	371

1/ Complete ration feed. Fed without mixing or supplementation.

POULTRY AND EGG PRICES

California mid-month market egg price for April 2008 was \$0.93 per dozen, 40.0 cents below the February mid-month price but 37.0 cents above from April 2007.

Nationally, the April market egg price, at 88.4 cents per dozen, decreased 41.6 cents from March, but is 32.3 cents above April 2007. The April broiler price, at 45.0 cents per pound, is down 1.0 cent from March and a year ago. The April turkey price, at 55.0 cents per pound, is up 2.1 cents from the previous month and 8.2 cents from a year earlier.

POULTRY AND EGG AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED 1/

Commodity	Unit	April 2007	March 2008	April 2008
		Cents		
CALIFORNIA				
Market Eggs 2/	Doz.	56.0	133.0	93.0
UNITED STATES				
Chickens-Broilers	Lbs.	46.0	46.0	45.0
Market Eggs 2/	Doz.	56.1	130.0	88.4
Turkeys 2/	Lbs.	46.8	52.9	55.0

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.

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